



YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION NEWS

August 2023

Thanks to our amazing volunteers, the MLPA has a full line-up events for you this Fall and has installed major branding signage for our neighborhood. None of these efforts and accomplishments would be possible without our members. So please [join us](#) (or renew). Your support makes a difference!

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President's Note

Where, oh where, did the summer go? School is back in session already so we are excited about the MLP children having the best education facilities after years of preparation. While summer break is over, summer itself is absolutely not and we at MLPA have plenty of events and volunteer opportunities in the coming months.

Two more concerts in the park (August 25, September 22), and a BIG family-friendly extravaganza to close out the outdoor centennial events on October 20. A [New Neighbor Welcome](#) is planned for the Family Dog (August 24) where you can meet many of the residents both new and old, as well as many of the hard working volunteers on the MLPA board, who work tirelessly to make Morningside the best intown place to live!

Last year's hugely successful [Battle of the Paddle](#) pickleball tournament returns on September 30, with neighbors Lori Zwecker and Gigi Schwartz leading the charge to bring attention and fun to the Lenox-Wildwood courts.

Halloween will usher in our first and hopefully ongoing annual signature [5K Monster Dash](#) on October 28. Registration is open and getting an amazing response, so don't miss out on the chance to run, walk or stroll (with your children) - or show off your Halloween creativity on you and your pet.

And finally, a HUGE thank you to Sejal Patel and her entire [Centennial Ball](#) team for planning what promises to be an amazing evening of entertainment at Callanwolde Fine Arts Center on November 10, celebrating the 100th anniversary of Morningside-Lenox Park! Tickets are on sale and based on early data the 265 tickets will not last long! *If you are an MLPA member and plan to attend, buy your ticket NOW, as the promo code you received in your inbox last week will expire on August 25.*

Our Security Team has kicked off the fundraising campaign for additional LPR cameras, so please continue reading for more details and information to help make our neighborhood safer.

The street sign toppers are all in place acting as a lasting reminder of the centennial anniversary and defining the best intown neighborhood Atlanta has to offer, Morningside-Lenox Park. See more below!

Whew! I'm exhausted just thinking about all those amazing events and accomplishments so just imagine the time, energy and resources your MLPA membership brings to the entire community! Oh, wait ... not a member? No problem ... [join today](#) and help us at MLPA continue to expand the events and improvements that make our neighborhood one of the most sought after addresses in the country!

Dr. Donald Campbell, president@mlpa.org





Engage with Our Community's Future: MLPA Board & New Charitable Foundation Leadership Opportunities

Dear Morningside-Lenox Park Association Members,

As we prepare for the year ahead, we're excited to share even more ways for you to get involved and make a lasting impact on our community.

MLPA Board Openings: We continue to seek dedicated individuals to join our MLPA Board for 2024. The positions available are as follows:

- **Membership Chair:** Help create a sense of belonging and community by growing MLPA membership levels and working to welcome new members and ensuring all voices are heard.
- **Technology Chair:** Use your digital expertise to drive our IT and Technology strategy, enhance our online presence and enable key communication strategies.
- **Potential New Board Positions:** We are also exploring opportunities to expand our board with new roles, including:
 - **Marketing Chair:** Develop strategies to promote MLPA events and initiatives, elevating community awareness.
 - **Business Sponsorships and Partnerships Chair:** Forge connections with local businesses, fostering collaboration and growth and helping lead our sponsorship program.
 - **Volunteer Coordinator:** Coordinate and engage volunteers for MLPA projects and events, strengthening community involvement.

If you're enthusiastic about shaping our community's future, we encourage you to step forward and contribute your unique skills to these positions. To express your interest or learn more about these roles, please reach out to our Nominating Committee chair, Brandon Dhande, at bdhande@gmail.com.

New Charitable Foundation: We are excited to share that we are considering the establishment of a 501(c)(3) Charitable Foundation. This foundation would be dedicated to supporting initiatives that benefit our community, ranging from education and cultural programs to environmental conservation and beautification projects.

We are actively seeking visionary leaders to spearhead the foundation's efforts. If you have a passion for making a positive impact and a desire to shape our community's philanthropic endeavors, we invite you to consider leadership roles within this new organization. Your guidance will help us create a stronger, more vibrant community for years to come.

To express your interest in leadership roles within the Charitable Foundation or to learn more, please contact Brandon at bdhande@gmail.com.

Your involvement in both the MLPA Board and the new Charitable Foundation is a powerful way to contribute to the growth and well-being of Morningside-Lenox Park.

Warm regards,
Brandon Dhande
MLPA Secretary and Nominating Committee Chair



Street Sign Toppers

A lot of our neighborhood street signs are looking super chic now with their new 'Morningside-Lenox Park' toppers! These were not installed by the City, though. Thanks to the time, energy and efforts of MLPA Master Plan Implementation Chair **Camille Richardson**, MLPA Security Chair **Phyllis Wingo**, and MLPA Neighborhood Watch Lead **Sue McHale**, about 70 street sign toppers were added around the neighborhood as a placemaking project to increase awareness of MLP.

Furthermore, these signs were fully-funded by the neighborhood association - your MLPA! We had been quite envious of all the other neighborhoods who have had their signs for years. So we hope you'll take as much pride in them as we do - and perhaps we'll see even more in the future! (Our neighborhood is huge, comparatively.)

Appreciation also to Alex Wan and Lance Orchid in our City Council office for their help with the permitting process. What a great, visible way to commemorate our neighborhood's centennial!



License Plate Readers Campaign

The Morningside-Lenox Park Association is launching a campaign to raise money for the installation of 3 additional license plate reader (LPR) cameras in our neighborhood. The total cost is \$25,500. Thanks to Alex Wan, we already have one-third of that amount. We are asking the whole community to pitch in.

Our current fund-raising goal: \$17,000

How can you make a tax-deductible donation?

Please send a check made out to the Atlanta Police Foundation and a completed [MLPA LPR Donation Form](#) by mail to:

MLPA
Attention: LPR Fund
P.O. Box 8156
Atlanta, GA 31106

We can also accept donations for the LPRs through Zelle or with a credit card through Eventbrite. *Donations through Zelle and by credit card are NOT tax deductible, however, because the MLPA is not a 501c3 organization.*

- If you wish to donate through **Zelle**, please use our treasurer's email address (treasurer@mlpa.org) in Zelle to make your contribution. Please indicate that this is for the LPR campaign.
- If you wish to donate by using a credit card through Eventbrite, [click here](#). Donations by credit card will have an 8.9% sales tax and 3% fee added at checkout.

Key LPR Campaign Partners



flock safety

These LPR cameras, which are made by Flock Security, help the Atlanta Police Department (APD) track vehicles suspected of being involved in crimes from camera-to-camera across neighborhoods. Officers are able to get updates on vehicle locations in their patrol cars. Officers on patrol nearby to cameras where suspect vehicles are seen can stop the vehicles to investigate.

Background

- APD has a network of video surveillance and LPR cameras across the City, as part of its Operation Shield program, which is supported by the Atlanta Police Foundation. Passive devices, like cameras, are effective in identifying and prosecuting perpetrators after the fact.
- Due to the generosity of neighborhood residents and businesses, Morningside already has 8 LPRs (6 are in service and 2 are being replaced with newer technology models). These cameras are located primarily on Cheshire Bridge, Piedmont, Lenox, and Monroe, plus intersections that are entrances to the neighborhood.
- LPRs cost \$8,500 each, which includes three years of maintenance.

Approved locations

APPROVED LOCATIONS

The justifications for three LPRs and the locations that have been approved by the APD and the Atlanta Police Foundation are:

- *Cheshire Bridge and Windemere* for cars turning onto Windemere from Cheshire Bridge because of the high number of crimes along Cheshire Bridge
- *N Rock Springs and Piedmont* for cars turning onto N Rock Springs from Piedmont because of the high number of crimes along Piedmont
- *E Rock Springs between Cumberland and Briarcliff* for cars coming into the neighborhood from Briarcliff because E Rock Springs is the only major through street in Morningside that does not have a camera



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Atlanta BeltLine, Inc. Subarea 6 Master Plan Review Period Update

Greetings Subarea 6 Residents:

The review period of the Draft Subarea 6 Master Plan has concluded. The Atlanta BeltLine, Inc. team has received valuable feedback from the public through mid-July 2023. We greatly appreciate the community's effort throughout the planning phase of this process. The input received will be reviewed carefully and the draft Subarea 6 Master Plan will be revised. We will keep you abreast of the revised plan, which is slated to be produced this fall. After which, staff will return to the neighborhood groups/NPUs to share the update.

Again, thank you for your commitment and feedback throughout this process. Stay tuned for updates along the way!

Sincerely,
Brittany Brewster
Community Engagement Manager
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NPU, ATLDOT and DeKalb County SPLOST Surveys

Neighborhood Planning Unit Resident Survey

If you live in the City of Atlanta, please complete this survey on Neighborhood Planning Unit (NPU) system awareness and participation, meeting perception and your community's primary needs.

[TAKE THE SURVEY](#)

Atlanta DOT Micromobility Survey:

The Atlanta Department of Transportation (ATLDOT) seeks insight into how Atlanta's residents and visitors use shared e-bikes, e-scooters, and other shared micromobility resources.

Currently, shared micromobility options in the City of Atlanta include dockless e-scooters and e-bikes (operated by Bird and Lime) and formerly included docked bike share with non-electric pedal bikes operated by Relay Bikeshare (ceased operations in May 2023).

ATLDOT values your opinion! Please take a few minutes to complete our survey designed to gain public feedback about the current [ATLDOT Shared Micromobility Program](#).

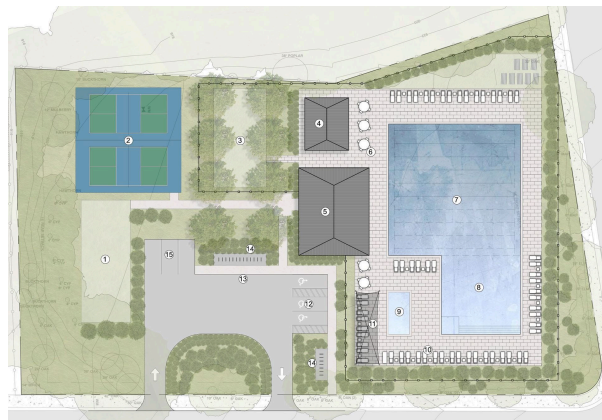
[TAKE THE SURVEY](#)

DeKalb County SPLOST

If you're a Morningside resident in DeKalb County, give input for SPLOST funds use.

DeKalb County is currently evaluating needs and opportunities for SPLOST II (Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax), a one-cent sales tax that provides funding exclusively for infrastructure and community projects.

YOU can help elected officials prioritize the next set of SPLOST funds by voting for your priorities by taking [this short survey](#). Make sure to fill in the open field below the choices to make specific suggestions (e.g., "please help us with our sidewalks!").



Virginia-Highland Pool Proposal

Many thanks to John Closs from the newly formed Virginia-Highland (VaHi) Pool Association for attending our monthly MLPA meeting this week and sharing a proposal to develop a community pool. Here are some excerpts from the presentation:

Value to the Community

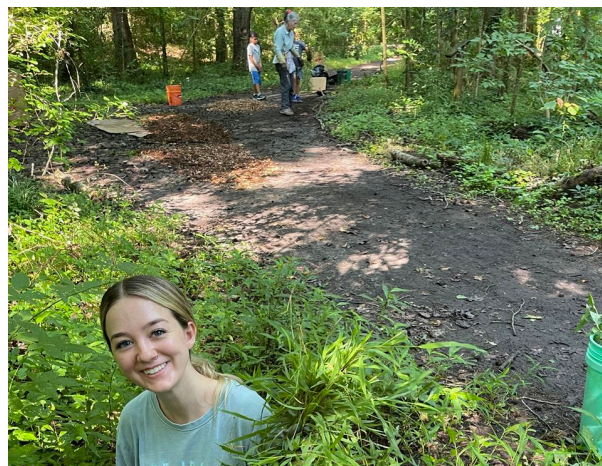
- Promotes Water Safety: The pool will help kids develop a lifelong skill.
- Creates Jobs: The pool will provide jobs for neighborhood youth.
- Promotes Social Interaction: The pool will be a great place to meet and socialize with neighbors.
- Fosters Community Events: The pool and pool house can be used for year-round events.
- Enhances Property Value: A community pool will be an attractive feature to future buyers.

Nearby Outdoor Pools

- Piedmont Park
 - Semi-Public
 - No swim team or lessons, short season, crowded
- Garden Hills
 - Semi-Public
 - Not nearby, memberships and lessons fill up fast (<5 min)
- Inman Park
 - Private
 - 8 year wait list
- Lake Claire
 - Private
 - 3 year wait list, not nearby
- Venetian
 - Private
 - 9 year wait list
- Ansley Country Club
 - Private
 - \$50k+ initiation fee
- Druid Hills Country Club
 - Private
 - \$50k+ initiation fee

To learn more about the pool, view a potential site plan, provide input, and learn how you can support/get involved visit vahipool.org. Any questions about the project can be directed to info@vahipool.org.

Parks





Herbert Taylor and Daniel Johnson (HTDJ) Parks

This **Saturday, August 19 from 10:00am - 12:00pm**, bring the entire family to Herbert Taylor Park to serve as citizen scientists in the [Great Southeast Pollinator Census](#). Organized by the University of Georgia, this is a chance for everyone to observe the hard work of insects including bees, moths, and butterflies. It's also a great way for kids of all ages to learn the vital role these creatures play in the health of our neighborhood and planet. You just pick a plant, watch it for 15 minutes and count the number of insects you see on it - and try to identify the insects if you can (but you really only need to identify groups like carpenter bees or butterfly, for example). Plus, it's just plain fun to watch them flit from plant to plant spreading pollen!

Volunteers will be on hand with pointers and have census forms / markers - 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. And follow us on our new Facebook page [here](#).

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Mosquito Bite Prevention (United States)

Not all mosquitoes are the same. Different mosquitoes spread different viruses and bite at different times of the day.

Type of Mosquito	Viruses spread	Biting habits
 <i>Aedes aegypti</i> , <i>Aedes albopictus</i>	Chikungunya, Dengue, Zika	Primarily daytime, but can also bite at night
 <i>Culex</i> species	West Nile	Evening to morning

West Nile Virus in Orme Park, Virginia-Highland

*The following information from the NPU-F Parks, Trees and Environment committee seeks to inform and educate our community, but **not** to cause alarm.*

A couple of weeks ago, the Fulton County Board of Health detected the West Nile Virus in mosquitos in Orme Park - located in Virginia-Highland. Following the positive test, a spraying protocol to protect the public was activated and is currently ongoing. We are told the West Nile virus has most likely been present for years. It has been detected in all the contiguous United States, except in Alaska.

Anyone going to Orme Park should make certain they are protected from mosquitos through clothing or mosquito repellent.

Orme Park is the only NPU-F area park where West Nile Virus surveillance is occurring. However, this does not mean the mosquitos in our other area parks are not carrying the virus.

However, this does not mean the mosquitoes in our other area parks are not carrying the virus. Note the West Nile Virus is carried by the Culex mosquito species. The Culex species is active and bites from dusk to dawn, that's evening to morning. For more information from the CDC about mosquito bite prevention, [click here](#).



Meet the Board: Ryan Murphy

Check out this Q&A with board member, Events Chair **Ryan Murphy**! All of the events that the MLPA hosts would not be possible without him leading the charge. (Keep reading. There are so many!)

How long have you lived in Morningside? *We moved here March 2020 from the NYC area.*

Where are you from originally? *Originally from Florida, but spent the last 20 years between Massachusetts, Washington D.C., Philly, New York City, and New Jersey.*

Where did you go to school? *I studied Materials Science & Engineering at the University of Florida, graduating with a B.S. in 2002. I continued my studies at the University of Massachusetts Amherst, and received an M.S. and Ph.D. in Polymer Science & Engineering in 2007.*

Tell us about your family. *They are the best!! I've been happily married to my wife, Mimi, for 10 years - we have two amazing sons; Jack (4) and Louis (7) who are both either current or future MES Dolphins.*

How many years have you served on the board? *This is my 3rd year as Events Coordinator.*

How do you spend your time when you're not volunteering to serve our neighborhood? *Cooking, exercising, listening to music, exploring the restaurants and culture around the Atlanta area.*

What do you enjoy most about living in Morningside? *The history and beauty of the houses and parks/trees. The neighborhood community is also really fantastic. We are very proud Morningside residents*



New Neighbor Social - August 24

New to the neighborhood? If you moved to Morningside in the past 12 months, we'd like to welcome y'all with some Southern hospitality (COMPLIMENTARY drinks and appetizers) at **The Family Dog** in Morningside Village, on **Thursday, August 24** from **6:30-8:30pm**. Meet new neighbors and representatives of the MLPA Board at this free, family-friendly event. We are glad you're here and hope to see you there!

[REGISTER HERE](#)



Fall Concert in the Park - August 25

Our popular Concert in the Park series returns on **Friday, August 25** from **6:00-8:00pm** at **Sidney Marcus Park!**

Bring your picnic blankets, chairs and extra drinks to enjoy music from the [Albert White Band](#).

...ing your friends and family, friends and other friends to enjoy... [playing the blues with a brass and horn section!](#)

Purchase dinner from the [Bow Thai](#) food truck - and [King of Pops](#) will be there, too!

These concerts are FREE thanks to our members.



Battle of the Paddle Pickleball Tournament - September 30

Mark your calendars for the 2nd Annual Battle of the Paddle on **September 30** at **Lenox-Wildwood Park**! We would love to see more of our neighbors from Morningside-Lenox Park play in the tournament this year. This is a wonderful community gathering, with great pickleball and food available for purchase from **Kale Me Crazy** (11:00am - 2:00pm)!

All levels (Beginners - Advanced)

Women's, Men's and Mixed Doubles

Even if you don't play pickleball, join us to spectate and cheer!

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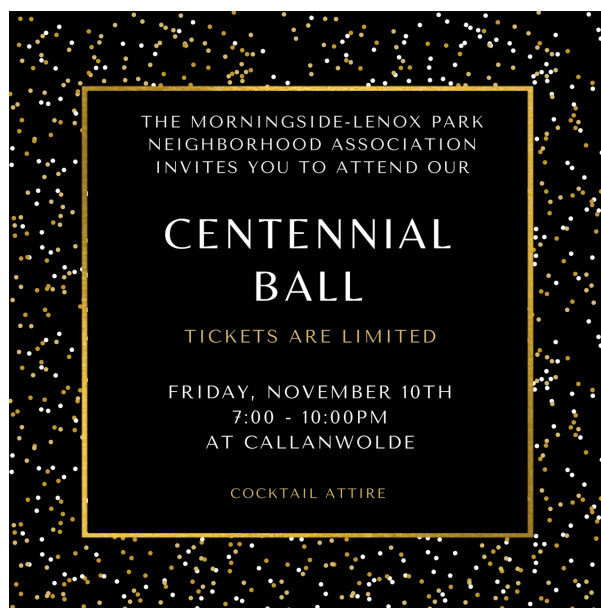


Monster Dash 5K - October 28

Save the date for the 5k Monster Dash in Morningside-Lenox Park on **October 28!** Embrace the Halloween spirit as you lace up your running shoes and wear your favorite costume for this spooktacular (timed) event. By participating, you'll be supporting the parks in our neighborhood. **Early birds, secure your spot and enjoy reduced registration fees until August 31.** Don't miss out on the fun and the chance to give back to our community. Click the button below to register!

[REGISTER HERE](#)

[PLEASE VOLUNTEER HERE](#)



Centennial Ball - November 10

ON SALE NOW! Get fancied up and join us on **Friday, November 10th at 7:00pm** for an epic party at **Callanwolde Fine Arts Center**. We will have **live music from One Nation Party Band**, catering by Morningside's own **Dennis Dean** and an **open bar**.

MLPA members can use code 'MLPAMEMBER' for \$15 off/ticket until August 25. We expect this event to sell out - so get your tickets today!

[BUY TICKETS](#)

Zoning

Any neighbors interested in zoning variance outcomes should come to the Committee's 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.

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](#).



Atlanta Public Schools Updates

Friendly PSA from the MLPA: Please be mindful if you are dropping off or picking up your child(ren) from school that you obey parking requirements in addition to not blocking neighbors' driveways. All should be aware and stop for pedestrians at crosswalks.

[Atlanta school board approves property tax increase](#) (Dyana Bagby, *Rough Draft Atlanta*)

[District names Battle interim superintendent](#) (Shalin Bhatia, Shea Edwards and Abby Hyken, *the Southerner*)

A movie poster for 'My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3' featuring the main cast members. The poster is on the left side of a dark blue promotional graphic. The graphic includes text about a movie screening at Tara Theater, dates, times, and contact information for tickets.

**Chatel Group
Welcomes
Tara Theater
Back to the Neighborhood**

Saturday, September 9
12:30PM
Tara Theater
2345 Cheshire Bridge Rd NE,
Atlanta, GA 30324

**LIMITED tickets
Courtesy of Chatel Group**

First come, first served basis
TEXT Name and # of tickets
to 404-793-2929 to RSVP

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Sponsor Special: A Movie with Chatel Group at Tara Theater

Join the [Chatel Group](#) on **Saturday, September 9 at 12:30pm** as they host a FREE private, premiere viewing of My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 to celebrate the Tara Theater's return to the neighborhood! Tickets on a first-come, first-served basis. Please text your name and number of tickets to 404-793-2929. They are limited!



Morningside Farmers' Market Special Updates

Saturday, September 30th from 8:00-11:30am. [Morningside Farmers Market](#) will savor autumn with a fun filled market day celebrating fall vegetables and delicious foods made on the spot. Every Saturday the market features 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 while selecting vibrant produce from Diamond Hill and Row by Rowe Farms and pastured meats from Grateful Pastures and Riverview Farms. Let the kids play in the bounce house while you sip on San Francisco Coffee and munch on pastries from Chef Linton Hopkins' The Buttery ATL. 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 or a salad from Daily Chew?

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.

Neighborhood Meeting Schedule

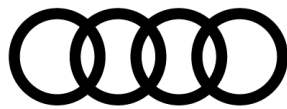
All neighborhood meetings are open to the public and your involvement is always welcome. There will be a public comment period at the beginning of each MLPA Board meeting if you would like to share an idea or concern. Or just join us to learn more. We hope to see you there!

- **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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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](#)
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- [Atlanta Public Schools](#)



Join MLPA or Renew Membership

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

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