



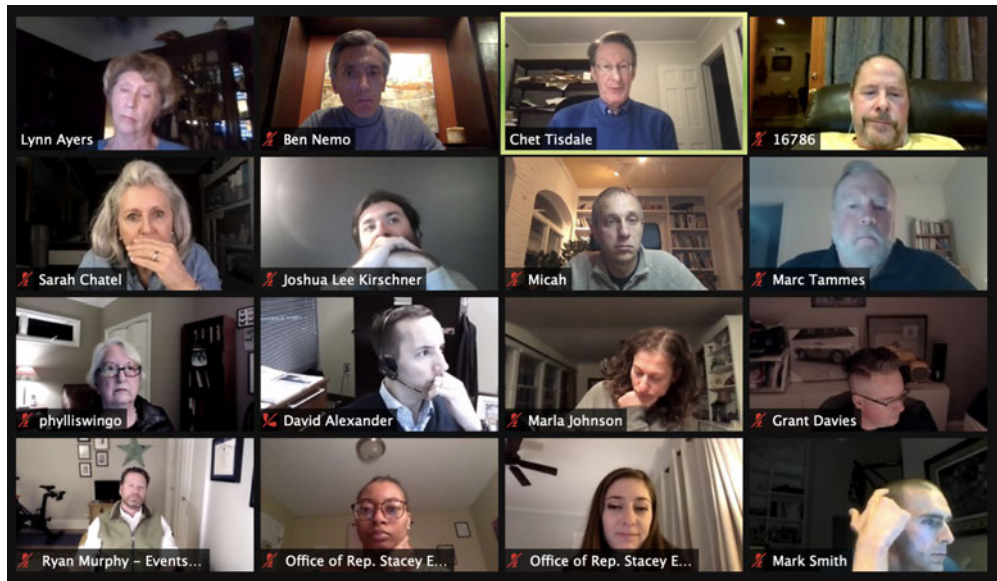
YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION NEWS

February 2021

The MLPA hopes you enjoyed some sweet treats this past weekend because we are celebrating a great start to 2021! As we look forward to spring and some consistently warmer weather, please take a moment to consider all that this neighborhood means to you. [Click here](#) to join or renew your membership, and volunteer with us to make our community even stronger.

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President's Note

Am I the only one who thought Groundhog Day was a cruel joke this year? It has been Groundhog Day for about 11 months at last count! I am encouraged by positive signs on the horizon as the promise of vaccinations becomes more real, and can only hope that even with some ongoing changes to daily life we can later this year resume to something closer to normal.

Our new normal of course is board meetings on Zoom until anything material changes! Speaking of complaining to city government...

- **Trees.** Atlanta City Council is reviewing proposed changes to the Tree Protection Ordinance. Unfortunately, as you will read below we feel the Planning Department has not incorporated feedback they have received from several communities to go further to protect the canopy we all appreciate. If you agree with the recommendations, we urge you to reach out to Council Member [Jennifer Ide](#) and/or treeordinance@atlantaga.gov with your concerns.
- **Lock your car doors.** We are fortunate to be joined by Zone 6 APD leadership in our monthly board meetings. They have advised us that there has been an increase in carjackings and urge all neighbors to be very mindful – particularly during moments such as filling your tank, when you should make sure to keep your keys with you and close/lock your car doors to prevent anyone from getting access. Unfortunately we all must stay even more alert.
- **@MLPA.** Please find us on social! We have a new Instagram handle ([@mlpaorg](#)) and of course continue to leverage our [Facebook page](#) to showcase neighborhood news and fun new initiatives like #MorningsideRocks. Our goal is to get to 500 Instagram followers – just go now and do it! And if you need your 14-year old to help, #nojudgment.

Stay dry and warm – spring is around the corner!

Ben Nemo, president@mlpa.org

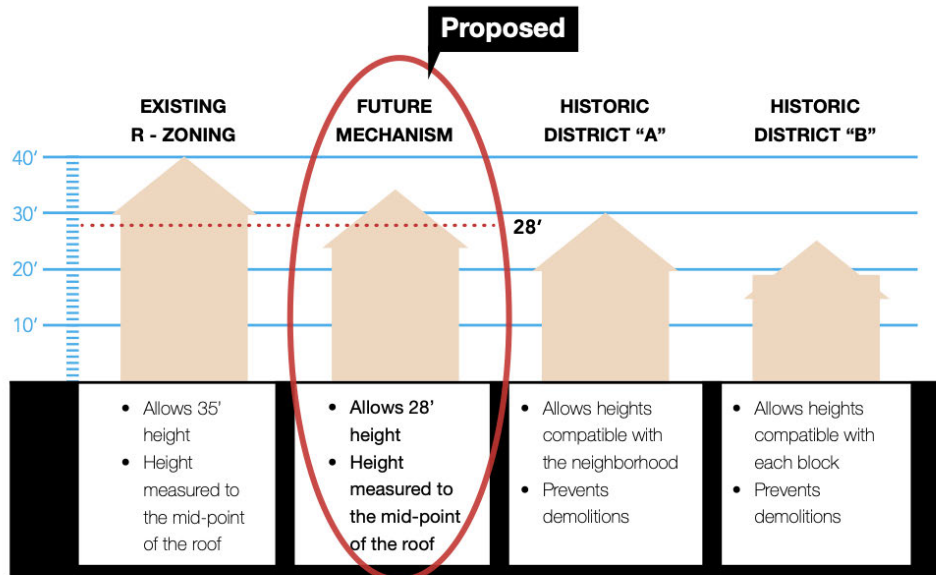


Morningside Rocks Kicks Off

Our first ever MLPA Scavenger Hunt has begun! On February 5, we released the first clue for a series of rocks that will be hidden around the neighborhood. Not only will neighbors learn interesting historical facts about Morningside, this is a great opportunity to spend some time outdoors and enter to win some awesome prizes from local businesses. Follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) to participate! Find the yellow rock, post a photo, tag us and include #MorningsideRocks for a chance to win one of four gift cards from **Highland Fine Wine!** The deadline has been extended and winners will be announced in the evening this Sunday, February 21.

Here is the first clue. Good luck!

You'll find the first rock in a hidden-gem neighborhood park, which was originally planted as a formal rose garden in the 1920s. During WW2, the ladies of the neighborhood grew a Victory Garden here for the residents to enjoy. The MLPA refurbished the playground in 2000, and more recently significant work was done to improve drainage and add retaining walls in this shady spot. An old neighborhood rumor maintains that a circus elephant was buried in this park back in the day, but we cannot verify that ...



Recommendation LU3: Single-Family Height Controls

Master Plan Implementation and Project Success

The MLPA Steering Committee needs your help! We are looking for neighbors who are interested in limiting the amount of large infill housing to protect the character of the neighborhood. This was one of the greatest concerns raised by a large number of residents when our [Master Plan](#) was developed a few years ago (throughout the process which included open houses, public forums and focus groups). The committee explored the issue with Jennifer Ide (our City Council Representative) and the City Planning Department. Both recommended we explore limited Historic Designation like that [passed in Poncey Highland](#) recently.

During Master Planning, most respondents felt that there are too many new homes being built in Morningside Lenox Park that do not reflect the character, charm, and scale that so define the community. Some community members want to see more being done to keep historic homes from being torn down, while other community members simply want to ensure that new homes are not allowed to be built to tower over adjacent homes.

If you or someone you know is interested in joining this effort of our Master Plan Implementation, please send an email to communications@mlpa.org.

We have a wonderful group of volunteers who work with the city on these neighborhood initiatives. One recent successful Master Plan project is the addition of a digital speed reader on Johnson Rd. By creating safer and slower streets, we are addressing the concerns that were shared about increasing travel speeds on our local roads. None of these improvements can be accomplished without neighborhood involvement, so please consider volunteering today!



Morningside Farmers' Market on the Move

After more than 25 years at Morningside Village, the only totally organic farmers' market in Atlanta is now in the parking lot at Morningside Presbyterian Church ([1411 N. Morningside Drive](#)). The [Morningside Farmers' Market](#), established in our neighborhood in 1995, settled into their new digs on Saturday, February 6.

Both vendors and shoppers found the new space more accessible with easier parking and more room to remain socially distanced. For the first Saturday in the new space, Diamond Hill, Riverview, Grateful Pastures/Woodsong and Sparta Farms were joined by Roots Baking, Antonio's Fresh Pasta, Xocolatl, Cafe Campesino and other local artisans. Neighbors gathered to fill their kitchens with certified organic produce; meats, breads, foods; flowers and artisan crafts.

The Saturday market, which is open year-round from 8-11:30 AM (rain or shine), has some of the freshest produce from locally owned, Georgia farms. Neighbor Cal C. says, "We shop at the market almost every week and have for more than 20 years. The food is so fresh that it lasts for weeks rather than days, and you haven't had great bacon until you've tasted Riverview's. This new location makes it even more convenient." Support these farmers and artisans by shopping at the Morningside Farmers' Market every Saturday!

Courtenay Drive NE + Northview Ave + Wayne Ave + Berwick Ave



CRAFT CRAWL

Front Yard Craft Fair

March 14, 2021

(rain date March 21)

10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Pandemic safety plan will be observed

CraftCrawlAtlanta@gmail.com



Morningside Craft Crawl

Where can you get locally made arts, crafts, baked goods and more? And where can you find all of these unique items, plus live entertainment, centrally located in our neighborhood this spring? Look no further than the 3rd Morningside Craft Crawl! On March 14 (rain date March 21) from 10:00am to 3:00pm, neighbors can enjoy this Covid-safe show in the front yards of homes on Courtenay Drive NE, Northview, Wayne and Berwick Avenues - a "loop" of streets with sidewalks. Current confirmed participants include three bands, an Irish dancing group, one-of-a-kind products from our friends at Hillside and creative goods from 25 seamstresses, artists, woodworkers, weavers, bakers, etc.!

There are lots of ways to get involved. If you make crafts, bake/cook, make music - this is the show for you. If not, consider volunteering your yard or driveway for a few hours if you live on one of the event streets. Craft Crawl will match artists with homeowners. Artists will be strictly outdoors - no entry into the home. Homeowners don't need to do or provide anything (unless hosting musicians who may need access to electricity).

Previous craft crawls held in October and November featured a wide variety of fun, practical and/or delicious commodities from vendors, such as paintings, dog beds, branch bouquets, soap and jewelry. Pandemic safety guidelines - including mask-wearing, hand sanitizer availability, maintaining 6-foot distances and contact-free payments - are followed. Additionally, an interactive map is in the works to make navigating easier for everyone. For more information or to be updated on the event, email CraftCrawlAtlanta@gmail.com and follow them on Instagram ([@craftcrawlatlanta](https://www.instagram.com/craftcrawlatlanta)).



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Parks Updates

As our trees and landscapes welcome this month's rains, we look forward to a Spring of blooms and growth. Black History Month provides a time to reflect on the history of our city and the ongoing struggles to provide safe, enjoyable parks throughout Atlanta and hold on to that history, such as [preserving the site of the Chattahoochee Brick Company](#) and honoring the public service of our late Congressman with the [John Lewis Flowering Forest](#).

In February we held our second MLPA Parks Committee meeting. COVID slowed the work of Friends groups this past year, but we are happy that Friends of Herbert Taylor and Daniel Johnson as well as Friends of Sunken Garden and Lenox Wildwood are holding meetings this month. Look for the new vision plans to be developed for 2021 and easy, fun ways you can get involved. Also in February, a new Erosion Working Group was formed to plan for a plan to tackle the severe erosion we've suffered along Peachtree Creek in our neighborhood. [Contact us](#) to get involved with any of these groups.

Too wet and cold to get out in nature this month? Bring nature home through any of the webinars on tap around Atlanta. Here are some pre-recorded and upcoming sessions to educate and entertain.

[State Botanical Garden Lecture on Trilliums](#)

[Trees Atlanta's Invasive Species Lunch and Learn](#)

February 16, 10am [Activate Atlanta Virtual Public Meeting - Register](#)

February 22-26, 2pm [Seminars on Invasive Species](#)

March 10, 7pm [Park Pride Monthly Zoom Meeting](#)

The first [Morningside Rock](#) is enjoying its time beside the new retaining wall in one of our parks. Hopefully your family will be able to find that one and will continue the hunt for future rocks, some of which are expected to make their way to other famous Morningside parks.

Herbert Taylor and Daniel Johnson Parks

Our pre-Valentine's Day Volunteer Workday was rained out, but thanks to the work of the group in January, there has been some serious progress made on removing invasive species from Trill Hill (the area between the 2 entrances near the intersection of Meadowdale and Beech Valley and its curve (where there's Daniel Johnson Park sign). Ivy has been removed from trees, allowing them to thrive. Japanese privet, Chinese privet, and Cherry laurels have been uprooted in hopes that more trillium and ferns will pop up this spring. In the meantime, come check out the progress and see if you can find the Sweet Betsy, Purple Toadshade and Yellow Trillium along with the Christmas fern.

Our [Friends group](#) has submitted some grants and made progress on our Park Pride matching grant, so look for new seating and signage in the park before this summer. Join us for our next workday, Saturday, March 13, 9:00am-Noon. We will follow CDC guidelines so wear your PPE, bring your tools, and we'll put you to work on this and the 2nd Saturday of every month.

Noble Park

Despite the pandemic, Noble Park is busy these days. We urge parents and grandparents to be respectfully "covid-cautious" and to wear masks. [Friends of Noble Park](#) (FNP) is primarily concerned with tree and garden work this winter. We've had an arborist in to consult and help assess tree health, plus identify both which trees could benefit from pruning and exactly where

the pruning needs to be done. That identified work will be done in the near future. While major plantings installed last year were largely successful, some plants didn't survive the wear and tear of playground life and are scheduled to be replanted this spring. We all look forward to the day when we can resume our warm weather park picnics!

Sidney Marcus Park

It's been a wonderfully busy month! In early January, the [Friends of Sidney Marcus Park](#) (FoSMP) was awarded a Park Pride Legacy Grant for \$100,000 in matching funds. Along with money raised through a Capital Campaign supported by generous neighbors, major park improvements are planned to begin soon. The comprehensive makeover will include adding trails, addressing drainage and erosion issues and more. In preparation for the park renovation this year, FoSMP hired Solar Survey to complete a new survey of the park. This is required for the upcoming building permits; no trees will be harmed or cut down.

On January 15-16, the FoSMP hosted their third food drive to benefit Intown Collaborative Ministries. Topping previous drives with 1,653 pounds, the group has collected over 4,300 pounds of food and hygiene essentials from neighbors to date.

Lastly, the now-famous camper from Haygood United Methodist Church made an appearance at the park on February 13. Transformed into a special Valentine "Treat and Greet" mobile - complete with complimentary hot chocolate and candy - it was a sweet celebration on a rainy day while the FoSMP also shared a rendering of the renovation.

Sunken Garden and Lenox-Wildwood Parks

It's been almost two years since the [Friends of Sunken Garden and Lenox-Wildwood Parks](#) (FoSGLW) formed. Working to improve these two recreational spaces and the Morningside Nature Trail that connects them, the group has already met several accomplishments. They conducted a neighborhood survey about park/trail use and received nearly 100 responses. The first-ever Sunken Garden Social took place (pre-pandemic) with family-friendly games, snacks and drinks. A volunteer work day helped clear ivy and other invasive plants along the trail in Lenox-Wildwood. Finally, the FoSGLW received a Park Pride Community Building Grant last year to help with the new drainage installation and retaining wall addition in Sunken Garden.

Now, the FoSGLW is ramping up again. The group is excited to welcome projects in both parks from neighborhood scout troops. They also look forward to considering the next phases and improvements for the parks and nature trail. This Saturday, February 20, the FoSGLW will host another (CDC-compliant) volunteer work day in Lenox-Wildwood. Meet in the meadow behind the tennis courts at 9am and spend the morning removing ivy from trees and surrounding area. All skill levels are welcome and needed! Please bring your own tools such as gloves, pruners, loppers and shovels.

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FROM YOUR CAR!**



Security: Car Thefts and Break-Ins in Morningside

Data from the Atlanta Police Department (APD) show 22 car break-ins and 7 auto thefts in Morningside since the first of the year. Of note, 18 of the car break-ins and 4 of the stolen cars were located at commercial addresses, primarily on Piedmont and Cheshire Bridge.

Preventing Car Thefts

Let's work together with the APD to reduce car thefts. According to the Deputy Chief Timothy Peek, **70 percent of car thefts in early 2021 have involved the victim leaving the car running or leaving the keys in the car.** This is an alarming trend and completely preventable. Stolen vehicles are often used to commit other crimes, such as car break-ins, aggravated assaults, etc. Here are some tips from Deputy Chief Peek on how to avoid becoming a victim of a car theft:

- Turn off your car and take your keys.
- Never leave your vehicle running.
- Lock your car doors.
- Avoid stopping on city street or sidewalks with your car running when going inside a business, even if it's just for a "quick second". It only takes a few seconds for someone to jump into your vehicle and speed away. (This information is from an APD post on NextDoor.)

Preventing Car Break-ins

Entering cars illegally is the most common crime in our community. It is as true today as in the early 1990s when the MLPA established the Morningside Security Patrol.

Clean car campaigns are designed to remind patrons in commercial areas to remove all items in the car from sight. Morningside's Clean Car Campaign is evident in the businesses in Morningside Village. Please, please, please clean out your car before you go into a business or restaurant. At home, do the same and ask your visitors to do so.

If you are the victim of a car break-in, please call 911 to make a report. Best reporting practices are listed [here](#). APD resources—like patrols, are allocated based on crime incidents reported.

Bluetooth Technology and Car Break-Ins:

Bluetooth technology is being used in car break-ins. Bluetooth scanner apps can detect bluetooth signals emitted by laptops or phones left out of sight in your car.

So, what can you do to keep your stuff safe? Put the device in airplane mode or power it off. Closing the lid on your laptop does not work because some devices still emit trace Bluetooth signals while sleeping. You can also use a case or sleeve with an RFI shield OR... just don't leave stuff in your car.

Tree Protection Ordinance - The Continuing Saga

During 2018 Master Plan development, Morningside neighbors expressed a reverence for our tree canopy and its contribution to our neighborhood's unique character. Since 2016, a core group has been closely following the City's progress on updating the Tree Protection Ordinance (TPO).

Last June, The Citizens Group was formed in response to the disappointing efforts of the City Planning Department ([see our September newsletter](#)). They presented a TPO that would actually preserve trees. It was favorably viewed by the City Council which directed the Planning Department to negotiate with the citizens' group. Many of the group's concepts were in the [City's January 19 draft](#), but its shortcomings remain.

We contacted Chet Tisdale, founder of The Citizens Group and member of the Atlanta Tree Conservation Commission. He was recently featured in the AJC column, [Can't New Tree Ordinance Be Rooted in Preservation](#). Tisdale points out several flaws with the City Planning Department's proposed rule, which can be found [here](#).

The MLPA Board has submitted a letter to the City Council expressing our reservations with the currently proposed TPO, mostly aligned with the above points. We encourage residents to also reach out to their elected officials with their concerns and note that this is not a tree hugger vs developer issue. Both environmentalists and builders associations support the changes advocated by The Citizens Group.

The City Council will hold a [work session](#) on the draft ordinance on Wednesday, February 17 at 10:00 AM. You can comment on the draft TPO by leaving a message (limited to 3 minutes or less) at 404-330-6042 from 4:00-7:00 PM on Tuesday, February 16. You can also write your city council representative, the council president and the 3 at large members to let them know your opinion: fmoore@atlantaga.gov, jnide@atlantaga.gov, mbond@atlantaga.gov, mwestmoreland@atlantaga.gov, adickens@atlantaga.gov.

Zoning Committee Report

Three zoning cases were heard in February by the Zoning Committee and MLPA Board:

- [V-20-192](#) 756 Cumberland Rd. Approved 12-0-2
- [V-21-001](#) 1705 N Pelham Rd. Approved 14-0-0
- [V-21-021](#) 693 Courtenay Dr. Approved 14-0-0

The next zoning meeting will be held online via Zoom on March 2 at 7:00 pm. Any neighbors interested in variance outcomes should come to these meetings. All neighbors are welcome to attend; come to three meetings to qualify to vote.



Meet the Board: Ryan Murphy

The MLPA Board is excited to welcome Ryan Murphy as our Events Chair this year. Ryan is already thinking creatively, and he is motivated to plan activities that will continue to build and strengthen our community. If you have any ideas, please share them with him at events@mlpa.org.

Ryan became a resident of Morningside in March 2020, along with his wife, Mimi, and their 2 children. After relocating from the NYC/NJ area, they've fallen in love with the Morningside neighborhood, enjoying its parks, shops, community, and history, and are looking forward to getting to know Atlanta and Morningside for years to come.

Originally from Florida, Ryan received his B.S. from the University of Florida, his M.S. and Ph.D. from UMass Amherst in Polymer Science and Engineering, and currently works in R&D for a specialty materials company. Outside of family and work, he enjoys music, cooking, documentaries, exercise, and spending as much time as possible outdoors.



Morningside Pride and History

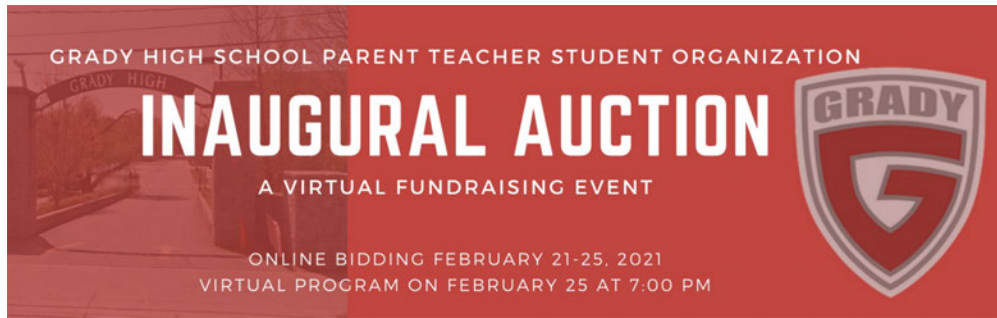
Morningside Elementary started as a six room school house in 1929. The school's architect is thought to be G. Llyod Preacher, who is credited with other schools in Atlanta like F.L. Stanton, Capitol View and Whitefoord Elementary (who share a similar Renaissance Revival style aesthetic). Neighborhood growth prompted construction in 1934 of the main school building, a Tudor Jacobethan structure designed by George H. Bond. Bond, who was Preacher's assistant, is credited with the future design of the school's auditorium which features exceptional brickwork. In 1994, architect Mark Reese's addition greatly expanded the school facility and won an Atlanta Urban Design Commission Award. A major renovation of the 1934 structure took place late in 1995.

And now, in 2021-2022, the building will undergo another transformation. Over the next 16 months, Parrish Construction Group will be adding a two-story gym addition to Morningside Elementary School along with extensive interior renovations such as relocating and enlarging the cafeteria and kitchen, updating all existing finishes, and revitalizing the existing courtyard spaces. Parrish will be posting periodic updates on an [APS website](#) for your reference.

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Grady High School PTSO Virtual Auction

Grady High School PTSO's mission is to make every child's potential a reality by engaging and empowering families and communities to advocate for all children. Needs are higher than ever this year. Since we can't rent out the parking lot to raise money, let's have an auction! Every year, we raise critical funds to provide school supplies for families in need; teacher supplies, gifts, and appreciation; educational opportunities and workshops for teachers and staff; teacher grants for specific classroom needs; parent engagement opportunities; support for Grady Clubs & Student Organizations.

Mark your calendars and check out the awesome items in Grady High's PTSO's upcoming virtual auction benefiting the school. The virtual auction takes place February 21, 2021 through February 25, 2021. The live event is on Thursday, February 25th at 7pm. There are more than just auction items up for grabs!

- Buy a bottle of wine from the wine pull (guaranteed win!)
- Support the Grady Bees buy buying a honey + lip balm set (auction exclusive!)
- Participate in the Fund-a-Need from \$50 to \$1,000
- Purchase some squares from \$1 to \$100 in the 1-100 Raffle for a chance to win a two-night cabin getaway (click on the tab on the left to purchase)

Visit <https://gradyhsptsa.ejoinme.org/2021>. Happy bidding and thank you for supporting Grady High School PTSO.

MLPA Wants Your Photos

The MLPA Communications team is looking for photo submissions for our social media channels on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) which fall into the following categories:

Throwback Thursdays

"Throwback Thursdays" will feature your photos from Morningside-Lenox Park and the stories behind them to be shared on social media for the neighborhood to enjoy. Whether they are from the last century, or last year, we'd love to see and share them. Email your photo and the story behind it to communications@mlpa.org. Please include your name and social media handle for photo credits.

Our Beautiful Neighborhood

Calling all amateurs and professionals! We'd love to share your scenic shots of our neighborhood on social media. Email your photo submissions to communications@mlpa.org. Please include your name and social media handle for photo credits.

Neighborhood Meeting Schedule

All neighborhood meetings are open to the public and your involvement is always welcome. There will be a public comment period at the beginning of each MLPA Board meeting if you would like to share an idea or concern. Or just join us to learn more. We hope to see you there!

- **MLPA Board Meetings** - 2nd Monday of every month, 7:00 pm, Online via Zoom (Meeting ID: 535 603 8520 Passcode: TjB7U3)
- **MLPA Parks Committee Meetings** - 1st Thursday of every month, 7:00pm, Online via Zoom (Meeting ID: 933 3649 3805 Passcode: 671035)
- **MLPA Zoning Meetings** - 1st Tuesday of every month, 7:00pm, Online via Zoom (Meeting ID: 535 603 8520 Passcode: TjB7U3)
- **NPU-F Meetings** - 3rd Monday of every month, 7:00pm, [Online via Zoom](#)

MLPA Events Listing

- **Every Saturday Morning, 8:00-11:30am:** [Morningside Farmers' Market](#)
- **Ongoing,** [Morningside Rocks](#)
- **February 20, 9:00am -12:00pm,** [Friends of Sunken Garden and Lenox-Wildwood Parks Work Day](#)
- **March 2, 7:00pm:** [MLPA Zoning Committee Meeting](#)
- **March 4, 7:00pm:** [MLPA Parks Committee Meeting](#)
- **March 8, 7:00pm:** [MLPA Board Meeting](#)
- **March 13, 9:00am-12:00pm:** [Friends of Herbert Taylor Park Work Day](#)
- **March 14, 10:00am-3:00pm:** [Morningside Craft Crawl](#)
- **March 15, 7:00pm:** [NPU F Meeting](#)

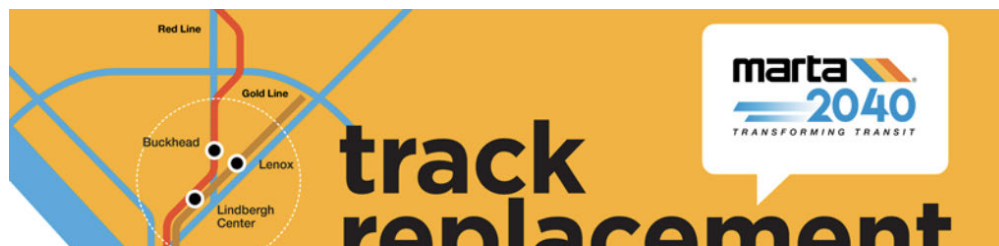
Around Town



COVID-19 TEMPORARY SERVICE CHANGE

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For a minimum of 90 days, beginning on February 15, recycling and yard trimmings will be collected on alternate weeks! Trash is still weekly. [Click here](#) for more information. Type in your address [here](#) to see the schedule for your home and sign up for reminders.



Replacement

Rail service will be temporarily suspended between Lindbergh Center, Buckhead and Lenox Stations beginning at 9:00 PM on Tuesday, February 16, 2021 through 4:00 AM Monday, February 22, 2021.


Buses will replace trains between these stations.

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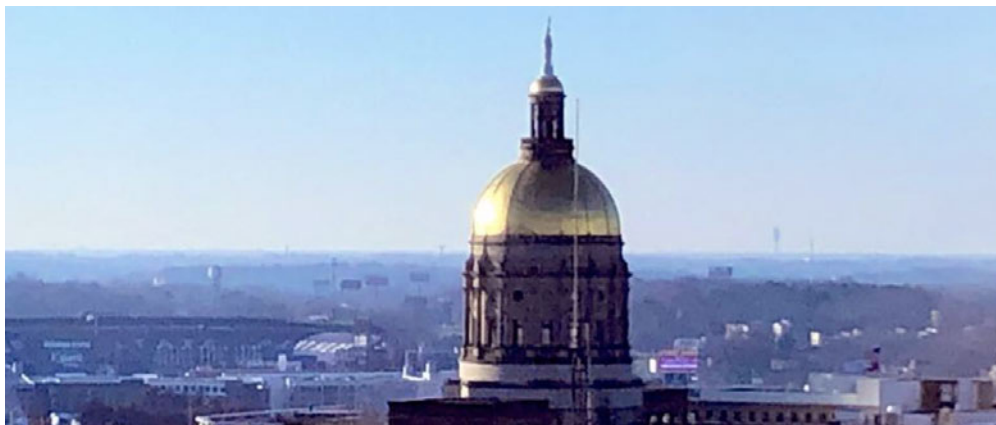


MARTA will begin major rail work on February 16, at 9 p.m. that will continue through February 22, at 4 a.m. - the latest phase of MARTA's track replacement effort. As mentioned during recent virtual meetings, this rail replacement effort will create up to 30-minute delays for some of customers and will primarily impact travel to or through the Buckhead, Lenox, and Lindbergh Center stations. More information can be found on [MARTA's website](#).



On February 17, from 6:00-8:00pm, please join the **Atlanta Beltline's Community Engagement Team** for the First Quarterly Briefing of 2021. We will begin the meeting with project wide updates followed by the featured presentation: "Special Services District (SSD) - Building The BeltLine For All." This meeting will be held virtually over the Zoom platform. Attendees can participate online or by calling in. Meeting details are listed below. Please submit questions no later than Wednesday, February 17th at noon to meeting.questions@atlbeltline.org.

On February 23, from 6:00-8:00pm, please join to learn about the Special Services District (SSD) - Building The BeltLine For All. This meeting will be held virtually over the Zoom platform. Attendees can participate online or by calling in. Meeting details are listed below. Please submit questions no later than noon the day before the meeting to meeting.questions@atlbeltline.org.





On February 27, 2021 at 7:00pm, join the **Council of Intown Neighborhood Schools (CINS)** and engage informally with legislators and education policy experts about all the latest bills impacting education -- especially important during this unprecedented and difficult time for our schools and communities. [Register here](#).

Confirmed speakers so far include State Senators Elena Parent and Nan Orrock, State Representative Stacey Evans, Erica Long, Senior Policy and Governmental Affairs Advisor, Atlanta Public Schools, and Stephen Owens, Senior Education Policy Analyst at the Georgia Budget and Policy Institute.

The City of Atlanta and PAD announce the launch of

311 Community Referral Services

What? Beginning on January 25th, the Policing Alternatives & Diversions Initiative will accept community referrals through the City of Atlanta 311 non-emergency city services line for quality of life concerns related to mental health, substance use, or extreme poverty.

Where? 311 Community Referral Services will initially be available in Atlanta Police Department Zones 5 and 6, Monday - Friday 7 AM - 7 PM. To submit a referral, contact ATL311 by dialing 404-546-0311.

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ATL 311

The **City of Atlanta and the Policing Alternatives & Diversion Initiative (PAD)** have partnered together to bring you PAD ATL311 Community Referral Services. Beginning today, you can now make referrals to ATL311 for non-emergency quality of life concerns related to mental health, substance use or extreme poverty. PAD will respond to the referral request and offer individuals short-term care navigation, stabilizing supports, and warm referrals to other service providers.

PAD 311 Community Referral Services will initially be available in Atlanta Police Department Zones 5 and 6, Monday-Friday 7am-7pm. *Morningside is covered by Zones 5 and 6.* To submit a referral, contact ATL311 by dialing 404-546-0311. For more information about this initiative, including what kind of concerns are eligible for 311 PAD Community Referrals, [click here](#).

Quick Links

- [MLPA](#) - Morningside Lenox Park Association website
- [NPU-F](#) - Neighborhood Planning Unit F website
- [APD](#) - Atlanta Police website
- [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](#) - Stacey Evans, Georgia State Representative
- [House District 83](#) - Becky Evans, Georgia State Representative
- [Atlanta Public Schools, Morningside Elementary School, David T, Howard Middle School, Grady High School](#)
- [VHMPA](#) - Virginia Highland Morningside Parent Association
- [NextDoor](#) - Neighborhood List Serve (not affiliated with MLPA)

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