



There is something for everyone here ... it's just one reason why Morningside is such a great place to live. And the more members and volunteers we have, the better! So please [join us](#) (or renew). Your support makes a difference!

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## President's Note

If you've ever been to Italy and seen the rainbow flags in every piazza, you might have wondered why they celebrate Pride Month all year long, not just in June. The fact is, it's the International Peace Flag from the 1961 World Peace March, not the Pride Flag. But here in our neighborhood, it is a reminder that we still value diversity and celebrate what makes our community strong. This includes honoring Juneteenth and commemorating the holiday's significance for our neighbors and country, hopefully not only in June but every month of the year.

With half the year almost over, we are looking forward to the next chapter for MLPA and welcome anyone interested in joining us as a board member in 2024 to contact [Brandon Dhande](#). In advance of our centennial celebrations in the Fall, we are also searching for all those who have served as President of MLPA in the past. If that is you or you know a past president, please contact [Jodi.Mansbach@gmail.com](mailto:Jodi.Mansbach@gmail.com).

It has been a hectic and productive first half of the year, with ongoing discussions still underway regarding Amsterdam Walk, the Streetcar extension, license plate reading cameras, a partnership with Atlanta Botanical Garden for our smaller park spaces, and opposition to new adult businesses on Cheshire Bridge Road - just to name a few - so please make sure and join us every second Monday of the month at 7pm for our board meeting via Zoom where you can have your voice heard and hear input from others in the neighborhood. (Login information is on our website's [calendar](#)). As much as I have stressed the importance of membership for a successful organization like ours, we still have not achieved the level of participation one would expect from such a vibrant, active community. PLEASE spread the word and [join today!!](#)

A few of the most impactful traffic and safety wins over the last few months include the all-way stops added to a few dangerous intersections. Be on the lookout for more of these improvements including plans for all-way stops at Johnson Rd/Meadowdale and E Sussex/Berkshire, as well as enhanced crosswalks near the Johnson Rd. entrance to Herbert Taylor/Daniel Johnson and the Lenox Rd parking lot at Morningside Nature Preserve, in addition to one planned for Morningside Village between Family Dog and Nowak's. Keep reading for additional information from our Traffic-Calming Committee and Master Plan Implementation team.

Finally, the sidewalk repair program is in full swing and waiting on residents to take advantage of it. [Click here](#) for more information. Interest in this program will determine how long it remains a budget item for MLPA.

Get out and enjoy this amazing neighborhood and have a safe summer!

Dr. Donald Campbell, [president@mlpa.org](mailto:president@mlpa.org)





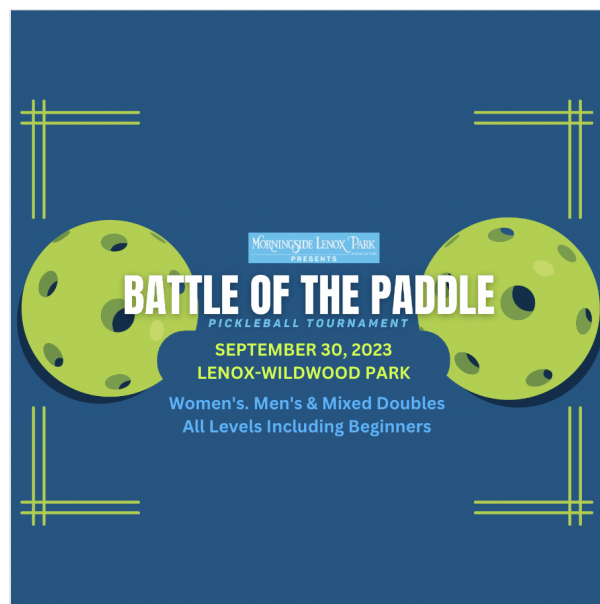
## Spring Concert Series Recap

What a finale we had at our MLPA Spring Concert in the Park last month! Beautiful weather, food trucks, a juggler and treats from King of Pops, Haygood UMC's Happy Camper and our generous sponsors provided another fun evening for families and neighbors - not to mention the amazing music from Frankie's Blues Mission with their 7-piece brass band!

We look forward to continuing this tradition at summer's end, so save the date for **Friday, August 25**. Much appreciation to Carter Rude for organizing these every year. And because of our sponsors and members, the MLPA Concerts in the Park remain free! Please thank our sponsors with your support and make sure [your membership](#) is current - and encourage all your neighbors to [join MLPA](#) in support of our community. See you in the Fall!

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## Save The Dates



## Battle of the Paddle Pickleball Tournament

Picklers, mark your calendars for the second annual Battle of the Paddle on **Saturday, September 30, 2023** at Lenox-Wildwood Park! And neighbors, we hope you'll come out to cheer for these women's, men's and mixed doubles teams.

Registration to open mid-July. All levels (including beginners) are welcome. Stay tuned!

If you would like to volunteer, please contact [events@mlpa.org](mailto:events@mlpa.org).

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## Monster Dash 5K

It's not too early to get ready for a skele-ton of fun, fitness, and frights at the first-ever Monster Dash in Morningside-Lenox Park! On Saturday morning, **October 28**, join us for a 5K Halloween run/walk that will have you haunting the picturesque streets of our charming neighborhood. More details and registration information for this family-friendly and chip-timed race to be shared soon, so save the date and start firing up those broomsticks. It will be a spooky good time for all!

## Neighborhood Traffic Calming



-  > Branded Crosswalks
-  > One Lane Slow Points
-  > Mini Circle
-  > One Way Diverter w/ Bike Lane
-  > Widened Sidewalk for Bike/Ped
-  > Pedestrian Bulbouts
-  > Improved Intersection / Roundabout
-  > HAWK signal
-  > Raised Intersection / Crosswalk
-  > Bike Lane / Narrow Vehicle Lane
-  > Pedestrian Refuge
-  > Striped Parking Lane / Narrow Vehicle Lane
-  > All-way stop
-  > New sidewalks
-  > Speed Readers

## Traffic-Calming Measures

This year, the Traffic-Calming Committee (TCC) and the Master Plan Implementation Committee (MPIC) began functioning as one team, to continue working on planned projects as designated in our [Master Plan](#) and to decide on new traffic-calming projects. This hard-working team of dedicated volunteers, led by Camille Richardson, has some beneficial updates to share.

### Stop Signs:

- Two new stop signs have been legislated, and we are hoping to see them approved soon.
  - *E Sussex x E Rock Springs* (near Morningside Elementary and Haygood UMC)
  - *Johnson Rd x Meadowdale* (near Briarcliff Rd)
- Stop signs at *E Sussex x Berkshire* were legislated last year, but we are waiting for an update on installation.

### Pedestrian Crosswalks:

- Two pedestrian crosswalks were legislated for *Lenox Rd*.
  - Near the bridge over *South Fork Peachtree Creek* (installed)
  - Near the *Morningside Nature Preserve* parking lot
- One pedestrian crosswalk on *N Highland Ave between Nowak's and Family Dog*.
  - This crosswalk was also legislated last year, and we are waiting for an update on installation.

Thanks to our District 6 Councilmember Alex Wan and Lance Orchid for their support!

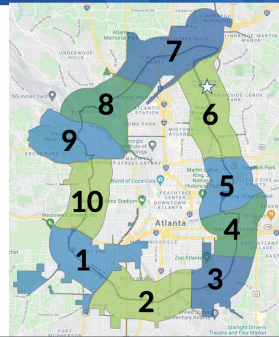


## Amsterdam Walk Potential Redevelopment Community Meeting

As shared in previous newsletters, Portman Holdings is beginning the process to potentially redevelop Amsterdam Walk. On May 16, Portman hosted a virtual meeting for neighbors in Morningside and Virginia-Highland. Here is their [Amsterdam Walk Neighborhood Presentation](#). The MLPA appreciates the opportunity to work with Portman because unlike many other developers, we have seen them engage with the community, listen to concerns and work to find solutions.

### Subarea 6 Master Plan Update Draft Recommendations

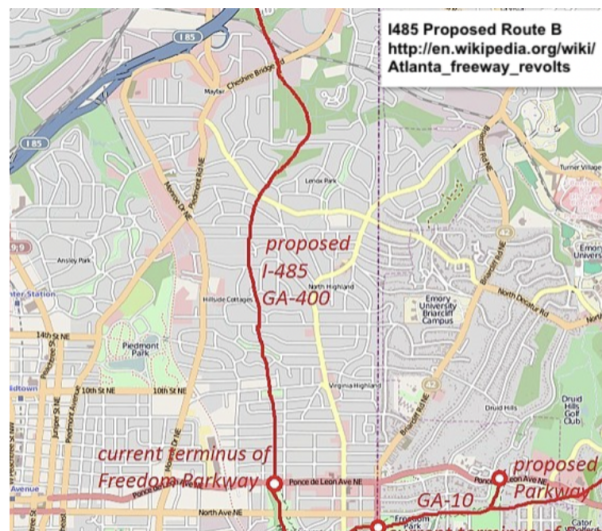
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- Morningside Lenox Park
- Piedmont Heights
- Sherwood Forest
- Virginia Highland



## Beltline Subarea 6 Master Plan Updates and Community Engagement

Atlanta BeltLine Inc. would like to remind you of the [Draft Subarea 6 Master Plans live and available for your review](#). We are accepting feedback from the community through **June 30, 2023**. Please find a copy of the presentation [here](#).

Separately, we will host a virtual meeting on **Thursday, July 27 at 6:30pm** with the focus on the construction and design of Northeast Trail Segments 1 – 3 and the Ponce De Leon Streetscapes. [Click here](#) for the registration link.



Route B for Interstate 485, which cut through the center of Morningside, was opposed by the MLPA. Route E, which was located further west, closer to Piedmont and Monroe, was the preferred option. Zoom in on the map to see how close your house is to Route B.

## Centennial Historical Timeline: The 1960s

### The 1960s: Morningside Fights I485 Construction

As part of our centennial year observance, we have been reaching out to neighbors and friends to collect old photos, newspaper clippings, maps, and official letters and documents to include on our [Centennial Timeline](#). We are so appreciative of the wonderful and interesting materials received to date. When you go to the website to view the timeline, be sure to click on 'Continue Reading' to see **more photos** and **information** about each decade.

We have just added 'The 1960s,' which focuses solely on the initial response of the neighborhood to the announcement by the Georgia State Highway Department in 1964 to construct Interstate 485 through the center of the neighborhood. The Morningside Lenox Park Association (MLPA) was formed in response to this announcement to fight these plans and specifically Route B, shown on the map above. The MLPA hired a traffic consultant to consider alternative routes, which included Route E, located further west along Piedmont and Monroe. [Read more about this history](#)-- the formation of a second neighborhood association, the first suit filed against the Highway Department, and denial of the legal action.



Photo contributed by Adele Northrup

*In 1969, the Georgia State Highway Department located a temporary office on E Rock Springs Road to facilitate the condemnation and tearing down of residential properties.*

Next month, we will bring you the 1970s decade, when five industrious and determined activist women in the neighborhood played a major role in stopping the construction of the highway. We view the timeline as "a living document" that can be updated as we find new materials. If you have some historical documents or photos that may be interesting to include, please send along to Phyllis Wingo at [security@mlpa.org](mailto:security@mlpa.org). We do not have much info for the 1940s and 1950s. If you have corrections to offer, please send those along as well.

We plan on bringing a new decade to you each month this year. We will also create a folder of the many photos provided but not included on the Timeline. Stay tuned!





## Morningside Buy Nothing Swap

With nearly 975 members, the [Buy Nothing Morningside/Lenox Park](#) group on Facebook is a strong and vibrant community. In this group there is no buying or selling, no trades or bartering, no soliciting for cash. It's an adult-only, hyper-local gift economy (where you literally "give where you live"). Members have asked and/or received anything and everything under the sun - whether it's clothes, books, housewares, plants, furniture, toys, outdoor equipment, food, you name it! Ask and you'll most likely receive, or discover items you didn't even know you needed (or that you've been wanting to get but just didn't).

Last weekend, the online community held its first in-person event at Sidney Marcus Park! The Swap Meet was quite a success, with members donating their goods and then all invited to "shop" (for free, of course) and meet each other face-to-face. Afterward, leftover items were donated to local nonprofit, Atlanta Step Up Society. If you're on Facebook and not a member of [this group](#) yet, now is the time to join! Another Swap Meet will be planned for the Fall. Thank you to Brooke Linefsky, Camille Richardson and Emily Toledo for building this caring community!

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## Parks



### Lenox-Wildwood Park

At Lenox-Wildwood Park, we don't cut ribbons. But we do cut invasive vines! On May 20, a great group of neighbors gathered to officially celebrate the installation of the new pedestrian bridge, which connects two meadows along the Morningside Nature Trail between Lenox-Wildwood and Sunken Garden Parks (providing a new, continuous and level path). Remarks were made by:

- Peter Dean, Friends of Sunken Garden & Lenox-Wildwood Parks
- Micah Coleman, MLPA Parks Chair
- Don Campbell, MLPA President
- Kayla Altland, Park Pride
- Alex Wan, City Council
- Patrick Hand, Integrated Land Design

This park improvement project would not have been possible without generous donations from Park Pride (Legacy Grant Recipient), the MLPA, the AEC Trust and many of our neighbors. Thanks to all who were involved and we hope you will enjoy!





## Herbert Taylor and Daniel Johnson Parks

While Memorial Day weekend didn't feel like the start of summer, it is nevertheless! Take some time to stroll through the park to see the results of this winter's/spring's intensive labor to remove invasive species. We still have work to do, but you should see evidence of the fruits of our habitat restoration efforts.

A small but energetic group of volunteers worked in the park in May. Thanks to them for clearing ivy off some of the champion trees. This summer we will experiment with cutting the ivy back on the forest floor in hopes that we can encourage native plants like our jack-in-the-pulpit (*Arisaema triphyllum*).

The summer brings a lot of greenery, but one flowering shrub that stands out is Smooth hydrangea (*Hydrangea arborescens*). Friends of Herbert Taylor Park & Daniel Johnson Park used a grant from NPU-F and Atlanta City Planning to install several near the kiosk. Another plant installed with the NPU-F grant, also on Beech Valley, is Bottlebrush buckeye (*Aeculus parviflora*), with its distinctive buckeyes.

Join us on **Saturday, July 8, 9:00 AM - Noon** for our next workday. Bring your own garden gloves and tools or borrow ours. Bring water to drink, sunscreen, and bug spray. Wear long sleeves, pants, & close toed shoes—poison ivy has been seen. Meet at the kiosk at 1343 Pasadena Ave for a short introduction & safety briefing. Please note our new email for questions or more information: [friendsofhtdj@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofhtdj@gmail.com). And follow us on our new Facebook page [here](#).



### 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](#).

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## Zoning

One zoning case was heard this month by the Zoning Committee, for 1386 Wayne Ave. It has been deferred until next month.

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](mailto:zoning@mlpa.org).



As of April 13, 2023, all permitted projects approved by the arborist require a pre-construction inspection before beginning any construction activity. **Section 158-106.**

### PRE-INSPECTION STEPS:

1. Each final approved construction plan receives approval sticker from arborist plan reviewer (see below).
2. Permit is issued.
3. Tree protection fence is installed by developer/builder according to the approved arborist stamped plans.
4. Applicant schedules inspection (404)-658-6800 per arborist approval guidelines. Pre-construction code: 513.
5. Inspection is scheduled. Completed by field arborist within 2 business days.
6. Inspection results in pass or fail. Failed inspections: corrections must be completed, and another inspection request should be submitted.
7. Passed inspections: construction approved to begin.



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## Alcohol License Permitting

There were no alcohol license permit applications discussed at this month's MLPA meeting.

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](#).

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*Phyllis Wingo with her loves!*

## **Meet the Board: Phyllis Wingo**

Check out this Q&A with veteran board member and volunteer extraordinaire, Security Chair Phyllis Wingo!

**How long have you lived in Morningside?** *We have lived in Morningside since 1994. We moved here from Stone Mountain, where we raised our daughters.*

**Where are you from originally?** *I grew up in Baltimore, Maryland.*

**Where did you go to school?** *I have an undergraduate degree in Math, an MS in Statistics from UGA, and a PhD in Epidemiology from Emory University. I spent most of my career as a cancer epidemiologist at CDC, in addition to teaching 7th and 8th grade math in an inner city school in Baltimore, and 7 years at the American Cancer Society.*

**Tell us about your family.** *Rick and I have 2 daughters, who live close by with our 4 grandchildren.*

**How many years have you served on the board?** *I served on the board as a member-at-large around 1995-1996, as Neighborhood Watch Chair 2016-2019, and Security Chair since then.*

**How do you spend your time when you're not volunteering to serve our neighborhood?** *Before Covid, Rick and I travelled extensively outside the US, primarily to developing countries. We prefer travel to less developed places because so much more of local culture is intact. I also like playing with my grandchildren, walking in the woods, working in my garden, scrapbooking, sketching, to name a few.*

**What do you enjoy most about living in Morningside?** *I enjoy being close to everything, especially restaurants.*

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Do you know all the MLPA events happening this year to celebrate our Centennial?

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**Atlanta Public Schools Updates**

The first day of the 2023-24 year is Tuesday, August 1. Enjoy summer break!

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## Morningside Farmers' Market Special Updates

Check out just some of what's happening at this week's [Morningside Farmers Market](#):

- **What's in Season?** Blueberries, broccoli, carrots, cucumbers, cut flowers, fennel, green garlic, herbs, kale, lettuce, microgreens, peaches, radishes, strawberries, summer squash, swiss chard, tomatoes (get here early!), turnips, and more!
- **Father's Day Giveaway Basket!** All participants in our Morningside Loyalty Program will be entered into a drawing for a basket of goodies from our farmers and makers. Hurry and sign-up for our loyalty program to be entered in the drawing. Loyalty program rewards include \$5 tokens and branded swag. Basket includes donated items:
  - Sabrina Breanna Skincare and Haircare King soap bar
  - Ain't No Moo sauce of choice
  - The Buttery ATL house made ketchup and mustard
  - Row by Rowe Farm \$15 gift card
  - Blackbird Makers biddy cloths
  - Daily Chew \$10 gift card
  - Heaps frozen pies
  - Watsonia Farms large bag of organic peaches
  - Raw Head Bread flax crackers
- **Blueberries for Sale at Information Booth!** Our fantastic team of volunteers will be selling organic blueberries from Miles Berry Farm this Saturday (June 17). This helps Miles Berry Farm get their produce into Atlanta markets. The farm is located almost 5 hours south in Baxley, Georgia. Profits made on blueberries go to support our Morningside Market.

Morningside Farmers Market has been offering certified organic produce, local meats, breads, and goods since 1995, every Saturday morning. Visit all of the vendors at their year-round home in the Morningside Presbyterian Church parking lot (1411 N. Morningside Drive NE). The market's location offers a spacious, tree-lined setting for neighbors to hang out from 8:00-11:30am.

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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](#)
  - [Join Zoom Meeting](#)  
Meeting ID: 841 3250 9005  
Passcode: 797155
- **MLPA Zoning Meetings** - Typically 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](#)

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## Around Town



### Tara Theatre Back in Business

*From our Security Chair, Phyllis Wingo:*

We went to the newly re-opened [Tara Theatre](#) tonight. Enjoyed the movie and recommend *You Hurt My Feelings* with Julia Louis Dreyfus. Felt like a normal date night... first movie since the pandemic for me.

The theater looks fabulous. The lobby is decorated with lots of old movie equipment - cameras, strobe lights, etc. The floors were polished, the carpet looked new, the old movie posters on the walls were terrific. The new owners are local and the theatre is not part of a national chain.

We paid \$7.50 each for admission. I would be happy to pay twice that just to keep them going. They are showing 5 new movies and one classic (currently Star Wars Episode 4).

Get out and support them. It was not crowded when we went but hope it will be soon.

*For more from Atlanta Magazine: [The Tara Theatre is back and better than ever](#)*





MIDDLE EAST KITCHEN

## Coming Soon

### Toranj Middle Eastern Kitchen Replacing Atmosphere Summer 2023

From *What Now Atlanta*: "A taste of the Middle East will soon bloom in Piedmont Heights by way of [Toranj Middle East Kitchen](#) which will offer dishes inspired from all around the region including Arab, Israeli, Moroccan, Syrian and Turkish cuisines, the restaurant announced Wednesday in a press release." [Continue reading...](#)

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### Atlanta Symphony Returns to Piedmont Park on June 22 for Free Concert

From *Rough Draft Atlanta*: "The Atlanta Symphony Orchestra returns to Piedmont Park for its Concerts in the Park series on **Thursday, June 22, at 7:30 p.m.** with a free performance on Oak Hill.

ASO Resident Conductor and Music Director of the ASYO Jerry Hou will conduct the evening program, featuring a celebration of Latin music and composers from around the world, including Astor Piazzolla and Manuel de Falla, among others." [Continue reading ...](#)

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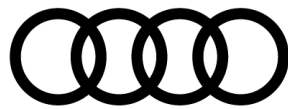
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### Quick Links:

- [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
- [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

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