



YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION NEWS

March 2023

Spring has sprung! Almost. But we know one thing, for sure. The MLPA works tirelessly on your behalf. If you're reading our communications, following us on social media and visiting our website, then you already know that! So if you're not a member yet, please [join us](#) (or renew). Your support makes a difference!

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President's Note

This past weekend welcomed in Daylight Saving Time; 'spring ahead' always sounds so promising, so let us focus on the positive and not the one hour of sleep we all lost Saturday night. Now we all have more daylight hours to focus on our yards, our families, our volunteer work, and all the amazing events and activities our neighborhood has to offer.

We started off March with a huge event at The Family Dog, attended by more than 70 people interested in the incredible work of the Master Plan Implementation Committee under the leadership of **Camille Richardson**. Of course, a big show of appreciation to our wonderful Councilperson, **Alex Wan** and his Chief of Staff, **Lance Orchid** for updates on the most important issues in our community. The message of the evening will be an ongoing focus of mine throughout the year.....Volunteer and [Become a Member](#) of MLPA.

As I'm sure many of you are aware, the Morningside Nature Preserve bridge and boardwalk are in need of repair and maintenance. The City Council has adopted legislation to release funds from Park Pride to expedite these greatly needed repairs (just waiting on the Mayor to sign the legislation). **Marti Breen** updated the MLPA Board on plans for Herbert Taylor and Daniel Johnson Parks, and the long-awaited bridge at Lenox-Wildwood Park is about to become a reality. All of these efforts are spearheaded by the dedicated board members and volunteers helping your neighborhood. Also be on the lookout over the next few months for new street sign toppers, which will appear throughout the neighborhood to increase visibility of the Morningside/Lenox Park brand; as well as MLPWay signs, which will link the various bike paths, walking paths and greenspaces.



*Design for MLP Street Toppers
Coming soon to a street near you!*

Security is always one of the main concerns of MLPA, so you may see new banners and window decals soon as **Sue McHale** will be kicking off the Clean Car Campaign over the coming weeks, reminding residents to avoid car break-ins by keeping valuables out of your car.

If you haven't visited the new and improved [MLPA Centennial](#) focused website, please check it out for all the upcoming events and activities planned for the year-long celebration of your great neighborhood.



Spring Concerts in the Park

The MLPA's Spring Concerts in the Park series will kick off next **Friday, March 24!** We can't wait to see everyone at **Sidney Marcus Park from 6:00 - 8:00pm** for live music, a food truck and special treats. See the lineup below:

Featured Band: [Sweet and Salty Blues Band](#)

- Sweet & Salty is a mix of blues, funk, rock and soul guaranteed to move your feet and touch your soul.

Food Truck: [C-Bo's BBQ & Southern Cuisine](#)

- Meat: Pulled Pork, Chicken Sandwich, Hamburger, Sausage, Veggie Burger
- And a Side: Baked Beans, Collard Greens, Potato Salad, Cole Slaw, Chips

Special Treats: [King of Pops](#) and a Juggler!

Don't forget your picnic blanks, chairs and extra drinks! We are excited to continue this tradition, with great appreciation to **Carter Rude** for organizing them. These events are free thanks to our members and sponsors!



New Moms' Brunch

Are you expecting or a new mom with a baby under one year? Join us for MLPA's New Moms' Brunch at **Whiskey Bird on April 29 at 10:30am**. We will enjoy a delicious brunch and connect with other moms and moms-to-be to discuss all things baby - during this wonderful (and

sometimes trying!) stage of life. This event has limited seating, which will be outdoors on the patio.

This is an adults-only event, no children please. Open to MLPA members and non-members. Cost is \$25 to register and includes choice of entrée, shared sides, coffee & dessert. Meaningful friendships and fun playgroups have formed from past brunches! [Click here](#) to reserve your spot.

179 Homes Were Built Last Year In Morningside

Sherwood Drive Sherwood Drive Sherwood Drive

MORNINGSIDE

Inspect Morningside Homes During Home Beautiful Week

118 SHERWOOD ROAD
Built By the Wilkes
Home No. 4 of Home Beautiful Exhibit

MORNINGSIDE, since its opening nearly three years ago, has enjoyed an unprecedented progress in home building and development. This development has been based on superior advantages. MORNINGSIDE is in the natural line of progress, being traversed by North Forsyth, Highland Avenue and Peachtree Avenue, three main thoroughfares leading from the city. MORNINGSIDE is accessible to the city by street car or trolley.

IN MORNINGSIDE, Atlanta's most desirable home community you will find the home or the building lot to suit your needs. Above is pictured the type of homes being constructed, each is truly a "Home Beautiful" and is designed to give the maximum convenience to the average family.

Our representative will be on the ground and at our field office during "Home Beautiful Week."

IF YOU BUILD--IT WILL BE THE HOME YOU WANT

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J. R. Smith, Jr., Mgr. Subdivision C. O. Hink, Sales Director
66½ North Forsyth Street REALTORS Phone WALnut 0636
Field Office-276 Morningside Drive, Hemlock 7100

Houses in photo (left to right) are currently at 750 Sherwood, 696 Sherwood, and an unknown address. House in center is at 702 Sherwood.

Morningside's Historical Timeline

As part of our centennial year observance, we have been reaching out to long-term neighbors to collect old photos and history. We are so appreciative of the knowledge and photos received so far.

Please see 'Before the 1920s' and 'The 1920s' on our new [Centennial History Timeline](#). Be sure to click on 'Continue reading' to see old and new photos for the happenings in each decade.

- 'Before the 1920s' describes the early farms in the area and train travel to Toccoa. The plans for Lanier University are extensive, but only Arlington Hall was constructed.
- 'The 1920s' shows photos of some of the original houses in Morningside, "Atlanta's most desirable home community," plus the early shopping districts and parks.

We plan on bringing a new decade to you each month this year. Stay tuned!





Master Plan Projects

As previously shared, we received strong community support at our Master Plan Implementation (MPI) event held last week at The Family Dog. Special shout out to these MLPA members who played a vital role in the evening's success: *Jon Ball, Sharla Borghorst, Don Campbell, Sarah Chatel, Brandon Dhande, Andrew Gorang, John Hults, Marla Johnson, Frances Justice, Sue McHale, Ryan Murphy, Camille Richardson, Alex Wan (and his Chief of Staff, Lance Orchid) and Phyllis Wingo.*

Additional thanks to all who attended! If you missed it, we'd like to share the current [Master Plan](#) projects that our MPI Committee is focused on and their status.

MLPWay: Bike & Ped Network

- MLPWay's emphasis is on slow, safe streets for walking and biking through the neighborhood - made possible by:
 - Branded wayfinding signage
 - Stamped/branded crosswalks
 - Traffic calming measures
- Priority streets identified:
 - North Highland
 - Cumberland
 - Amsterdam
 - Lenox

East Rock Spring-Beech Valley-Cumberland Roundabout

- Why add a roundabout?
 - Aim is to reduce vehicle speed and improve safety at this busy intersection
- Project History
 - Because the intersection is located in unincorporated DeKalb County, neighbors led by Phyllis Wingo wrote various state senators & representatives who funded the project
- Project Wins
 - Letter from Elena Parent, State Senator
 - Blueprint from Dekalb
 - Sidewalks
 - Signage from City of ATL
 - Drainage

MLPA Sidewalk Reimbursement Program

- MLPA Sidewalk Reimbursement Program was created to:

- Incentivize repair of unsafe sidewalks
- Supplement repair/replacement costs
- Improve walkability + community connection
- Enhance the beauty of our neighborhood
- How does it work?
 - Visit www.mlpa.org/sidewalk-reimbursement-program/
 - Complete a short questionnaire
 - Upload before + after pictures + receipts
 - Be reimbursed up to \$400 for costs incurred after March 1, 2023

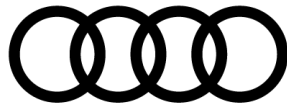
If you want to get involved in some way, just send a note to volunteer@mlpa.org.



THANK YOU TO OUR MLPA SPONSORS

It's not too late! This is the last call to join our amazing supporters below. The MLPA is also offering sponsorships for all events this centennial year and the opportunity to be a part of our history. If you are interested in engaging and supporting the community by aligning your business with one of Atlanta's iconic neighborhoods, let's discuss this colossal year. Be part of it! Please contact [John Pappas](#), 404-664-4048, to find a sponsorship that works for you.

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MLPA Business Parters (2022-2023)



SAVE THE DATE

MOBILE SHREDDING TRUCK

AT MORNINGSIDE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
MAY 13, 9AM-1PM

CG CHATEL GROUP
POWERED BY PLACE | kw KELLER WILLIAMS REALTY ATLANTA MIDTOWN

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THE CHATEL GROUP



Thank you to our Centennial Premier Sponsor, [The Chatel Group](#), for hosting a Mobile Shredding Truck for our neighborhood on **May 13 from 9:00am - 1:00pm** at Morningside Presbyterian Church. Start going through those stacks of paper!



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Atlanta Public Schools Updates

Morningside Elementary (MES) Rising K Playdate

If you have a Rising K student for the 2023/2024 school year, please join MES this **Saturday, March 18th from 3-5pm at Noble Park** (1710 Noble Dr. NE) for our first playdate! This playdate will also be an informal opportunity to ask questions and meet some of the current MES PTA, Foundation, and GO Team members as well as fellow future MES parents and Rising Kindergarteners!

Morningside Elementary (MES) Engraved Brick Campaign

Do you have an MES graduate? Are YOU an alumni of MES? The PTA has launched an engraved brick campaign for the new MES garden at the E Rock Springs campus. The proceeds of this drive will go towards the new outdoor learning space in the heart of the school. Get your legacy brick(s) by March 31. [Details here.](#)

Virginia-Highland Elementary (VHE) Family Park Meet Up

If you are a Morningside family zoned for VHE, there is a VHE Family Park Meet Up this weekend. Join Vice Principal Mrs. Bringslid and VHE PTO on **Sunday, March 19 from 2:00 - 4:00pm at John Howell Park** for the first community event. Come ready to learn about the new mascot, purchase some VHE swag, and hang with friends. The grade level with the most students in attendance will win a popsicle party during the first week of school. [RSVP here.](#)

Please make sure to [subscribe to the VHE newsletter](#) and [check the VHE website](#) for updates and additional information on the new school.

High School Capacity Issues

On March 1, APS released two scenarios to address overcrowding at Midtown High School:

1. Maintain Current Environment with Additional Enhancements and Innovations (No Rezoning)
2. Rezone Centennial Academy Zone students from Midtown HS to Washington HS (Impacted Neighborhoods: All of Atlantic Station, Georgia Tech, Home Park, Knight Park/Howell Station, Marietta Street Artery; Portions of (all split with Washington HS): Castleberry Hill, Downtown, Historic, Westin Heights/Bankhead, English Avenue)

For more details - including presentations, recordings and community feedback summaries - [click here.](#)

Support Midtown Cluster's Hope-Hill Elementary

The [Old Fourth Ward 5K](#) will return on **Saturday, May 13, 2023**. This race benefits Hope-Hill Elementary, which is in our Midtown Cluster. If you have a current student attending one of our Midtown Cluster schools, there is a discount code for your registration. There will also be a kids' fun run with the 5K.

Discount codes are as follows:

Howard- HOWARD

Midtown High School- MIDTOWNHS

Marvin- MARYI IN

Highly Efficient Systems
Springdale- SPARK
Morningside- MORNINGSIDE

Parks



Herbert Taylor and Daniel Johnson Parks

March is jam packed with fun in the park! Meet at the Herbert Taylor Park Kiosk (1343 Pasadena Av.) for all of the upcoming events below. Please note our new email for questions or more information: friendsofhtdj@gmail.com. And follow us on our new Facebook page [here](#).

Event Schedule:

- > Wildflower Walk -- Sunday, March 19 at 4:00 PM
- > Bird Watching Walk -- Saturday, March 25 at 8:30 AM
- > Ribbon Cutting & Tour of Trail Improvements -- Saturday, March 25 at 1:00 PM

Save the Date:

- > Friends of HTDJ Workday -- Saturday, April 15*, 9:00am - 12:00pm
- > Archaeology Talk -- Saturday, April 22, 9:00 AM (rain date 4/29)

*Date change due to Easter/Passover



Lenox-Wildwood Park

Installation of the new pedestrian bridge that will connect both meadows in the northern section of the park, link the Morningside Nature Trail across Berkshire Rd and provide a safe, level path between the playground and the tennis courts began this week with the pouring of concrete footings!



Morningside Nature Preserve

Help promote a healthy plant community and a sustainable forest in Morningside Nature Preserve. Your work will improve habitat for humans who use the greenspace for recreation and wildlife that call it home. Trees Atlanta is resuming their monthly volunteer workdays, now on the third Saturday of each month. Activities include hand-pulling and cutting invasive plants such as English ivy, Chinese privet, and kudzu in a densely wooded area off trail. Physical activity such as bending, pulling, lifting, and kneeling is required. Forest restoration can be physically strenuous - be ready to break a sweat and get dirty and learn a lot while doing it! Register to volunteer for future months [here](#).

Zoning

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

[V-23-32](#) 836 Yorkshire Road NE

- Applicant seeks a variance to 1) reduce the rear yard setback from 15 feet to 4 feet and 2) increase allowable lot coverage from 50 percent to 66 percent.
- MLPA voted to recommend approval at the NPU.
- NPU voted to recommend deferral until next month.

The next zoning meeting will be held on April 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 our MLPA Zoning Chair (Rebekah Falkler) at zoning@mlpa.org.



From the Department of City Planning Easier, shorter, simpler. We heard you! Starting March 1, customers can benefit from an improved permitting process with guided support. Happy Permitting! Learn more [here](#).

Alcohol License Permitting

The following alcohol license permit application in Morningside/Lenox Park will be on the agenda for this month's NPU-F meeting.

- [Go Puff Retail Package](#) at 2233 Faulkner Road (Change of Agent)
 - MLPA voted to recommend approval at the NPU.
 - NPU voted to recommend approval.

Establishments are not required to come before nor seek approval from neighborhood associations before they seek approval at the NPU. The NPU makes a recommendation on the application to the License Review Board (LRB), and then the LRB makes a recommendation to the Mayor (who has final say). Questions? Please contact our Licensing Chair, [Ashley Milam](#).

 <p>NEW MOMS BRUNCH 4/29</p>	 <p>MORNINGSIDE FUN RUN TO BE ANNOUNCED</p>	 <p>SPRING CONCERTS IN THE PARK 3/24, 4/21, 5/19</p>
 <p>NEW NEIGHBOR SOCIAL 8/24</p>	 <p>MORNINGSIDE LENOX PARK 1923 - 2023</p>	 <p>PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT TO BE ANNOUNCED</p>
 <p>FALL CONCERTS IN THE PARK 8/25, 9/22</p>	 <p>CENTENNIAL FAMILY BASH 10/20</p>	 <p>THE MORNINGSIDE CENTENNIAL BALL 11/10</p>



Morningside Farmers' Market Special Updates

Morningside Farmers Market Celebrates Spring with “Greens, Eggs & Jam”

On **April 29 from 8:00 – 11:30 am**, [Morningside Farmers Market](#) will celebrate the spring season with “Greens, Eggs & Jam,” a fun filled event celebrating spring vegetables and delicious foods made on the spot. The event will feature organic produce, kids’ activities, music and more! Morningside Farmers Market, known as “Atlanta’s Organic Market,” has been offering certified organic produce, local meats, breads, and goods since 1995, every Saturday morning year-round.

The Buttery ATL's Linton Hopkins will be creating sandwiches made to order. Evolution X Martial Arts and Fitness will provide a bounce house for the kids and Morningside Presbyterian Preschool will host a Kids Corner. Music will be provided by Guitar Shed's teen bands. It should be fun!

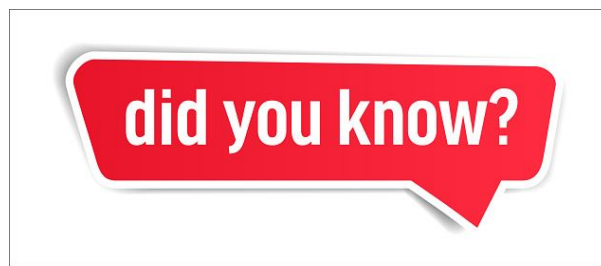
The Morningside Farmers Market is located at **Morningside Presbyterian Church (1411 N. Morningside Dr. NE)**. *Please note that Saturday, April 22 ONLY, the market will be located at Haygood Memorial United Methodist Church (1015 E Rock Springs Rd NE).*

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](#)
 - [Join Zoom Meeting](#)
Meeting ID: 841 3250 9005
Passcode: 797155
- **MLPA Zoning Meetings** - 1st/2nd Tuesday of every month (see Zoning above), 7:00pm [Contact](#)
- **NPU-F Meetings** - 3rd Wednesday of every month, 7:00pm, [Online via Zoom](#)

Around Town



> [The Show Must Go On: Plaza Theatre owner Chris Escobar to reopen Tara Cinema](#)

> [Virginia-Highland's Original El Taco to Close Mar 19, Making Way for New Fifth Group Concept](#)



P 1005 Building Permits for Beginners. This course will teach residents the basics of submitting building applications, permits, and approvals successfully with the City of Atlanta, and how permitting can strengthen neighborhoods. Students can expect to learn about building permits, demolition permits, certificates of occupancy, and the overall building approval process, including relevant documentation and pitfalls to avoid. This course will be offered Thursday, **March 30, 2023, 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM via Zoom** • Limited Seats Available! [Register 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
- [NextDoor](#) - Neighborhood List Serve (not affiliated with MLPA)

Contact Our Elected Officials:

- [Council Member Alex Wan \(D\)](#), Atlanta City Council, District 6
- [State Rep. Becky Evans \(D\)](#), District 83, Serving MLP residents in DeKalb County
- [State Sen. Elena Parent \(D\)](#), District 42, Serving MLP residents in DeKalb County
- [State Rep. Stacey Evans \(D\)](#), District 57, Serving MLP residents in Fulton County
- [State Sen. Nan Orrock \(D\)](#), District 36, Serving MLP residents in Fulton County

Neighborhood Schools:

- [Morningside Elementary School](#)
- [Virginia-Highland Elementary School](#)
- [David T Howard Middle School](#)
- [Midtown High School](#)
- [Atlanta Public Schools](#)



Join MLPA or Renew Membership

Please send questions, ideas and photos to communications@mlpa.org.

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