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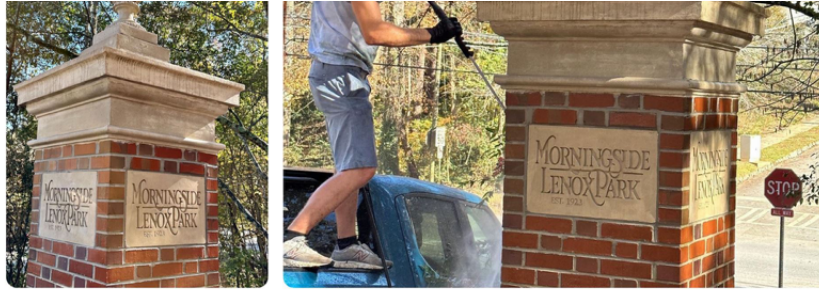
December 2023

Oh, what a year it has been! Morningside-Lenox Park turned 100 and our future is bright. Perhaps you will resolve to get more involved in 2024 - we'd truly love that!

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Huge thanks to Dieter Quinn who answered our call to action for monument cleaning! He did an awesome job. We have more monuments to clean if anyone else loves to power wash! (We know you're out there.) Email volunteer@mlpa.org to help!

President's Note

As 2023 draws to a close, we are grateful to all the Morningside-Lenox Park residents who have helped to make this centennial year memorable. It was a year packed with events, activities, volunteer opportunities and the potential to have meaningful impact on the community we all call home. We have partnered with our surrounding communities on many fronts, most recently highlighted by the holiday meals delivered to our Zone 6 officers. Thanks to Phyllis Wingo, Marc Tammes and Kay Stephenson for their involvement and DBA Barbecue for their participation and generosity in this annual tradition.

It is my sincere hope that 2024 will provide us more opportunities to increase engagement and reach out to more of our neighbors through our community events and public forums. There is power in numbers and if this past year is any indication, our voices matter and we can have an impact on the businesses, parks, government and security that affect us every day. The work of MLPA continues to benefit all those who live in the neighborhood, and yet we are still stalled at 28% participation through membership.

In the coming year, we will welcome three new board members dedicated to increasing engagement and elevating the value of membership. **Kristen Pollock** as [Membership Chair](#), **Eric Lewis** as [Marketing Chair](#) and **Nick Vachon** as [Business Partner/Sponsorship Chair](#). Building a sense of community and the value of "knowing one's neighbor" is our underlying goal.

Have a wonderful and safe holiday season! Looking forward to a prosperous and healthy 2024.

Dr. Donald Campbell, president@mlpa.org

Annual Meeting Review

Thanks to all of our neighbors, elected officials and city representatives who joined our Annual Meeting last month at Morningside Presbyterian Church. The following is a snapshot review of the hard work your neighborhood association and its volunteers contributed to help ensure

Morningside is a desirable place to live. And these are just some of the slides from our meeting, so know that we're doing even more on your behalf (e.g. communications, membership, zoning, security, master plan implementation and traffic calming).

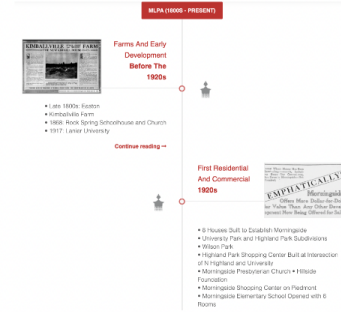
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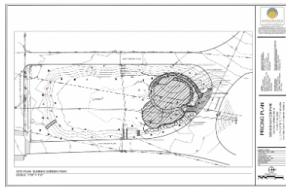
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PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE ENCOURAGE YOUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS TO JOIN THE MLPA. The more support we have, the more we can accomplish! Basic memberships are only \$75/year.



Volunteer Appreciation

The MLPA Board is excited to recognize the valuable volunteers who made our centennial year such a huge success! Whether they put on events, attend zoning cases, implement our Master Plan, serve as a street captain, work in our parks or assist with communications, security, traffic calming and membership, we appreciate them and their commitment to Morningside (this year and every year)! Volunteers received an Evite and the RSVPs are rolling in. **Will you help us in 2024? Please email volunteer@mlpa.org with your area of interest and we will welcome your involvement!**



Centennial Ball

Do you fear that you missed out not attending our Centennial Ball? Well, you did! We had a blast celebrating Morningside's 100th birthday with neighbors on November 10 at Callanwolde! It was a magical evening of history, community and dancing the night away! Check out the [gallery of pictures here](#). And don't worry, plans are already in the works for another fun neighborhood party in 2024. You won't want to miss it either - stay tuned!





Updated Walking Tour

The walk through Morningside-Lenox Park's history was originally written in the early 1990s. It was researched by MLPA stalwarts Pam & Jim Auchmutey, Bill Chalker, Mary Huntz, Don & Syd Janney, Betty Layng, David Robertson, Genevieve Scully, Kenneth H. Thomas, Jr. and Brian Randall for publication around the time of the Atlanta Olympic Games (1996).

The 2023 version was updated by Pam Auchmutey, Don Campbell, Debby Eason, Syd Janney, and Barb Tucker. Brian Randall designed the original map.

The entire walk is around six miles, but feel free to break it into sections. We suggest beginning at Smith Park, the neighborhood gateway, but begin wherever you would like. The important thing is to get out, enjoy our neighborhood and learn some of the background of the sites within our borders.

[CLICK HERE](#) for the updated map in honor of Morningside's Centennial.





Amsterdam Walk Redevelopment Resident Meeting

SAVE THE DATE: January 10 (evening)

The MLPA and VHCA (Virginia-Highland Civic Association) will jointly host a community meeting to discuss the Portman redevelopment project at Amsterdam Walk. Time and location to be announced via social media and email.

CONTACT ATL311

HOW TO SUBMIT A REQUEST:

CALL 311 OR (404-546-0311)
MONDAY-FRIDAY, 7:00 A.M. - 7:00 P.M.

FAX 404-221-9518

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Icons for Instagram, Facebook, Nextdoor, WhatsApp, YouTube, Twitter, and the ATL311 app.

ATL311 Task Force

Help us help you! We are creating an MLPA ATL311 Task Force to monitor infrastructure issues in our neighborhood. Thanks to our friends in Piedmont Heights for sharing their expertise!

Public Right-of-Way Issues to Report

- Road repaving and restriping, potholes, and sinkholes.

- Downed streetlights, street signs, and traffic lights.
- Damaged water drains, drain covers, and fire hydrants.
- Graffiti on bridges, road signs, and abandoned buildings.
- Overflowing trash and dumping.
- Broken/dangerous sidewalks and street obstructions.

What to Include in Your Report:

- Photo of issue
- Exact location: address, intersection or photo of pin on the map
- Description of the issue and impact.

Two Ways to Report:

1. Submit an issue directly to ATL311, then [email us](#) the information and case number.
2. [Email us](#) the issue and we'll report it.

Parks



Park Pride Stewardship Academy

Congratulations to our Parks Chair, Micah Coleman (*pictured above, back center left*), for graduating from Park Pride's newly launched Park Stewardship Academy (PSA)! PSA is a leadership development program for local park advocates, and Micah represented Morningside-Lenox Park with a focus on Lenox-Wildwood Park. The first cohort of 12 park leaders completed a three-month skill-building program designed to equip each participant with the tools to engage their local parks and community. We can't wait to see what Micah learned in action!



Herbert Taylor and Daniel Johnson (HTDJ) Parks

Volunteers

Despite the rain on last month's workday, the intrepid crew pictured above made some progress removing invasive plants and uncovering small native trees and shrubs on Trill Hill. After Thanksgiving, the weather turned cold, but that didn't stop us from making more progress as we freed trees along Beech Valley with a small but mighty crew of volunteers. Keep reading and if you're interested in joining us, reach out to friendsofhtdj@gmail.com - or just show up!

Parks Maintenance

We lost another green ash along the bottomlands trail in November. Thanks to the City of Atlanta Department of Parks for getting a crew out to remove the downed tree and repair the trail.

Thanks to David Long, Georgia Forestry Commission, for consulting with Friends of Herbert Taylor Park to diagnose the problem causing so many trees to fall. The culprit is the Emerald Ash Borer, an invasive pest that is damaging green ash throughout Atlanta. There is little we can do to minimize the damage, other than continuing invasive plant removal to lower stress placed on the remaining trees.

Friends of HTDJ Meetings in 2024

Join the Friends of Herbert Taylor Park & Daniel Johnson Park as we make plans for 2024. The meetings are open but only members (those who have made a donation and/or volunteered at least once during the past year) may vote.

Normally meetings are held the first Monday of odd months unless there is a holiday conflict, like in January when we'll meet on Tuesday, 1/9/24 (postponed for New Year's Day). Mark your calendar now to join us at **7:00 PM** via Zoom:

Tuesday, January 9, 2024

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Monday, March 4, 2024

Monday, May 6, 2024 (Annual Meeting with Officer Elections)

Monday, July 1, 2024

Thursday, September 5, 2024 (postponed for Labor Day)

Monday, November 4, 2024

Upcoming Workdays

- Saturday, Jan. 13, 9am - Noon, Friends of Herbert Taylor Park & DJ Park Restoration
- Monday, Jan. 15, 9am - Noon, MLK Day in the Park, Friends of Herbert Taylor Park & DJ Park Restoration
- Wednesday, Jan. 24, 10am - Noon, Weekday Restoration

We'll meet at the kiosk (1343 Pasadena Av., NE) for introductions and instructions before setting out to restore the park. Bring water, sunscreen, insect repellent, and wear layers for changing weather. If you have a favorite garden tool or pair of gloves, bring them, but we'll have plenty you can borrow. Weed wrenches will be awaiting you—come learn how addictive uprooting invasive species can be.



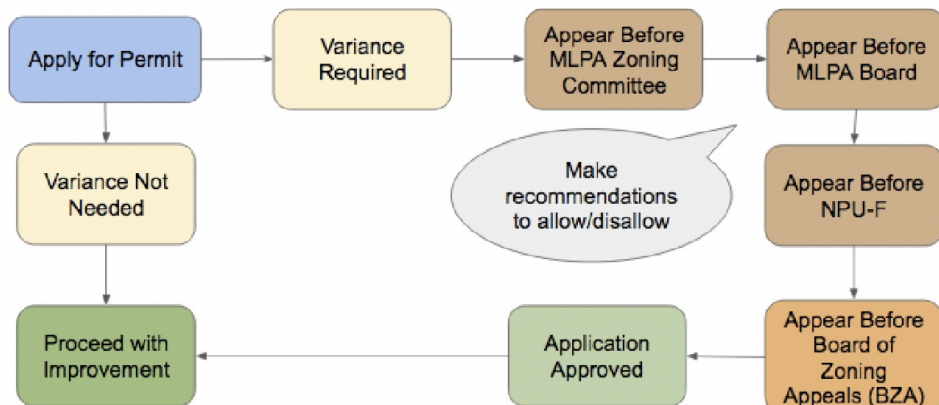
Meet the Board: Sarah Chatel

The MLPA Board would like to thank our outgoing Membership Chair, **Sarah Chatel**, for 5 years

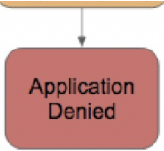
of dedicated service to Morningside. Sarah has passionately volunteered her time and enthusiasm to increase membership - meeting neighbors at our events, assembling New Neighbor Welcome Packets, spearheading sign and postcard campaigns, hosting social gatherings and more! We are grateful for her commitment to our neighborhood and appreciate her spirited involvement. THANK YOU, SARAH!



Where's Waldo? We mean, Where's Micah? When he's not overseeing our parks, see if you can spot him around the neighborhood delivering New Neighbor Welcome Packets on his bike!



The MLPA Zoning Committee, Board and NPU-F all make recommendations on Variances, but the ultimate decision is made by the BZA.



Zoning

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

- [1264 Beech Valley](#)
 - MLPA Recommendation for Approval

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.



Morningside Farmers' Market Special Updates

From Aubrey Cyphert, Market Manager

[Morningside Farmers Market](#) is your **year-round (Saturdays, 8-11:30am)** neighborhood market.

Need fresh vegetables, meats, or breads for your holiday meals or New Years celebrations? Morningside Farmers Market will be open both Saturdays, Dec. 23rd and Dec. 30th. The market is one of few Atlanta markets open through the wintertime (January through March). Warm your hands with a steaming San Francisco Roasting Company coffee, grab a croissant from The Buttery ATL and shop local this winter!

Also, did you know that our farmers market has its roots in a co-op?

In the late 1980's, Cynthia Hizer started an herb garden at the old Atlanta Waterworks in the late 1980s. As her garden grew, so did new ideas, and in 1995, she joined forces with Ann Brewer to launch *Georgia Grown Organic Produce*, a co-op of 30 farmers to serve seasonal produce to local chefs.

The coop often had extra produce after making their restaurant rounds, so they started selling to the public. By the second week, it was so successful that the farmers wanted to start selling on their own, and the Morningside Farmers Market was born. ([Learn more about our origin story and history here.](#))

Fast forward almost 30 years and a few of the same farmers are still with us alongside a newly forged group of farmers and artisans, all proud to be serving the community with the highest quality in fresh, local, and organic produce.

To run a market, it takes co-op-eration! Thank you for being an important part of our past and future to champion healthy eating, thriving farms and artisans, and most of all, a community of mutual cooperation.

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](#)

Around Town



Cirque Du Soleil Echo

Last month, MLPA members received an email with a special discount code for ticket prices! MLPA members get 20% off select seats/dates. Enjoy the show this holiday season!





Hillside’s Angel Tree: An Evergreen Gift for Children

Hillside serves children all year round. Our Angel Tree Campaign starts during the holidays, and ongoing donations help us celebrate the kids' birthdays and provide special celebrations over different holidays. Help us make this year extra special for them!

Hillside is a local nonprofit providing mental health treatment to children and adolescents struggling with depression, anxiety, suicidal ideation, and self-harming behaviors. Our 14-acre residential treatment facility in Morningside provides cutting-edge treatment to help children find their life worth living. This year, please consider making a donation to Hillside to help us create a memorable experience for our clients. Your donation to the Angel Tree Campaign will buy holiday and birthday presents, fund pizza parties, provide movies, popcorn, sweet treats, games, and all the other things that help make their stay at Hillside more comfortable.

Give here: <https://hside.org/support-hillside/>

Giving Levels

- \$85- Sponsor a child’s gifts
- \$250- Funds monthly birthday celebration
- \$500- Provides outings for our kids (Botanical Gardens, Zoo Atlanta, Hawks Games, Atlanta United)

The advertisement features a photograph of a modern building with 'Puttshack' signage and a 'THE INTERLOCK' sign. In the foreground, there are bicycle racks and a tree. The ATL DOT logo is in the bottom right corner of the photo. Below the photo, the text reads: 'THE ATLANTA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION CELEBRATES BIKETOBER WITH A NEW BIKE PARKING INVENTORY APP'. The text continues: 'Calling all cyclists and micromobility users! ATLDOT has developed **ATL Rack 'n Ride**, a new bicycle parking application that will create an inventory of Atlanta’s existing bike racks, while also allowing the public and partner organizations to suggest

potential locations for bike rack installations throughout the city.

Check out the app at bit.ly/ATLRackNRide

ATL Rack 'n Ride

ATLDOT is excited to launch ATL Rack 'n Ride, a mapped bicycle parking app that will provide a crowdsourced inventory of Atlanta's bike racks and collect suggestions on new or additional bike rack locations around the city.

Get rolling and check the app out at bit.ly/ATLRackNRide

Read more at bit.ly/3Mdpd8i



NPU University: Introduction to Comprehensive Development Planning

Join us as we examine Comprehensive Development Planning, a blueprint for urban growth and development. Explore the guide's interaction with Atlanta City Design and other citywide, neighborhood, and small-area plans. Participants will gain insights into the complexities of comprehensive development planning and its significant impact on shaping the future landscapes of cities. Register today for this informative session.

January 30, 2024 6:00-8:00pm

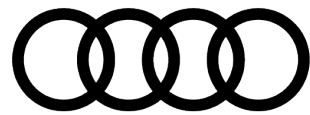
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Quick Links:

- [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](#)
- [Midtown High School](#)
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Please send questions, ideas and photos to communications@mlpa.org.

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