



## YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION NEWS

August 2022

If you've been in any retail stores lately, then you're aware that it's fully back-to-school, already Fall and apparently Halloween is right around the corner! Your neighborhood association is keeping up with the times, too, and we hope you'll join us for upcoming events and opportunities. As always, please [join or renew](#) your MLPA membership if you haven't!

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## President's Note

This is the time of year where I look at the calendar and mentally prepare for the remainder of 2022 to evaporate. Brace yourselves!

**1. Thanks Sharla – and congrats Camille!** Many of you know about our neighborhood's Master Plan approved by City Council in 2018 – and that since 2019 a volunteer Master Plan Implementation Committee has been working away on several projects. After three years of leadership, Sharla Borghorst has decided to pass the baton – we thank her for her time and dedication and are delighted that our current traffic chair Camille Richardson will take the role going forward. In addition to being passionate about traffic calming efforts, Camille is also a member of the Morningside Elementary PTA Executive Committee, so we appreciate all she does for the neighborhood!

**2. Pothole Patrol – you're hired.** Council Member Alex Wan has launched an effort to consolidate information to fix damaged or outdated traffic infrastructure across neighborhoods in his district. Potholes, faded/damaged street signs, crosswalks needing enhancement...let's serve them all up. I am working with Camille on a process to take your requests easily with the detail needed to get ATLDOT moving – look out for details in subsequent communications.

**3. Size doesn't matter. (Poetic license here.)** You've seen my pleas to get involved perhaps at the board level...but not all ways to get involved require the same amount of time. Did you also know we have several committees that support our efforts on priorities, such as security and membership? No matter what amount of time you have to offer, there is a way to get involved! If you would like to meet some current board and committee members to discuss their experience, please join us on **Wednesday, August 31 from 6:30p-8:30p** for an informal social, which LaDonna Suggs has graciously offered to host, at [The Ten Spot](#) on Highland Avenue. We'll have wine and a few desserts on hand – and we are hoping with good weather we can keep doors open so folks can socialize both in and out to be Covid cautious. It would help to know if you are coming – just drop me an [email](#). Otherwise I will sadly have to keep the board to "FHB" (if you know, you know).

Perhaps like me you've noticed increased panhandling in the neighborhood. It's an unfortunate situation in general. We ask neighbors to please not encourage that activity with donations. In general when I see it, I alert our security patrol and they have been quick to let them know it is illegal and ask them to leave. If you see it, feel free to [email](#) me the location in the moment, and I'll continue alerting the patrol on duty of incidences. You can also call the non-emergency 311 line for [assistance with quality of life situations](#), since we know this is not an easy solve.

Many of you also are aware there was a shooting last Saturday evening on Middlesex following a party among teens that suffered small injuries. We are naturally alarmed about any gun violence in our neighborhood. We are in touch with Zone 6 leadership to ensure we have the correct details of what happened and who will be held responsible - more information below.

Our September meeting will again be virtual so please join us August 31 if you'd like to see us in person for any reason. Stay safe!

Ben Nemo, [president@mlpa.org](mailto:president@mlpa.org)

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## MLPA Events





### Meet the MLPA Board

Please join representatives of the MLPA Board for an informal community gathering on **Wednesday, August 31 from 6:30-8:00pm** at [The Ten Spot](#) in Morningside Village (1393 North Highland Ave. NE Suite 3). Drop by to share your concerns about the neighborhood, suggest ideas to make Morningside even better, learn about volunteer opportunities, or just say hi! Drinks and light snacks will be provided. All neighbors are welcome! We'd love to meet and/or chat with you!



### Fall Concert Series

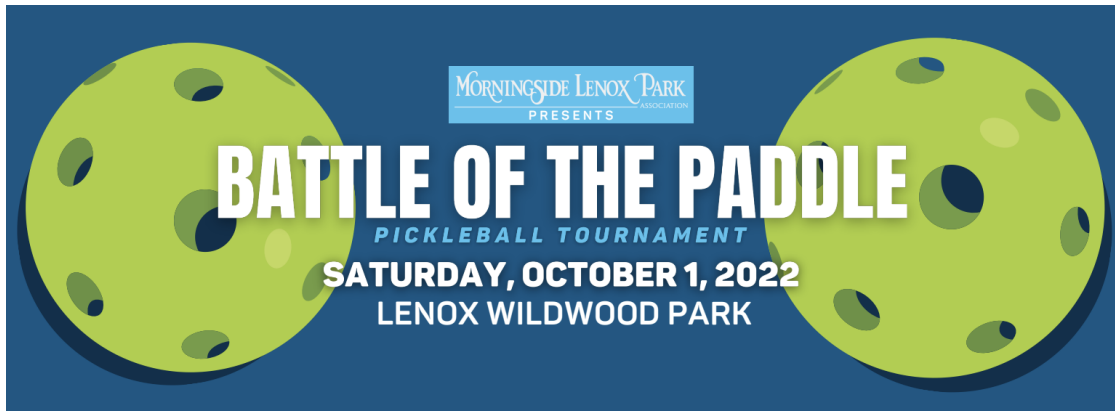
Celebrate the start of Fall on **Friday, August 26 from 6:00-8:00pm** at our annual Concerts in the Park series. Join us for live music from [Main Street Trout](#), the [Omni Flavas](#) food truck and more fun at Sidney Marcus Park. This is a great way to enjoy the cooler weather, meet new neighbors and reconnect with old ones!



### Welcome to the Neighborhood Social

New to the neighborhood? If you moved to Morningside just before Covid, during the pandemic or recently, we'd like to welcome y'all with some Southern hospitality (drinks and appetizers) at [The Family Dog](#). Meet new neighbors and representatives of the MLPA Board at this family-friendly event on **Thursday, September 8 from 6:30-8:30pm!** [Click here to register](#). Spots are filling up! We are glad you're here - and hope to see you there!

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### **Inaugural Pickleball Tournament**

It's been said to be the fastest growing sport in America - combining many elements of tennis, badminton and ping-pong. So get ready for this brand new event hosted by your MLPA: **Battle of the Paddle - Inaugural Pickleball Tournament!** Teams of all levels can compete in this tournament - with fun for all who come to play, watch and cheer. Or at least join us for lunch and hang out!

[Registration is now open!](#) \$35 registration includes t-shirt. Beginners welcome!

**Saturday, October 1**  
**9:00am - 3:00pm**  
**Lenox-Wildwood Park**  
**1760 Lenox Rd. NE**

### **Food trucks (11am - 2pm) and treats!**

- *King of Pops* - all natural, hand-crafted popsicles
  - *Omni Flavas - Meat In Some Buns*: offering a variety of specialty burgers, hot dogs and sides (vegetarian options available)
  - *Tacos and Tequilas*: elevating Mexican cuisine with a variety of fresh and authentic dishes (vegetarian options available)
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### **Shooting Incident on Middlesex**

NPU-F had a large turnout at last night's meeting, in part, to hear from the Atlanta Police Department (APD) about the shooting incident that occurred Saturday evening August 13, 2022 on Middlesex.

Major Andrea Webster, the new Commander of Zone 6, was present to discuss the investigation into the shooting incident outside of a house party. Two male students were shot in the arm, were transported to the hospital, and are expected to make a full recovery. The APD is working closely with the school system. The parents of the student who hosted the party are cooperating fully with the APD. This is an ongoing investigation as the APD continues to interview students who were present at the time and to review videos.

The incident occurred outside when uninvited students from another high school showed up. An argument and altercations ensued, and the situation escalated to gunfire. Please see the account written in Midtown High School's newspaper, *the Southerner*.

<https://thesoutherneronline.com/88883/news/two-teens-shot-at-party-for-midtown-grad/>

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## Atlanta Public Schools Updates

On August 8, the Atlanta Board of Education voted 7-1 to open a new K-5 school at the former Inman Middle School site. As previously shared, some streets in Morningside have been rezoned from Morningside Elementary to the new K-5, which will open next school year. [Click here for the interactive Board Approved 2023-2024 Elementary School Zones map.](#) As we do for all of the public schools in our Midtown Cluster, the MLPA will also support this new elementary school.

The renovation of the Morningside Elementary building on E. Rock Springs (pictured above) is nearing completion, but behind schedule. The substantial completion date was moved from July 25 to November 4 and (hopefully) there will be a certificate of occupancy shortly thereafter.

If you participated in the Council of Intown Neighborhoods and Schools (CINS) Inman Campus Use Survey, conducted from July 29 - August 5, and are curious about the results, see the overall Google analytics results [here](#), certain results by elementary school [here](#) and neighborhood [here](#). Thank you to those who participated!

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Please Join Us!  
**VIRTUAL MEETING**



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Please join us for an upcoming BeltLine Public Meeting!

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## Northeast Study Group - Subarea 6 Master Plan Update

### Beltline Subarea 6 Public Meeting

[Atlanta BeltLine, Inc.](#) (ABI) continues its process of updating the BeltLine Subarea 6 (SA6) Master Plan with their second round of engagement. The Subarea 6 geography includes neighborhoods of Ansley Park, Midtown, Morningside/Lenox Park, Piedmont Heights, Sherwood Forest, and Virginia-Highland. The purpose of this meeting is to present the findings from the design workshops that took place May 16<sup>th</sup> through May 26<sup>th</sup> of 2022. They will then review the draft master plan goals and receive your feedback on the draft recommendations for land use (e.g. mixed use, housing, commercial services), mobility (e.g. trails, sidewalks, bikes, transit), parks and greenspace.

Please make plans to attend:

**August 18 from 6:30-8:00pm**

To pre-register or join the Zoom meeting already in progress please click [here](#).

Phone Number to call in: 929-205-6099

Meeting ID: 869 6121 5351

For more information:

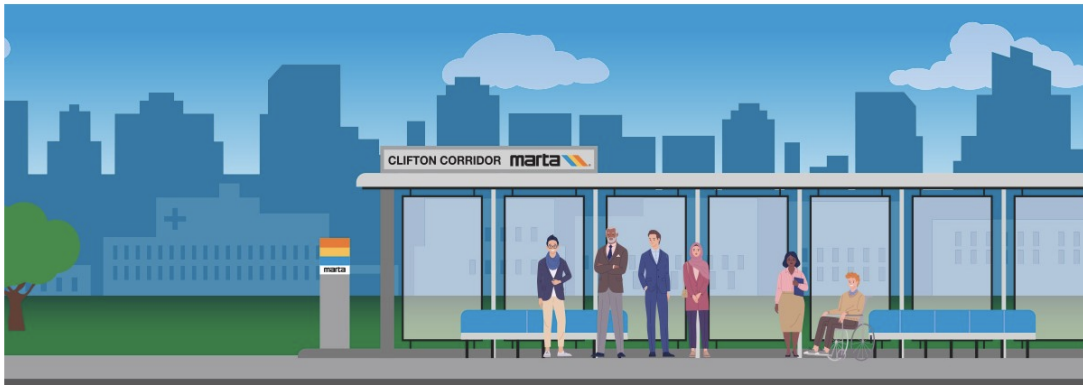
[engage@atlbeltline.org](mailto:engage@atlbeltline.org)

404.477.3552

[beltline.org/meetings](https://beltline.org/meetings)

As a reminder or for those unaware, to ensure our neighborhood is informed, represented and supported in this process, the MLPA Board voted in May to contract the consulting services of Aaron Fortner from Canvas Planning Group. (Aaron has significant experience in planning and urban design, including with the City of Atlanta. He also worked on the development of the [MLP Master Plan](#), so he knows our neighborhood's background and vision for future growth.) We encourage you to participate, as well.

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## MARTA's Clifton Corridor Transit Initiative

### *Clifton Corridor Transit Initiative Public Comment Survey*

MARTA is seeking your input on the Clifton Corridor Transit Initiative. This project is analyzing multiple alternatives for high-capacity transit service between Lindbergh Center station and either Avondale or Decatur rail station. Key activity centers in the corridor include the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Emory University Hospital, Children's Healthcare of Atlanta - Egleston, and Atlanta VA Medical Center.

Before participating in this survey, please take time to review the information presented on the project website at [ConnectClifton.com](https://connectclifton.com). You can also view the virtual public meetings held on [July 19](#) and [July 20](#).

Comments on the proposed alternatives are being accepted for 45 days, beginning Thursday, July 14 and ending **Wednesday, August 30, 2022**. [You can share your input by taking this survey.](#)

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## Cheshire Bridge Update

This latest update of construction activities for the rebuild of Cheshire Bridge over South Fork Peachtree Creek was shared on August 11. The projected opening of at least one lane of traffic in each direction remains by October 31, 2022.

- Crews completed drilling for the bridge footings in July. Installation of the caisson, rebar, and concrete footings is currently underway.
  - A new utility pole also has been installed and anchored on the far end of the northside parking lot.
  - Beam installations will begin once the bridge foundation is set.
  - Sewer line replacements also will be installed later this summer.
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## **Piedmont Enhancement Project**

*From Atlanta Gas Light:*

I wanted to reach out and share an update with you about Atlanta Gas Light's Piedmont Enhancement Project. We are nearing the finish line and working on restoration activities along the project path. However, like many industries, we are dealing with supply chain issues. Our construction barriers have been removed from Segment 1, Segment 2 and Segment 3. In the coming days, crews will be removing our construction barriers from Segment 4, weather permitting. You may see crews return to the area to complete final restoration activities. We will continue to provide project updates as needed. We appreciate your patience and understanding as we have worked to make this important system improvement.

Community members with questions are encouraged to contact Atlanta Gas Light via the project line (404-584-3145) or email address ([PiedmontEnhancement@southernco.com](mailto:PiedmontEnhancement@southernco.com)). Information and updates are also available on the Piedmont Enhancement Project's website [[piedmontenhancementproject.com](http://piedmontenhancementproject.com)] and Twitter [[@PiedmontProject](https://twitter.com/PiedmontProject)].

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**Parks**



## Sidney Marcus Park

About 50 people attended last month's unveiling of the newest addition to Sidney Marcus Park - a poplar log that was transformed into a masterpiece of an imaginative bench, carved by [Colin Vale](#).

This month, the Friends of Sidney Marcus Park will host their quarterly Food Drive: Our concerts in the park are announced, school is beginning and great fall park weather is ahead of us. But the need for food at our city pantries is still high. We have contributed so much with our quarterly food drives at the park. Now our efforts continue on **Friday, August 26, 9 to 11 am and Saturday, August 27, 9 to 11 am** at the Cumberland Road entrance. Easy drop off. We will deliver our donations to the [Intown Collaborative Ministries](#) Food Bank each day. They are the best partner we could have, serving our community and neighborhoods.

Here is what is most needed: Canned tuna, canned chicken, chunky soups, canned meats, canned beef stew, canned beans, baked beans, canned chili. Peanut Butter, Jelly, Crackers, Granola Bars, Snack Cracker Packs. Full Sized and Individual Sized Boxes of Cereal, Packets of Grits, Packets of Oatmeal. And personal hygiene products are needed as well. Thank you!

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## Herbert Taylor Park and Daniel Johnson Park

Join the Friends of Herbert Taylor and Daniel Johnson Park on **Tuesday, August 23** - the Japanese Chaff flower is in bloom and we need to get it out before it goes to seed! For the summer, we've moved our work time up to beat the heat. Meet at the Herbert Taylor Park kiosk (1343 Pasadena Ave) at **8:00am** for instructions and then set off to work until 11:00am. This is a great opportunity for kids of all ages to enjoy time in the outdoors and improve our neighborhood - plus it's a great way to meet new and old friends.

Jobs for any age and skill level. No experience needed! What you should bring:

- Work or gardening gloves
  - Rain gear
  - Long sleeves and pants recommended as there is poison ivy (a native vine)
  - Drinking water, sunscreen bug repellent
  - Gardening tools like pruners, loppers, hand trowels & shovels (but we'll have extras you can borrow)
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## Morningside Parks Need YOU!

Parks throughout our neighborhood are being restored by active Friends of the Park groups, but **we need your help**. No experience necessary, all ages welcome, and credit for service will be provided if needed. See the following schedule for volunteering, or you can support our parks financially with a tax deductible donation through Park Pride [here](#) (select a Morningside park from the drop down menu).

- Herbert Taylor Park, Friends of the Park Workday
  - Occurs on the 2nd Saturday of each month, 9:00am-Noon
  - Meet at kiosk on the corner of Beech Valley and Pasadena
- Morningside Nature Preserve, Trees Atlanta Workday
  - Occurs on the 4th Saturday of each month, 9:00am-Noon
  - Visit [Trees Atlanta](#)

If you have any questions or for more information about any of our parks and greenspaces, please contact [parks@mjpa.org](mailto:parks@mjpa.org).



## Exploring the History and Trees of Morningside

This tour will explore three neighborhood parks with both interesting history dating from the 1920s and classic trees. You will learn about the importance of the community in keeping tree canopy and promoting insects, birds, etc. Touring a neighborhood is a delightful way to learn more about the special trees, history and explore (or rediscover) the urban forest growing along our community streets and parks. Learn how our neighborhood has worked together to keep green areas by the stopping of interstate 485 in the late 60s. This 1.5-hour tour is a leisurely walk on city sidewalks.

Tour Docent: Susan Slemenda, Morningside Lenox Park resident since 2005. Retired in 2007 and found a passion for walking and learning about trees.

Tour Date: **September 17, 9:00-10:30am**

Free. More info and RSVP via "Ticket" through our website Calendar of Events: [September 17](#)

Register to receive confirmation of meeting location and any last minute updates from tour guide.

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## Meet Our Sponsors



[Artichoke Dinner Club](#) is an affordable chef service for busy people. Artichoke was created out of our need for a convenient, high quality alternative to meal subscriptions and restaurant takeout. As our family juggled our busy work schedules and personal responsibilities, we found that cooking dinner from scratch every night was almost impossible. We tried frozen dinners, meal kits, meal prepping on Sundays for the week and ordering takeout. At the end of the day, all these options left us either exhausted from the amount of work or questioning the quality/convenience/cost tradeoffs. As a result, we decided the best solution was something different. We wanted to focus on being local, not having food shipped across the country; offering restaurant quality food and encouraging people to eat together by serving all dishes family style. Great food should not be compromised for convenience. We want to help you have more time to do what is important to you whether that is having extra time to relax and read or do yoga; grab a drink with a friend or play outside with your family.

Whether you share your meals with a roommate, a partner, or a large family, at Artichoke, we want to make it easier to eat together. We believe in providing an amazing experience for both our customers and our team members. We pay above a living wage, provide flexible schedules, offer free meals for team members and their families, and create opportunities for growth and empowerment.

**We are excited to refresh our menu offering and layout. Some changes include:**

- 20+ side items for our entrees, including **side salads!**
- more protein options for our entrees, including an **Artichoke Stuffed Chicken Roulade, Roasted Pork Tenderloin, and Grilled Tofu**
- all new **Custom Dinners** with 20+ side options so you can build your perfect dinner
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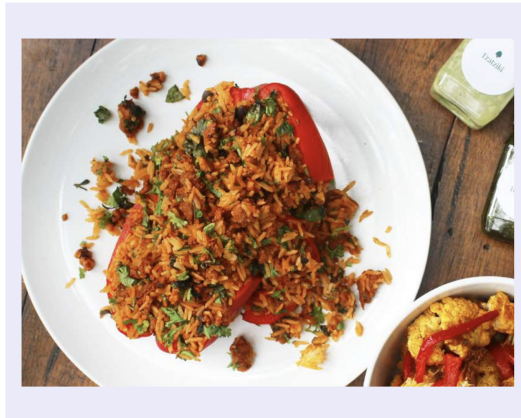
~ Anthony Vipond, Artichoke Dinner Club, Whiskey Bird & Little Bird



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## Zoning

One zoning case was heard by the Zoning Committee and MLPA Board this month.

[V-22-111](#) 1665 Noble Dr. NE

- Applicant seeks a variance to reduce the west side-yard setback from 7ft to 4.8ft for the addition of a screened porch.
- Approved

The next zoning meeting will be held on September 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. For more information, contact MLPA Zoning Chair, Rebekah Falkler, at [zoning@mlpa.org](mailto:zoning@mlpa.org).





## **Citizens Police Academy**

Our mission is the education of Atlanta citizens in the operations and practices of their Atlanta Police Department. This program encourages participants to provide invaluable feedback necessary to foster enhanced police and community relations.

The Atlanta Citizens Police Academy includes twenty-plus hours of skilled and professional instruction delivered in three-hour sessions. We require a one-night per week commitment over a nine-week period. Classes are held on Tuesday evenings from 6:00pm – 9:00pm. Unless otherwise specified, the Citizens Police Academy will be held at: Atlanta Police Headquarters, 226 Peachtree St. SW Atlanta, Georgia 30303 404-546-2541 phone, 404-653-7992 fax

*Class topics may include:*

- Department Overview
- Crime Lab
- 911
- Traffic Stops
- Special Victims Unit
- Use of Force
- SWAT
- Homicide investigations
- And More!

For additional information and to apply, click [here](#).

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## From the Neighborhood Planning Unit (NPU)

The following information from the Neighborhood Planning Unit (NPU) was provided by Doug Young, Interim Director, Office of Design, Department of City Planning (404-330-6702, [dyoung@atlantaga.gov](mailto:dyoung@atlantaga.gov)).

- [CL1006 Election Integrity Clinic](#) on Wednesday, August 31st 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM
- To register for NPU University courses or for more information, call 404.546.0158 or [click here](#)
- For information on "[Permitting in the Park](#)"
- To offer feedback and ideas on how to improve services for Atlanta residents, please email [Elizabeth Johnson](mailto:Elizabeth.Johnson@atlantaga.gov), Business and Service Improvement Manager
- [Affordable Housing Tracker](#)
- [Faith-based Development Initiative](#)
- 22-R-3414: Best Practices for NPUs. A draft of the Best Practices topics to be included can be found [here](#). To submit feedback, please contact your APAB representative or DCP at [npuatlanta@atlantaga.gov](mailto:npuatlanta@atlantaga.gov).
- Follow NPU voting activity on the [NPU Dashboard](#).
- To stay informed, follow us on social media [@npuatlanta](#)

Atlanta is comprised of over 240 unique neighborhoods, which are grouped into 25 Neighborhood Planning Units, or NPUs. NPUs are the official avenue for residents to express concerns and provide input in developing plans to address the needs of each neighborhood, as well as to receive updates from City government. Morningside is in NPU-F.



## Morningside Farmers' Market Special Updates

What's in season? Beets, bell peppers, carrots, cucumbers, eggplant, flowers, garlic, herbs, kale, lettuces, microgreens, okra, spring onions, summer squash, tomatoes, zucchini, and more!

Visit ALL of the farmers, artisans and vendors at [Morningside Farmers' Market](#) every Saturday, year-round, from 8am - 11:30am in the parking lot of Morningside Presbyterian (1411 N. Morningside Dr). Sign up to receive their newsletter and find out who will be there each weekend - plus you'll get the inside scoop on special events and pop-up chefs!

## 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 [Contact](#)
- **MLPA Zoning Meetings** - 1st/2nd Tuesday of every month (see Zoning above), 7:00pm [Contact](#)
- **NPU-F Meetings** - 3rd Monday of every month, 7:00pm, [Online via Zoom](#)

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## Around Town



**Music Midtown Canceled.** Hey Midtown fans - due to circumstances beyond our control, Music Midtown will no longer be taking place this year. We were looking forward to reuniting in September and hope we can all get back to enjoying the festival together again soon. Read [this AJC article](#) for more details.



**State of the Beltline.** For more information and to register for the State of the Beltline on August 30 from 7:30-9:15am, [click here](#).



**The ATLinBusiness Portal is an invaluable tool for all our entrepreneurs and small business owners looking for the info they need to plan, launch, and grow their business.**

Mayor Andre Dickens

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**Invest Atlanta "ATLinBusiness" Resource.** The ATLinBusiness Portal provides Atlanta entrepreneurs with all of the information that they need to plan, start, manage and grow a business. The City of Atlanta is open for business, and the ATLinBusiness Portal is the best

source to help your business thrive and grow. For more information, [click here](#).

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*City of Atlanta Department of Watershed Management*  
**Small Business Development  
Program 2022-2023**



**Small Business Development Program 2022-2023.** City of Atlanta Department of Watershed Management (DWM) is delivering a fresh, new, and energized Small Business Development Program. The program is crafted especially for small contractors and consulting firms, including small, disadvantaged, minority, and/or women-owned companies, that are looking to grow their businesses and work with the City of Atlanta. For more information, [click here](#).

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### 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](#), [Midtown High School](#)
  - [NextDoor](#) - Neighborhood List Serve (not affiliated with MLPA)
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