



# MORNINGSIDE LENOX PARK

ASSOCIATION



MLPA News June 12, 2018

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## **Master Plan Progresses Toward Adoption**

The process of developing a Master Plan for Morningside Lenox Park which began in 2017 held an open house to show neighbors where it stands last month. Thanks to all who came out and viewed the plans on



Saturday, May 19 and all who have gone to the [Master Plan website](#) and commented on the work. As you know, the comment period closed last Monday, but there will still be opportunities for neighbors to have input.

On June 22, the revised Master Plan Draft will be available on the website. You may review it and comment on it up through July 6 by going to [www.mlpamasterplan.com](http://www.mlpamasterplan.com). The plan will then be updated and presented to the MLPA board for comments during their regularly scheduled meeting on July 9th at 7:00 PM. As with all MLPA Board meetings, neighbors are welcome to attend.

The last round of revisions will be incorporated for presentation to the board for a vote at its August meeting. From there it will go on to NPU-F, the City Council's Community Development Committee, and the City Council for vote in October.



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## Renew Atlanta Monroe Boulevard Meeting Called, Thursday, June 28, 6:30 PM at Grady

Plans to improve Monroe through Morningside have been in the works for some time. After a change in leadership, Renew Atlanta is now scheduling a meeting to reveal the plans for increasing the safety and efficiency of this vital corridor.

We hope to see many neighbors at the meeting on Thursday, June 28, 6:30 PM at Grady High School, [929 Charles Allen Drive](#).

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## MLPA Concerts in the Park Will Return After Summer Hiatus, Friday--August 24 @ 6:00 PM

The late May / early June thunderstorms led to the cancellation of the MLPA Concert & Movie to celebrate the beginning of summer vacation. Join us again once school has reconvened in August for another great installment of the best free, family-friendly gatherings in the city.

Thanks for support go out to [Sonny Jones, Dorsey Alston Realtors](#), our Presenting Sponsor for 2018 MLPA Concerts in the Park. His generous support along with MLPA memberships make these concerts free to our neighbors and friends. Please thank our sponsors with your support.

Our members also make the MLPA Concerts in the Park possible. Please make sure that your [membership](#) is current and encourage all your neighbors to [join MLPA](#) in support of our community.

## Sidney Marcus Workday--Saturday, July 14, 8:30-11:30 AM

Speaking of our favorite park for neighborhood activities: here is a great idea to add to all those fun, relaxing and rewarding summer activities you may have planned. Reserve 2-3 hours on Saturday morning, July 14, to address an important issue in the park, ivy on the trees.

When: 8:30 to 11:30 AM, Saturday, July 14

Meet at the picnic tables in your long sleeves, long pants, and gloves. Bring water, bug spray, saws, hatchets, diggers, loppers and choppers. The trees in question are along the perimeter of the park and it is pretty scruffy where we will be working. We have to stop the ivy before it stops the trees. We can also begin to assess the other invasive plants (kudzu) in the wooded areas of the park.

Protect Shady Sidney Marcus Park! Join us for a short burst of vigorous work and let's begin to shape a new park that is in the shape it should be.

Let [John Pappas](#) know if you'll be able to join in the effort, even if it is only for an hour or so. We hope to see another large cadre of volunteers -- bring the family to help get Sidney Marcus in shape for the return of the MLPA Concerts in August.

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## **MLPA Garden Club Tours Renowned Gardens Near and Far**

Taking advantage of daylight savings time, MLPA Garden Club is continuing its tours throughout the summer. During May we toured two spectacular gardens, one on the shores of Lake Martin in Alabama, and the other right here in Morningside.

A group carpooled to Lake Martin to tour the lake front garden created by Jim Scott. This tax attorney from Montgomery has transformed a hillside cove into a little piece of Eden that has been featured in several gardening and design magazines. but the group agreed that none of the pictures we had seen accurately convey the beauty of this amazing creation. From the series of rooms hidden in the side of the hill, to the waterfalls, to the art, and the architecture it was truly a wonder that was well worth the trip. *See more photos in "Scene Around Morningside".*



A bit closer to home the MLPA Garden Club was hosted by Rich & Kristen Heimberger for a tour of their gorgeous shade garden. This labor of love has been 15 years in the making

and features a small pond complete with a very vocal bunch of frogs as well as a small, flat grassed area that will be a perfect play area for their infant daughter.



The club will reconvene this month for a tour of a Reeder circle garden in progress. Contact [Marti Breen](#) to join us.

## North Highland (formerly Morningside) Mile Wins Design Award

The [N Highland Mile](#), formerly the Morningside Mile and now overseen by the MLPA and Virginia-Highland Civic Association, was honored with a [Community Design Award](#) from the Atlanta Urban Design Commission. This one-mile race and block party was chosen by our Neighborhood Planning Unit, NPU F. The award is given to “recognize the buildings, public spaces, events, art, organizations, etc. that make your community a better place to live.”

The award was presented at the May NPU-F meeting to committee Chair Kay Stephenson. It now hangs in the Engel & Voelkers office, one of the presenting sponsors of the [2018 N. Highland Mile](#). The annual race will return in the Spring--watch for details and plan to run it. After all, it's only a mile!





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## 10th & Monroe Developers to Reschedule Community Engagement Meetings


As you know, the team seeking to build a mixed use development near the corner of 10th & Monroe abruptly cancelled the meeting that had been scheduled at Inman Middle School. They did indicate at the time that they intend to reschedule and continue the process.

Under the terms of the agreement with Invest Atlanta, the developers must have 2 more community meetings, but they only have to notify the public 2 business days before they schedule them. While we intend to keep neighbors apprised of any updates, you can also check the [website](#) where they will post the meetings' schedule. Any meetings scheduled will be noted on [mlpa.org](http://mlpa.org) too.



**Half-Priced Wine**  
*Stop by Tuesday and Wednesday for half-priced bottles from our Italian wine selection with the purchase of any artisan pizza.*

**Tuesday** – Half priced bottles of Pinot Noir and Chardonnay  
**Wednesday** – Half priced bottles of Montepulciano and Pinot Grigio



## Trees Atlanta Kicks Off New Program in Morningside Nature Preserve

Trees Atlanta's Greenspace Guardians will have their first workday in Morningside Nature Preserve on Friday, June 22. There will be two sessions from 8:00 AM-11:00 AM and from Noon-3:00 PM. This is a

perfect time for anyone who has time during the week to devote to the care and upkeep of this valuable resource in our neighborhood.

The Greenspace Guardians are meant to supplement the work of Trees Atlanta's Urban Forestry Crew. It will involve the community in their monthly maintenance visits. You will learn about forest maintenance and become more familiar with our local greenspace. Volunteers of all ages are welcome as long as they can contribute to the efforts to support the preserve. If scouts are interested in volunteering or completing a specific project, they can contact [kevin@treesatlanta.org](mailto:kevin@treesatlanta.org) as a first step.

So bring your work gloves, sunscreen, and water bottle and come join your neighbors for a walk in our own woods!

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## Freaky Friday Lands in Piedmont Park

Morningside Lenox Park neighbors can enjoy a free performance of the Horizon Theater's musical, Freaky Friday, Wednesday, June 20 through Sunday, June 24 at 7:30 PM. This musical based on the Disney movie has free seating but you must have a [ticket](#).

The performances take place in the Piedmont Park Promenade near the Atlanta Botanical Gardens.

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## Zoning Committee Report

There were no zoning cases so the committee did not meet in June. The next meeting will be held at Morningside Presbyterian Church at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, June 5 at 7:00 PM. The cases to be covered will be posted at [www.mlpa.org/zoning/](http://www.mlpa.org/zoning/). Any neighbors interested in the outcome should come to these meetings. New committee members are always welcome, simply come to three meetings to qualify to vote.

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## News from Atlanta City Council District 6 Representative, Jennifer Ide

[Click](#) for the latest newsletter from our Atlanta City Council District 6 Representative, Jennifer Ide. The June newsletter covers:

- Virginia-Highland Summerfest
- Renew Atlanta - Monroe Dr. Open House
- John Howell Park
- Yard Waste Collection
- Fulton County Tax Assessment - What You Need to Know
- More MARTA



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## MLPA Events Listing

**Tuesdays, Thursdays & Saturdays, 9:00 AM-4:00 PM**, [CHARM Recycling](#), 1110 Hill Street, SE. Check the website before visiting for holiday schedule changes.

**Thursday, June 14, 7:30 PM**, Oak Hill in Piedmont Park, Free [Atlanta Symphony Orchestra](#) Concert.

**Saturday, June 16, 2018, 8:00 AM**, Fourth Ward Historic Park, [O4W5K](#), 3.1 Mile run to benefit Hope-Hill Foundation.

**Sunday, June 17, 2018, Noon-10:00 PM**, Piedmont Park Pavilion, [AtlGreenhouse](#) Music Festival.

**Monday, June 18, 7:00 PM**, [NPU-F Meeting](#), Hillside Center, [1301 Monroe Dr. NE](#). All neighbors are invited and those 18+ have a vote.

**Wednesday, June 20-Sunday, June 24, 7:30 PM**, Piedmont Park Promenade, [Horizon Theater's Freaky Friday](#), free performances with tickets.

**Thursday, June 28, 6:00 PM**, Final [10th & Monroe Community Engagement](#) Meeting, Location TBD.

**Tuesday, June 26, 7:00 PM**, MLPA Garden Club. Contact [mbreen@c3marketing.com](mailto:mbreen@c3marketing.com) for details.

**Saturday, June 30, 8:00 AM**, Piedmont Park, [HBCU Alumni Alliance 5K](#).

**Tuesday, July 3, 7:00 PM**, [MLPA Zoning Committee Meeting](#), Morningside Presbyterian Church, [1411 North Morningside Dr](#). Check [www.mlpa.org/zoning/](http://www.mlpa.org/zoning/) for a list of cases to be heard.

**Wednesday, July 4, 7:30 AM**, Piedmont Park, [Peachtree Road Race](#) Finish Line.

**Saturday, July 7-Sunday, July 8**, Piedmont Park, [National Black Arts Festival](#).

**Monday, July 9, 7:00 PM**, [MLPA Board Meeting](#), Morningside Presbyterian Church, [1401 North Morningside Dr](#). All neighbors are welcome.

**Wednesday, July 18, 7:00 PM**, Morningside Book Club discusses *The Woman in Cabin 10* by Ruth Ware, Contact [Jill Cobb](#) to join and for details.

**Saturday, July 21, 8:30 AM**, Piedmont Park, [Sisters by Choice 5K Pink Ribbon Walk](#).

**Saturday, July 21, 4:00-11:00 PM**, Piedmont Park Pool, [Joining Hearts Main Event](#).

**Saturday, July 28, 10:00 AM-6:30 PM**, Piedmont Park Meadows, [Atlanta Ice Cream Festival](#).

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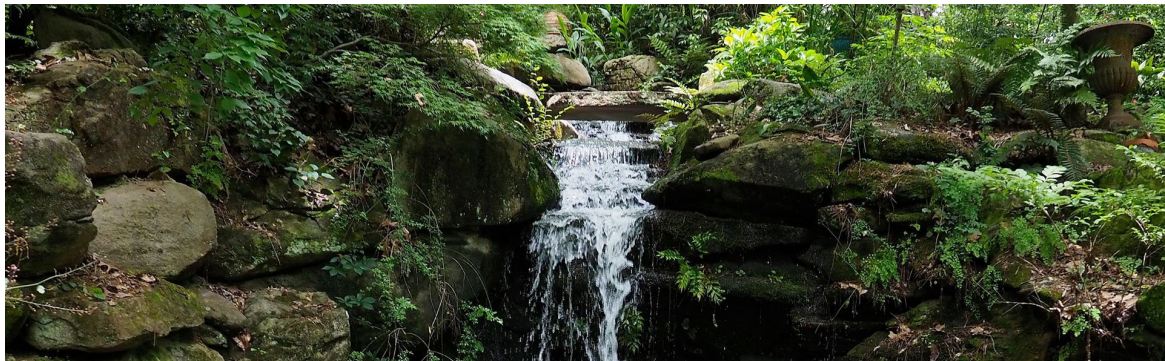
## Scene Around Morningside Lenox Park

More of the MLPA Garden Club's pictures from Jim Scott's garden on Lake Martin:



A series of waterfalls meanders through the property. A sandstone wine cellar is a vinophile's dream. Below is the group enjoying the lawn and an outdoor dining table complete with wine chillers.





*All neighborhood meetings are open to the public and your involvement is always welcome.*

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Quick Links:

**MLPA** - Morningside Lenox Park Association website

**NPU-F** - Neighborhood Planning Unit F website

**APD** - Atlanta Police website-- we are in Zone 2

**PEDS** - A quick link to report pedestrian hazards to city

**City of Atlanta** - City's website

**Atlanta District 6** - Our City Council District website

**Senate District 36** - Nan Orrock, Georgia State Senator

**House District 57** - Pat Gardner, Georgia State Representative

**Atlanta Public Schools, Morningside Elementary School, Inman Middle School, Grady High School**

**VHMPA** -Virginia Highland Morningside Parent Association

NextDoor - Neighborhood list serve- not affiliated with MLPA