



## YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION NEWS

September 2022

We're not saying anything about the cooler weather in the mornings because we won't be the ones to jinx it. But there is a lot to talk about! As always, please [join or renew](#) your MLPA membership if you haven't already. We can't do anything without your support!

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## President's Note

Nothing like a week in Vegas for a conference to remind you to be grateful for living in Morningside.

**1. Board Planning.** Every year a new board is approved in our November meeting after our nominating committee presents a slate. This year the committee consists of our treasurer Marc Tammes, our social media maven Kristen Pollock, and non-board MLPA members Jan Hogan and John Pappas. Whether you have interest in a specific leadership or committee role or just want to explore ways to get involved, please email me and I will connect you with that committee! You can also feel free to nominate people who you believe will be impactful – we won't even tell them that you did. ;) Those who have reached out to date are already on their radar to arrange a discussion.

**2. School support.** There have been a lot of changes for our schools in recent years but one thing that does not change is the strong support they receive from our community. MLPA is glad to recommit its sponsorship to each school and we will certainly look to donate to the new Inman K-5 elementary school as they begin to operationalize their plans for the 2023 school year.

**3. Sunken Garden.** Although Sunken Garden was not awarded a Park Pride visioning grant this year (huge thanks to the team that put in the hard work to apply!), we are exploring ways to work with a firm that will ensure that park has a solid foundation for ways to invest upcoming infrastructure bond funds that are coming its way. As always if you are interested in being part of the friends' group for that or any other park, please reach out to us.

We have really enjoyed seeing the turnout to recent events such as the fall concert series, the meet-and-greet with board members and a new neighbor reception. Be sure to join our upcoming pickleball tournament (even if you are just pickle-curious) – details below. If you would like to help our events & social team with upcoming events and next year's plans for Morningside's 100th anniversary, let us know! I have some ideas from Vegas...

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

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## MLPA Events



### Morningside Village Bingo

MLPA is proud to support this event with our friends in Morningside Village! Play Morningside's Restaurant Bingo this month and you can win a \$25 restaurant gift card by eating at your favorite neighborhood places. Stop by a participating business to get your bingo card: Casseroles, Doc Chey's, Highland Fine Wine, Nowak's and Whiskey Bird! Get five in a row to win. Must spend a minimum of \$20 to earn a stamp. Only one stamp per visit with valid purchases, Sunday - Thursday in September. To redeem for a gift card to your favorite Morningside spot, bring your card to Whiskey Bird with proofs of purchase (photos of receipts are okay). Happy eating!

# FALL CONCERT SERIES

Sidney Marcus Park  
786 Cumberland Rd.

**AUGUST 26, SEPTEMBER 23, OCTOBER 21**

6:00 - 8:00pm  
Live Music, Food Trucks, Kids' Activities, Fun!

PRESENTED BY **MORNINGSIDE LENOX PARK** ASSOCIATION

### Fall Concert Series

Our first Concert in the Park last month was a huge success! Join us for the next one on **Friday, September 23 from 6:00-8:00pm**. There will be live music from [The Murphys](#), an American-roots rock band. Dinner for purchase available from the [Tres Jardines](#) food truck (tacos, quesadillas, burritos, tortas, beans & rice, fries, Mexican street corn), and the Haygood Happy Camper is planning to return with fun treats for all! So bring your chairs, picnic blankets and extra drinks - this is a great way to enjoy the cooler weather, meet new neighbors and reconnect with old ones!

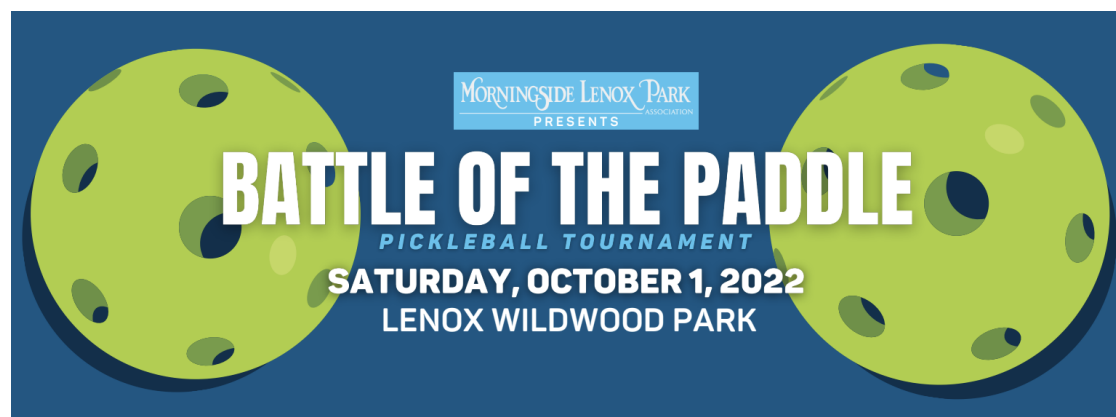
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### Come Play With Us!

Have a kiddo under 2 years old? Join us for a play date on **Friday, September 29 at 4:00pm at Sidney Marcus Park** to meet other children and connect with parents in the same stage of life. Contact [jschweidel@gmail.com](mailto:jschweidel@gmail.com) for questions or to host a future play date.

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### Inaugural Pickleball Tournament

It's been said to be the fastest growing sport in America! Even if you are not familiar with pickleball, there will be fun for all who come to watch and cheer (or at least hang out for



lunch)! During the lunch break of the tournament, around noon, pros will play an exhibition game. If you have never played or watched pickleball, this is the time to see how the game is played. Our pros are Ewa Radzikowska, Warren Robinson, Glauka Carvajal Lane and Brandon Lane.

StretchLab Morningside/VaHighland will also set up a pop-up for free demo stretching, whether you participate in the tournament or not. [Schedule your complimentary demo stretch here](#) to see how proper stretching shortens recovery time in addition to increasing flexibility and performance, while reducing the risk of injury.

[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)



### **Thank You, Neighbors!**

We had such a blast over the past few weeks getting to know our neighbors at two different events hosted by MLPA, our Meet the Board and New Neighbor Welcome gatherings. Many thanks to [The Ten Spot](#) for graciously hosting our Meet the Board event (pictured above) and to Will Zant for planning our New Neighbor Welcome at The Family Dog (pictured below)!





# 2022 EVENTS

## *Save the Date*

### Stay Tuned for More Details

- **New Moms Brunch**, November 5th, 10:30am at Whiskey Bird
- **Morningside Craft Crawl at Hillside**, December 3
- **Winterfest with Virginia-Highland District**, December 10



## Traffic Calming

The MLPA's Traffic Calming Committee has been hard at work trying to make our streets safer and slower. With the help of Alex Wan and his office, five traffic calming measures were recently legislated for our neighborhood (not listed in any particular order):

1. Four-way stop at Lenox Rd and Wildwood Rd *\*\*The current stop signs on Lenox near Berkshire/Johnson were misplaced by ATLDOT. The signs were to be installed at the Lenox/Wildwood intersection further north, closer to Lenox-Wildwood Park. ATLDOT is aware and the stop signs should be relocated.*
2. Pedestrian crosswalk across N Highland Ave at Morningside Village
3. Speed tables on Wildwood Rd between Lenox Rd and Wellbourne Dr
4. Four-way stop at Berkshire Rd and E Sussex Rd
5. Three-way stop at E Morningside and Cumberland Pl

We thank the MLPA Traffic Calming Committee and our District 6 City Council!

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# LOOK OUT & LOCK UP!

## PLEASE REMOVE ALL VALUABLES FROM YOUR CAR!



Clean Car Campaign



MORNINGSIDE LENOX PARK  
ASSOCIATION

### Reigniting the Clean Car Campaign

The car break-ins have returned to Morningside Village. We have numerous anecdotal reports of incidents there in recent weeks. Unfortunately, in one case, a firearm that was left on the floorboard of a car under a pile of clothes was stolen. Across Atlanta, nearly 1300 guns have been stolen from vehicles so far in 2022.

**Please do not leave anything in your car, including GPS and mounts; cell phones; laptop/tablet computers; cords and power sources for electronic devices; book bags, brief cases, shopping bags and purses; money, bills or coins; firearms.**

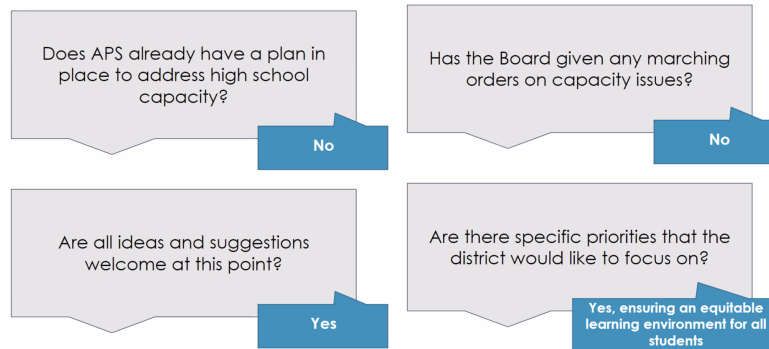
Car break-ins are Morningside's most prevalent crime (11 reported in July, 13 reported in August). These are undercounts of the occurrence of this crime for 2 reasons: 1) many victims are unwilling to wait for the police to arrive to file a report; 2) multiple incidents on the same street are counted as one incident. Only one of the recent anecdotal incidents in Morningside Village is listed in the Atlanta Police Department (APD) crime database.

We are working with the APD to make better use of residential and APD cameras to address this concern. For persons who have been victimized multiple times, police recommend leaving the car unlocked and cleaned out.

Best practices for reporting car break-ins are provided below and include instructions on how to share relevant camera footage with the APD. These practices are also applicable to porch package thefts. Best practices to be followed by the victims of car break-ins and package thefts:

- 1) Call 911 to report incident.
  - 2) Wait for the officer to take the incident report.
  - 3) Check your home camera for any footage that might be helpful to the police.
  - 4) Check in with neighbors who have home cameras that may have relevant footage; you can also ask your street captain to share this request with your neighbors.
  - 5) If you have camera footage that **clearly** shows the suspect vehicle and the approximate date and time that the suspects were in the area, send the footage to [zone6cid@atlantaga.gov](mailto:zone6cid@atlantaga.gov). Be sure to include your name and the report number of your incident.
  - 6) Ask the officer if he knows about nearby APD license plate reader cameras that may have relevant footage. Morningside has 8 such cameras plus numerous others nearby that are maintained by the APD. You must be able to provide a description of the suspect vehicle and the time when it was seen on your camera or on a neighbor's camera. This info is critical for helping the APD to narrow the review of the license plate reader database. If you are lucky, the license plate number for the suspect vehicle can be identified here.
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## Level Setting



### Atlanta Public Schools Updates

- New Midtown Cluster Elementary School
  - Morningside families are invited to the kick-off planning meeting for the **new Midtown Cluster Elementary School** on Wednesday, September 21 at 6 p.m. at the Inman Building. Please [click here](#) to learn about the two streams of work to support that effort: the Community Launch Team and the APS Project Support Team. This temporary website for the school will also have updates and information as it becomes available.
- Updates at **David T. Howard Middle School**
  - [Howard Middle School's administration faces backlash from parents, students over changes](#)
  - [Howard principal McDowell departs, interim leadership in place](#)
- High School Capacity Engagement
  - APS is beginning to work with the community on short-term and long-term strategies addressing both capacity challenges and opportunities to grow schools with available space. **Midtown High School** faces overcapacity challenges.
  - [Click here](#) to see the presentation from the High School Capacity Kickoff Meeting.

Join our District 3 Representative, Board Member Michelle Olympiadis for a virtual community meeting happen **tomorrow, September 16, 2022, at 9:30am**. All stakeholders are welcomed to attend (parents, teachers, students, staff, community members, and partners). This meeting is an opportunity to provide needed feedback and collaboration to continue moving District 3 forward. [Register in advance for this meeting](#). After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

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## Beltline Subarea 6 Public Meeting

[Atlanta BeltLine, Inc.](#) (ABI) presented its findings from the design workshops they hosted in May regarding the Subarea 6 Master Plan update of the Northeast Trail - which affects Morningside/Lenox Park - at their third public meeting on August 18. You can view the presentation [here](#). They also reviewed the draft master plan goals and received feedback on the draft recommendations for land use (e.g. mixed use, housing, commercial services), mobility (trails, sidewalks, bikes, transit), parks and greenspace. You can watch the meeting [here](#) and view the Q&A report [here](#).

There is an upcoming meeting on **September 20** to share more about the progress being made to advance the Northeast Trail. This meeting will provide updates on the design efforts of segments 1 and 3 and construction progress for segment 2. Click [here](#) to register for this virtual meeting.

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## Cheshire Bridge Update

This latest construction activities for the rebuild of Cheshire Bridge over South Fork Peachtree Creek were shared on September 9. The projected opening of at least one lane of traffic in each direction remains by October 31, 2022.

- Crews poured concrete footings at the base of the bridge and have laid the beams across the bridge footings. A total of 8 beams were installed on span #2. Crews will now work along the shore walls.
- Sewer line replacement is underway at the northwest corner of the bridge.
- Utility work is being finalized for the remaining companies.

### A significant update from District 6 City Councilmember Alex Wan:

*On Friday, September 9, I joined the Atlanta Department of Transportation (ADOT) Interim Commissioner Marsha Anderson Bomar at the construction site of the Cheshire Bridge replacement project. The work is progressing quickly, and the contractor is on track to have one lane open in each direction by the October 31 milestone. The remaining two lanes will follow quickly as the foundations/piers will already be in place, and I was told that we are now beyond the phase where weather, namely rain, could create any significant delays.*

*The new bridge will include bike lanes, and additional funding is included in the infrastructure bond approved by voters earlier this year to repave the entire stretch of Cheshire Bridge Road. I hope to have more details on the timing of that project when ADOT presents their implementation plan for the bond projects to Transportation Committee later this month.*

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# Important Service Announcement

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**Effective August 24th 2022, Georgia Power is now responsible for maintaining and servicing streetlights within the City of Atlanta's right-of-way.**

**Streetlight repair requests that have been submitted to the City of Atlanta are now considered closed, with no further action to be taken by the City.**

## Streetlight Repair Requests

Effective August 24, Georgia Power is now responsible for maintaining and servicing streetlights in the City of Atlanta's right-of-way. All streetlight repair requests submitted to the City of Atlanta are now considered closed, with no further action to be taken by the City. Those requests will have to be reopened with Georgia Power.

To report a streetlight that needs servicing, contact the Georgia Power customer service center at 1-888-660-5890, Monday - Friday, from 7:00am to 9:00pm. You may also report streetlight outages to Georgia Power online [here](#).

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## Parks

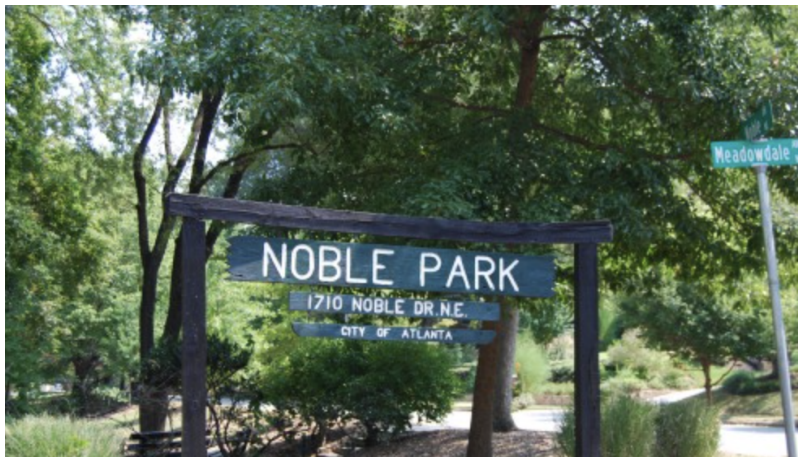


### Smith Park

If you've driven through the intersection of Piedmont Ave and Monroe Dr lately, you've hopefully noticed a drastic improvement! Smith Park is undergoing a refresh. Dead trees and invasive overgrowth have been removed, sidewalks cleared, grass mowed and edged, and the fountain is working! Stay tuned for more to come.

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## **Noble Park**

### Volunteer Work Day

**This Saturday, September 17  
9:00am - Noon**

Join the Friends of Noble Park for a general park cleanup: weeding, pruning and possibly some planting. Volunteers are encouraged to bring gloves, hand trowels and/or hori hori knives. Tools will also be provided. All volunteers are welcomed and appreciated!

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### **Herbert Taylor Park and Daniel Johnson Park**

The Friends of Herbert Taylor and Daniel Johnson Park will host a group of volunteers from Chattahoochee Riverkeepers **tomorrow, September 16**. Their help cleaning out the trash that has accumulated in South Fork Peachtree Creek is much appreciated. Join us to help welcome this group at 9:00am. Meet at the Herbert Taylor Park kiosk (1343 Pasadena Ave).

The next volunteer work day will be **October 8** from 9:00am-noon. 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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## **Sidney Marcus Park**

Sidney Marcus Park's three new benches and one swinging bench have been (mostly) installed!

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## THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS



## Artichoke Dinner Club



### Zoning

There were no zoning cases heard by the Zoning Committee and MLPA Board this month.

The next zoning meeting will be held on October 4 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).



## Morningside Farmers' Market Special Updates

### Celebrate Fall Flavors at Morningside Farmers Market on October 1st!

On **October 1st** from 8:00 – 11:30 am, [Morningside Farmers Market](#) will celebrate autumn with a fun filled market day celebrating fall vegetables and delicious foods made on the spot. The event will feature organic produce, kids' activities, music and more!

As the temperatures cool and harvest season begins, you'll find more veggies in the stalls, as well as other goodies. Listen to music from **Lauran Hunt** while selecting vibrant produce from **Diamond Hill** and **Row by Rowe Farms** and pastured meats from **Grateful Pastures** and **Riverview Farms**. Sip on **San Francisco Coffee** and munch artisan breads and pastries from Chef Linton Hopkins' **The Buttery ATL**. Let the kids play on a bounce house brought by **Evolution X Martial Arts and Fitness**. Dinner is planned for tomorrow with a casserole from **Dandelion Food & Goods**, but lunchtime is right around the corner, so why not grab empanadas for the family from **Casa Cardoza** and top it off with **Elise Organic Ice Cream** for dessert?

New this year, we accept and double SNAP/EBT (food stamp) dollars with an equal amount of tokens for fruits and veggies. Swipe your EBT card for \$10 and get a bonus \$10 for fruits and vegetables!

Mark your calendar and join us for fall fun and good eating at the **Morningside Farmers Market on October 1!**

Morningside Farmers Market has been offering certified organic produce, local meats, breads, and goods since 1995, every Saturday morning year-round. Morningside Farmers Market's year-round home is in the Morningside Presbyterian Church parking lot (1411 N. Morningside Drive NE). The market's location offers a spacious, tree-lined setting for marketgoers and vendors alike.

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## 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

# Georgia Native Plant Society

**Native Plant Share and Swap.** Intown Atlanta Georgia Native Plant Society is hosting a Native Plant Share & Swap as part of their Annual Meeting on Sunday, September 18 in Zonolite Park. Plant drop off begins at noon. For more information, [click here](#).

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**Virginia-Highland Tour of Homes.** The 26th Annual Virginia-Highland Tour of Homes will take place on October 1 from 9:00am - 5:00pm. Explore six beautiful properties on this year's tour. For more information and tickets, [click here](#).

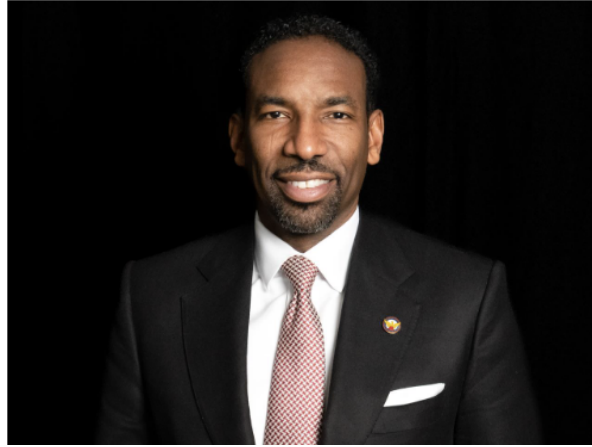
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**South Fork Conservancy's Creek Rising Event.** Enjoy a beautiful evening at South Fork

Conservancy's annual celebration and fundraiser, Creek Rising, on October 20 from 4:30 - 7:00pm at Zonolite Park. Join old friends and make new ones as you enjoy food, music, an exhibit of Native American creek-related artifacts, a quilt show and auction, a prize-stuffed raffle, and the beloved Rubber Duck Race. We will have some big news to share as well! We hope you'll reserve this special time to celebrate and champion South Fork's trailblazing work. For more information and tickets, [click here](#).

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**From the Mayor's Office.**

Atlanta Mayor Andre Dickens has a new email newsletter - [sign up!](#)

And the City just launched a new website – [OneSafeCity.com](#) – where you can learn more about what the City is doing to keep Atlanta safe.

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**Updates on ATL Zoning 2.0.** The planned ATL 2.0 Zoning Rewrite Focused Workshop meetings have been cancelled, the first of which was scheduled for August 30, 2022, at Buckhead Library. We are close to completing the search for a new Commissioner, and our Interim Commissioner has had to take a short leave of absence for personal reasons. We want to ensure leadership is in place for this important engagement and participation with the community that will meet our shared goals for the City of Atlanta. The Zoning Code rewrite is critically important for our city, and these meetings will move forward once a new Planning Commissioner is in place. We will post a further update shortly. ~ Keyetta M. Holmes, AICP, Director, Office of Zoning and Development, Department of City Planning

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**Georgia Election 2022.** The 2022 Georgia midterm elections will take place on Tuesday, November 8, 2022. Voters will choose a new state legislature and all the state's top executives. Georgia's 14 U.S. congressional seats and one of two U.S. Senate seats are up for election. Please check important dates for voter registration, absentee ballots, early voting, polling places, etc. - and vote!

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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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