



YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION NEWS

March 2021

With daylight savings and the increasing eligibility for and availability of vaccinations, we are elated to spring forward on this pandemic one year later with hopes of normalcy and well-being. We hope you share our excitement of what is to come and will continue to support our charming neighborhood. [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

I hope this email finds you all rapidly vaccinated in the months ahead – if you're anything like me you are starting to trust feeling a little more optimistic and have noticed activity picking up as people feel safer – just please continue to BE safe for the benefit of our neighborhood! Speaking of safety ...

1. 911 is there for a reason. We had a lot of neighbors attend our last board meeting with increasing concerns about security and I have had a lot of emails from people basically asking “what is going on?”. Although we have said it before, we cannot reiterate enough – call 911 anytime you see or hear anything that gives you even the slightest, most uncertain concern. If you are on Wellbourne and can't stand the music reverberating from Onyx, call 911. If you hear gunshots in the distance, call 911. If you see what seems to be a homeless person wandering the street and it makes you nervous or want to make sure they get help, call 911. No situation makes you a nuisance by calling – and it tells the City of Atlanta we see things in our neighborhood we don't like and increased call volume data is studied to determine who needs resources. If we call more, we get more attention. Calling is not just about life or death situations – it can be even the most uncertain of observations that just makes you feel suspicious. We are in touch with Council Member Ide and APD zone commanders on issues ranging from homeless encampments to increased activity on Cheshire Bridge so they know we feel concerned but squeaky wheels get City of Atlanta grease.

2. Get outdoors. Stating the obvious ... spring is here! Looking for a great outdoor activity? There are so many opportunities to volunteer in our parks. Please stay tuned to our Facebook page or our parks committee communications for several opportunities to get outside on Saturday mornings to beautify our green spaces. Many of these are family friendly if you have garden gloves and a little gear – and if you would even like us to help create an opportunity for a few families with kiddos, we'd love to figure out the right way to get them involved. Email me or our Parks chair Micah Coleman (parks@mlpa.org) for more details. Our next activity is this Saturday, March 20 in Sunken Garden Park (details below!).

3. Broken record. Please help me stop reminding you to follow us on Instagram! I won't stop until we get to 500 followers – you can help yourselves by finding us [@mlpaorg](https://www.instagram.com/mlpaorg).

Feels like the finish line is visible here – thanks for staying mindful of safety protocols in public until we get there for sure!

Ben Nemo, president@mlpa.org



Morningside Rocks: The Hunt is On!

Our inaugural MLPA Scavenger Hunt continues and we have now released three rocks around the neighborhood! The first two rocks are hidden in Sunken Garden Park and Sidney Marcus Park, and we've celebrated six winners with gifts cards to **Highland Fine Wine** and **The Family Dog**. Congratulations to Ricardo Alcofra, Jill Auerbach, Michael Bryan, Joanna Kobylivker, Caroline Limehouse, and Mary Ann McDufford! Neighbors are learning interesting historical facts about Morningside while spending some quality time outdoors. It's a win-win! (Even if you don't technically win.) Follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) to participate!

Here is the third clue. Good luck!

Our Morningside Rock is tucked away on the grounds of one of the neighborhood's oldest churches. Founded in 1925, the congregation completed the current sanctuary in 1949 and added the steeple in 1957. Before Covid, the building hosted our monthly MLPA meetings, and now the parking lot is the site of the Morningside Farmer's Market. Think you know where the rock is hiding? See the picture clue on our social media channels to narrow your search on the property.

*To enter our Scavenger Hunt take a photo of the rock and post it to your FB account and tag [@Morningsidelenoxpark](#) and [#MorningsideRocks](#). The prize is a gift card to **Highland Runners**. Two winners will be selected and notified on Friday, March 26th!*



Master Plan Implementation: Sidewalks

Volunteer efforts to continue improving and protecting our neighborhood's wonderful assets persist behind the scenes. Particularly timely, as more neighbors find themselves out and about in this warming weather, is the [Master Plan Implementation \(MPI\)](#) Steering Committee's exploration of a sidewalk maintenance program to repair broken and damaged sidewalks. This focus supports the larger goal of providing connections throughout our community so that residents can visit with neighbors, attend school, worship, shop, dine, play or experience nature safely.

Currently, the MPI Steering Committee is brainstorming program ideas to set up a process and plan next steps. Considerations for moving the project forward include permitting (cost, process, timeline), vendor lists, critical need identification (using the MLPWay and sidewalk survey input), procedures for approval and reimbursement, and communication to the neighborhood.

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.

For other non-emergency problems, please do not forget about the power of using Atlanta 311 (ATL311). Neighbors can report a variety of issues that require city services, including but certainly not limited to: street flooding, code enforcement, graffiti removal, homelessness outreach, right of way maintenance, street light repair, and so much more. You can dial 3-1-1 to reach the Customer Service Center, which operates Monday-Friday from 7:00am - 7:00pm, visit www.atl311.com anytime or email ATL311@atlantaga.gov. There's also a user-friendly ATL311 app you can download. We think the more neighbors you can recruit for reporting, the better the chances for repair.



St. Patrick's Day Celebrations

Although most of the usual St. Patrick's Day festivities and parades were canceled again this year due to the pandemic, one organization found a way to safely celebrate outdoors in Morningside. [The Atlanta Irish Dance Company by Burke Connolly](#) showcased two performances this past weekend: a block party on Lanier Place and on Northview Avenue at the Craft Crawl. Spectators enjoyed "traditional dances to a modern beat" from the premier dance academy, which offers classes to all ages and is located on nearby Faulkner Rd. We consider our neighborhood fortunate to have the luck of the Irish among us!



Craft Crawl

A third successful Craft Crawl took place in Morningside yesterday on Courtenay Drive, Northview, Wayne and Berwick Avenues. Over 40 participants set up their wares, played live music or even danced during this Covid-safe show that took place in neighbor's front yards. From paintings to pottery to baked goods to handmade jewelry, pillows, bags, soaps, masks and more, there was something for everyone! For more information or to be updated on future events, visit www.craftcrawlatlanta.com.



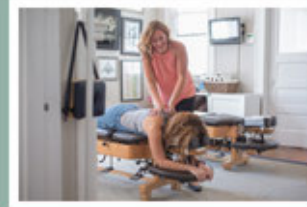
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Parks Updates

Park Pride's Michael Halicki to Speak at MLPA Parks Committee

As part of our outreach and education efforts, each quarter MLPA Parks Committee will welcome an external speaker to share with us resources and goings-on in the Atlanta parks and greenspace community. To start this off, we are excited to host Michael Halicki, Executive Director of [Park Pride](#). One of Atlanta Magazine's [500 Influential Leaders](#) for 2020, Michael has led Park Pride since 2013 and is dedicated to strengthening Atlanta neighborhoods and communities through healthy parks. Please join us for a great talk on what parks mean for our city and how Park Pride is achieving their visions, specifically how this affects the wonderful parks we have here in Morningside. The meeting will be held via Zoom on April 1 at 7:00pm (Meeting ID: 933 3649 3805 Passcode: 671035). Feel free to send questions to parks@mlpa.org beforehand.

Other Park News

Each quarter we will also host a Morningside group to present a local park or effort. In March, John Pappas from the [Friends of Sidney Marcus Park](#), provided an overview of the history and current efforts at their park. This year is the 40th anniversary of the park's founding, which the Friends group will celebrate in late April. Keep an eye on next month's newsletter for an article about upcoming events at the park thanks to the recent Legacy Grant.

We reported last month that the Haygood Happy Camper treated over 30 neighbors to hot chocolate at Sidney Marcus Park. Come out from [3:00-5:00pm on March 20](#) to enjoy complimentary lemonade, sweet treats and socially distanced enjoyment of Sunken Garden Park. The [Friends of Sunken Garden and Lenox-Wildwood Parks](#) will also be there with snacks, plus a kid- (and Covid-) friendly activity. Also on Saturday morning, from 9:00am-12:00pm, help remove invasive plants and debris along the creek in Lenox-Wildwood. Meet at the parking lot on Lenox Rd with your mask, gloves and tools.

[Sidney Marcus Park](#) will hold another food drive in conjunction with [Intown Collaborative Ministries](#) to collect foodstuffs and deliver it to those in need, from 9:00-11:00am at the kiosk on

April 2 and 3. Canned proteins, fruits, vegetables, cereals are encouraged (they are good on peanut butter and pasta). However, Ultra High Temperature (UHT) or shelf-stable milk, especially in 8 oz containers, is the greatest need right now. Also, mark your calendar for April 24 at 9:00am for a Volunteer Clean Up Day and 40th Anniversary Celebration.

In other Parks Committee news, February saw the first meetings in some time for Friends of Sunken Garden and Lenox Wildwood Parks and [Friends of Daniel Johnson and Herbert Taylor Parks](#), as well as a new working group to study the erosion problem along Peachtree Creek South Fork.

The Parks Committee held a healthy discussion on historic and current efforts for MLPA to obtain tax-exempt status. The Committee supports the formation of a separate 501(c)3 foundation to handle donations and fundraising in support of our parks. There will be a motion presented at next month's MLPA board meeting. Voice your support to president@mlpa.org.

Morningside Awarded Community Impact Grant for Habitat Restoration

A cornerstone of our splendid community is our nature preserves. Nestled along our creeks and floodplains, these natural areas have been a solace in the pandemic and provide recreation for walkers, joggers, and bird watchers. Like so many urban greenlands, Herbert Taylor Park and Daniel Johnson Park have become overgrown with an unsightly mix of invasive vines, shrubs, and the ubiquitous Japanese chaff flower. This loss of native habitat threatens the joy of these parks, the lives of the birds and mammals we cherish, and the value we place on living in Morningside.

Each year the City of Atlanta Department of Planning awards community impact grants to the Neighborhood Planning Units. The grants are intended to improve the quality of life in each neighborhood. You may have noticed the new paint jobs on the utility boxes around Ansley Mall. Last year's grant allowed Piedmont Heights to hire muralists to give some life to otherwise drab parts of our built infrastructure. NPU-F announced this week a \$3,000 grant to fund the purchase of native plants for the trails and woods of Daniel Johnson and Herbert Taylor Parks. As the reader is well aware, volunteers have been working to rid the nature preserve of the destructive, alien plants. The next step in this process is to replace the invasive species with natives which will promote the appropriate habitat for native insects and birds, while supporting erosion control. Contact parks@mlpa.org to learn how you can help.



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Security: Updates from the Atlanta Police Department (APD)

Auto Thefts and Break-Ins

There has been a significant downward trend in the last few weeks for both car thefts and break-ins. For more than 60% of the cars stolen this year, owners left key fobs in the car or left the car running. In addition, guns are being stolen from cars way too often – 92 so far this year.

Some of the downward trends are being attributed to the work of officers from zones 2, 5, and 6, who have partnered to form an auto break-ins and larceny team. They organize weekly details and are routinely tracking known and repeat offenders. They have identified several locations where the thieves are taking the stolen cars and have been able to make some key arrests.

Quality of Life Issues

On Friday March 12, Major Peter Ries (Commander, Zone 6), Major Anthony Singh (Commander, Community Oriented Policing Section (COPS)), Lieutenant Christian Hunt (Quality of Life Officer, Zone 6), Major Rick Vazquez (Security Patrol Lead, MLPA), Brad Schweers (Executive Director, Intown Collaborative Ministries), Karyn Kotler (President, Morningside Place HOA), Mark Smith and Phyllis Wingo (MLPA Board of Directors), and several neighbors met at the back of the Morningside Place community to discuss homelessness in the Morningside Nature Preserve. Of note, the COPS has appreciable resources to address homelessness and quality of life issues in the city, and Intown Collaborative Ministries has a very successful track record in placing homeless persons into housing. The group considered opportunities to work together to offer services to the persons living in the Preserve and ultimately to clean up the sites.

The group then walked into the Preserve to assess the magnitude of the problem. Commander Singh immediately engaged the campers we encountered, provided his contact information, and asked that they please reach out to him. Mr. Schweers was not able to engage, explaining that his program is hesitant to do so in the presence of APD, and unless the program has the capacity to follow-up, which it cannot do at this time.

With regard to expectations, the APD will always respond to calls about specific activities such as crime and fires. An additional complicating factor is that people arrested for remaining in the Preserve “after-hours” are likely to be released with just a citation. The thinking is that, until COVID spread attenuates, these individuals are isolated and have a lower risk of contracting and subsequently spreading the virus by simply remaining where they are. Said differently, this is the “least bad” option. The APD is, however, committed to working with us, and we are in the process of planning a second walk-through to observe the encampments from the Wellbourne side.

Street Racing

Street racing continues to challenge the APD and nearby neighborhoods. ATV 4-wheel vehicles, which are involved in the weekend street racing, get on sidewalks, are difficult to catch, and easily get away. Accordingly, the APD has organized a 4-wheel task force to try to get on top of this issue. During the weekend of March 5-7, the APD street racing detail made 3347 traffic stops, issued 318 citations, made 36 arrests, and impounded 20 vehicles.

Water Boys

The APD has been cracking down on the guys selling water at busy intersections. The Community Oriented Policing Section is maintaining a database of these offenders. The officers are trying to assess why these kids are not in school and are looking into their family circumstances, etc. The goal is to address the underlying problems and get the kids off the streets.

Shootings

Several neighbors have expressed concerns about shootings in Atlanta. In our neighborhood, we are aware of 4 shootings over the past 12 months – one suicide, two at AirB&B party houses, and one at an apartment complex. There have been multiple assaults at the Optimist Lofts, near I-85, some of which have involved shootings.

Otherwise, we do not have shooting incident information by neighborhood. Year to date, 6 shooting incidents occurred in Zone 2 (compared to 10 for 2020 at this time), and 5 have occurred in Zone 6 (compared to 6 for 2020).



Solid Waste Services Updates

A Message from our City Council Representative Jennifer Ide's Office:

Unfortunately, the City has continued to have issues meeting the regularly scheduled collection for yard waste and recycling. Solid Waste Services experienced a delay in services due to employees out due to COVID-19 and has had to temporarily change the collection for yard waste and recycling to every-other-week. We understand this is an inconvenience compared to the regular schedule, but we hope that the consistency will allow residents to have a reliable schedule rather than guessing if their bins and bags will be collected.

If you have materials that need to be collected before your collection week arrives there are options for you. Yard trimmings can be dropped off at [2175 James Jackson Parkway NW, Atlanta, GA 30318](#) on Monday to Friday, 7:30 AM to 4:00 PM. Please remember that if you have more than 20 bags that need to be collected you will need to schedule a bulk collection from 311.

You can deliver recycling materials to CHaRM, the [Center for Hard to Recycle Materials](#). If you are a "super recycler" and are finding the every other week pick up to be a significant impediment, send me an email at jnide@atlantaga.gov, and we may be able to assist with other options.

We appreciate your patience as Solid Waste Services works to get back to its regular collection schedule. To stay informed with updates you can subscribe to [Notify ATL](#) or visit the [Solid Waste Services webpage](#). Thank you for your patience as they work to get back to full operational capacity.

Tree Protection Ordinance: In Process Still

In February, the City Council held a virtual workshop on the updates to the Tree Protection Ordinance. Prior to this meeting, your MLPA Board sent a letter to the council urging the adoption of a stronger ordinance to protect the trees that have lent the moniker "City in the Trees" to Atlanta. Thanks to all the neighbors who attended and took the time to make comments for the workshop. While some progress has been made, it still seems the new ordinance needs improvements to enhance the city's ability to protect our tree canopy.

In the meantime, the destruction of old growth trees continues as developers fell the canopy to make way for development. The Citizen's Group continues to work to improve the ordinance--a copy of their recommended blended ordinance is [here](#). Trees Atlanta is holding a series of workshops to dig into the details of the proposed plan. Their initial opinion of the ordinance is [here](#) and a schedule of the four noon-1:00 PM work sessions and topics beginning 3/18 and continuing into April are [here](#). Lastly, [City in the Forest](#) is a group that has worked with the Citizen's Group on tree protection and sends out updates on meetings.

The only way we can protect the character of our city is to become informed and voice our opinions to our city council representatives. The resources above can help. Take time to write or call our representatives to let them know your opinion: City Council Representative [Jennifer Ide](#), City Council President, [Felicia Moore](#), and our three at large representatives, [Matt Westmoreland](#), [Andre Dickens](#), and [Michael Julian Bond](#).



Grady Cluster Meeting: Community Conversation

Join a conversation with Atlanta Board of Education members and Atlanta Public Schools' Superintendent Dr. Lisa Herring about re-imagining the future of APS through the lens of equity, excellence and engagement. The Grady Cluster meeting will be virtual through Zoom and held on Monday March 22 from 5:30-7:00pm. Register [here](#).

The [Council of Intown Neighborhood Schools](#) (CINS) has shared their stance on long-term solutions for the Grady Cluster, considering preferences, concerns and big ideas from the community. To see their advocacy update for capacity solutions, click [here](#).

Zoning Committee Report

Two zoning cases were heard in March by the Zoning Committee and MLPA Board:

- [V-21-038](#) - 1198 McLynn Ave. *Deferred*
- [V-21-059](#) - 1559 Johnson Rd. *Approved*

The next zoning meeting will be held online via Zoom on April 6 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: Mark Smith

To further develop a sponsorship program that will better engage our local businesses, another one of our new MLPA Board positions this year is Partnerships Chair. We are thankful to have Mark Smith join us in this capacity, and he has jumped right in by reaching out to local businesses for their support with Morningside Rocks.

Mark and his family, wife Anna Mary and daughters Mary Hampton (5) and Maddie (2), moved to Morningside in June 2014. They fell in love with the walkability and small neighborhood feel and can often be seen walking between the YWCA and any one of our local parks. This is Mark's first year on the board.

Mark is a partner with Vantage Point Advisory, where he advises a wide variety of businesses in restructuring / turnaround situations. He graduated from Vanderbilt Business School and the University of Alabama and is also the Founding Chairman of the Exceptional Foundation of Atlanta, a 501(c)(3) non-profit program for adults with special needs. Additionally, Mark is interested in helping to address our neighborhood's homelessness concerns and outreach programs.

As Mark's goal is to leverage our membership to both support existing and facilitate new business development within our community, please contact him at partnerships@mlpa.org for potential opportunities.



Morningside Pride and History

Smith's Olde Bar - technically not part of Morningside Lenox Park but so very close - is one of Atlanta's oldest music venues. It was also just recently named **one of the country's top small music venues**, claiming the honor for the state of Georgia. Of particular note to our neighborhood, though, is its location in an historic building that houses Atlanta's oldest strip mall. The following are excerpts from an article written 38 years ago by Pat Taylor for the MLPA Newsletter:

The "Morningside Strip could boast eleven tenants" in 1929 according to an article in a 1947 issue of the magazine section of the Atlanta Constitution. Located on Piedmont Road near Ansley Mall, the property originally belonged to A.M. Brockman. Two years after Morningside was annexed to the city of Atlanta (1925), Mr. Albert Heery Bailey purchased this land and the following year began work on what was then called Morningside Shopping Center, the first of its kind in the city of Atlanta.

Mr. Bailey realized that adequate parking was necessary to the success of the shopping center. He tried to purchase the large corner lot owned by Wofford Oil Company (now Clarks Cleaners) and the land where Smith Park is located which was owned by the city. Both attempts were unsuccessful ...

... For many years, angle parking was allowed in front of the shops. Then only parallel parking was permitted. Finally, the city banned parking completely on Piedmont prompting fear among the tenants that their business would suffer. It was imperative that additional parking be found.

We know there are long-time residents who have very fond memories of all the businesses that have called this place home. Who remembers the family-owned Broyles Grocery, which would take charged orders by phone, have an employee deliver them to your (unlocked) home, and put cold items in your refrigerator? Did you enjoy the treats from Rhode's Bakery here in their original location? Do Gene and Gabe's, Piggly Wiggly and the Hickory House spark memories? To read the complete original article from the March 1983 newsletter, please click [here](#).

SUPPORT MLPA AND SEE YOUR BUSINESS HERE!

For sponsorship opportunities, contact partnerships@mlpa.org



Friendly Reminders: Dogs and Sidewalks

As the weather gets warmer and we find ourselves increasingly outside, please consider your neighbors' health and safety. We all enjoy Morningside and appreciate your understanding.

- **Please leash your dogs.** The city of Atlanta has [laws for paws](#). Under Section 110-70 of the City of Atlanta Code of Ordinances, all dogs must be on a leash when in City of Atlanta parks, trails and public spaces that are not designated dog parks. If you are caught with your dog off a leash, Atlanta Police Officers can cite you. Fulton County Code Enforcement can also take action, as Sec. 34-205 (b) (1) specifically requires dogs be "securely under leash; said leash not being more than six feet long, and under the control of a competent person." In addition, persons with pets must clean up after the pet.
 - **Kindly use the sidewalks, not the streets.** Where possible, please use the sidewalks as you and your families walk/jog/run throughout the neighborhood. Our streets are curvy and hilly, which presents many blind spots for drivers. And we all know that not everyone obeys the speed limits. Let's continue to prevent any serious accidents.
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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](#)
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MLPA Events Listing

- **Every Saturday Morning**, 8:00-11:30am: [Morningside Farmers' Market](#)
 - **Ongoing**, [Morningside Rocks](#)
 - **March 20**, 9:00am -12:00pm, [Friends of Sunken Garden and Lenox-Wildwood Parks](#) Work Day at Lenox-Wildwood Park
 - **March 20**, 3:00-5:00pm, Haygood Happy Camper at [Sunken Garden Park](#)
 - **April 1**, 7:00pm: [MLPA Parks Committee Meeting](#) with Special Guest Michael Halicki
 - **April 2 and 3**, 9:00-11:00am: [Friends of Sidney Marcus Park](#) Food Drive
 - **April 6**, 7:00pm: [MLPA Zoning Committee Meeting](#)
 - **April 10**, 9:00am-12:00pm: [Friends of Herbert Taylor Park](#) Work Day
 - **April 12**, 7:00pm: [MLPA Board Meeting](#)
 - **April 19**, 7:00pm: [NPU F Meeting](#)
 - **April 24**, 9:00am: [Friends of Sidney Marcus Park](#) Volunteer Clean Up Day and 40th Anniversary Celebration
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Around Town



Let's help Morningside be bird-friendly! Join the growing list of homeowners and commercial properties who pledge to turn the lights out for migrating birds. Lights Out Georgia participants pledge to take bird-friendly steps during spring and fall migration between the hours of 12:00 midnight and sunrise to create safe passage for migrating birds. Spring dates are March 15 - May 31. For more information from Georgia Audubon and to sign the pledge, click [here](#).



BeltLine-adjacent Amsterdam Walk mulls redevelopment. But first, they want your 2 cents. [By Josh Green for Urbanize Atlanta.](#) Long before Ponce City Market and Grant Park's The Beacon, tucked-away Amsterdam Walk was a pioneer on Atlanta's adaptive-reuse development scene. But the eight-acre retail and entertainment district, positioned where tony Virginia-Highland meets well-heeled Morningside, has a problem: A paved Atlanta BeltLine corridor is coming, and as it's currently configured, Amsterdam Walk is facing east. In other words, the former industrial hub is putting its back to the BeltLine. As a tentative first step that could spell redevelopment, the district's owner of 35 years, Atlanta-based Halpern Enterprises, has recently been gathering community input for an initiative called "[Reimagine Amsterdam Walk](#)." A survey is open to input from anyone. [Click here](#) for the complete article and [click here](#) for the survey.



Police Reform and Public Safety Survey Now Available on Survey Monkey. The City of Atlanta has partnered with Urban Planning and Management, LLC, for the [Citywide Police Reform and Public Safety Survey](#). The survey enables all residents and those who work in Atlanta to express their views and perceptions of public safety and police reform. As a part of the broader police reform initiative, the survey aligns with Mayor Keisha Lance Bottoms' commitment to effectively reduce crime while building public trust by building lasting, healthy relationships between law enforcement and the communities they serve. Preliminary stakeholder interviews - inclusive of community leaders and Atlanta Police Department officers - contributed to developing the community survey. The results from the stakeholder interviews and the survey - which can be found online [here](#) - will guide future community engagement and operational recommendations. The Citywide Police Reform Survey is based on the U.S. Department of Justice's Community Survey on Public Safety and Law Enforcement, which was developed under the Obama Administration. With more than 30 years of experience, Urban Planning and Management, LLC is a leader in urban planning and community engagement. The company offers a wide range of products and services designed to bring about sustainable neighborhood redevelopment in partnership with the community. More information on the community survey can be found online [here](#). A comprehensive list of Mayor Bottoms' justice and police reform actions can be found [here](#).



Applications being accepted for UrbanPlan for Communities. WB 1008 - NPS: UrbanPlan for Communities UrbanPlan for Communities is an ideal course for local community members and leaders who would like to learn more about the fundamental forces that shape and affect the built environment and the important leadership roles that elected and appointed officials as well as community members and leaders play in the real estate development process. NPU University in collaboration with Invest Atlanta is pleased to announce that the application is open for WB 1008: Neighborhood Planning Series - UrbanPlan Institute. This virtual class is free to the public and designed for community leaders to better understand the trade-offs and risk at play in the entitlement and negotiation process associated with land use, especially in public/private partnerships. The UrbanPlan case study is an example of a city-led redevelopment effort where compromise needs to be met between the locality, the development team selected in the RFP, and the community. March 26 from 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM on Zoom. Limited Seats Available! [Click here](#) for more information.

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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 POLICING ALTERNATIVES & DIVERSION INITIATIVE



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](#)
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