

MORNINGSIDE LENOX PARK ASSOCIATION

YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION NEWS

August 2024

If you're not already an MLPA member, please [join/renew](#) today! If you are a member, we really appreciate you. Email volunteer@mlpa.org to get involved!

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At our New Neighbor Social, MLPA welcomed nearly 50 residents who moved to the neighborhood in the past year - including one of Morningside's newest additions, a most adorable 10-week-old baby!

President's Note

It's hard to believe that summer has zoomed by so quickly. With school back in session and football season just around the corner, it seems like the days are flying by. Midtown High has introduced a new no-phones policy this year, and according to our school board representative, Ken Zeff, it's been a game-changer. The cafeteria and hallways are buzzing with conversations as students interact face-to-face instead of staying glued to their screens. This shift is a reminder of the value of real-life connections, and it might be worth considering a similar approach in our own lives—engaging more with family, friends, and neighbors.

Speaking of community engagement, we had a fantastic turnout at the New Neighbor Social hosted by the MLPA on Thursday, August 15. Nearly 50 new residents joined many of our MLPA board members for an evening filled with food, drink, and great conversation at [The Family Dog](#). A big thank you to the management and staff at The Family Dog for their ongoing support and contribution to Morningside Village.

We're thrilled to see some neighbors interested in volunteering for board positions and committee roles. The search for the 2025 board is underway, and we encourage anyone passionate about contributing to our neighborhood's safety, well-being, and enjoyment to reach out to our nominating committee. More information below!

As we transition from summer to fall, prepare for a busy season ahead! We have a lineup of exciting events, including Concerts in the Park, the Monster Dash 5K Run/Walk, workdays with various Friends of the Parks groups, and our first Morningside Mingle. Tickets for the Morningside Mingle will be on sale soon, and based on last year's incredible Centennial Ball celebrating our neighborhood's 100th anniversary, this is one event you definitely don't want to miss!

Looking forward to seeing everyone out and about this fall!

Donald Campbell
president@mlpa.org

2025 MLPA Board of Directors Needs You!

From now until August 31, we are accepting nominations for the 2025 Morningside-Lenox Park Association (MLPA) Board of Directors. We have several vacancies to fill and are seeking persons willing to step forward for:

Secretary
Communications
Events
Zoning
Sponsorships

Successful candidates should have:

- a commitment to maintaining a thriving, safe neighborhood
- good organization skills
- good communication skills

Being on the Board is a great opportunity to meet new neighbors and contribute to the quality of life in our community. If you are interested in being involved in a leadership role in our neighborhood, please send in your name and specific interests. If you know of someone who might be a great fit for one of these positions, please pass along their name and contact information as well. Please send nominations to security@mlpa.org. We look forward to hearing from you.

NEWS & UPDATES





Club Platinum Hearing This Week - August 20

On Tuesday this week, the next License Review Board Meeting will be held at the Atlanta City Hall. Club Platinum will be presenting their case to reopen. Please consider showing up for this meeting. **A community presence can be quite impactful. Be forewarned, Platinum has cancelled at the last minute on July 23, 2024 and August 6, 2024. We will inform you ASAP if they cancel again. We usually know several hours beforehand and will send a blast email accordingly.**

The last item on the agenda is KJBR, LLC d/b/a Club Platinum seeking to obtain a license "to operate a nightclub with liquor, beer, and wine consumed on the premises, along with customer dancing and adult entertainment, at 1905 Piedmont Road." This case will be heard as a due cause for denial of the application based on issues raised in the NPU recommendation for denial in 2022 and 2023.

AGENDA

License Review Board Agenda
August 20, 2024
Atlanta City Hall
55 Trinity Avenue
Larry Dingle Committee Room
Second Floor
5:00 pm

In addition to considering attendance at the meeting, please think about signing this petition if you have not already done so.

Signature Petition: https://bit.ly/keep_platinum_closed



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Directed Patrols - A New Service Offered by APD for Persons Who Are Traveling

As you probably already know, there has been an uptick in burglaries in Morningside this year. Since January 1, there have been a total of 14 burglaries in the neighborhood; 2 occurred at

apartments on Piedmont; one occurred at a club; and 11 occurred on interior streets. In comparison, there were three incidents in the interior by this time in 2023.

Because of the increase in the number of burglaries, the Morningside Lenox Park Association (MLPA) held a special security meeting by Zoom on July 9 to learn details about specific incidents and answer questions. About 70 neighbors joined, along with Council Member Alex Wan, Zone Commanders, and Officers from the Atlanta Police Department (APD) Burglary Unit.

During the call, Major Webster (Commander Zone 6) indicated that, given the history of burglaries in Morningside this year, Labor Day weekend may be the next time that burglaries might occur. As such, **she suggested that residents could request APD directed patrols if they were planning to travel that weekend.**

To sign up for this service, go to the new [APD online directed patrol request](#) tool. This site will ask for your:

- name
- home address
- email address
- phone number
- zone number (if you live south of Cheshire Bridge, your zone is 6; if you live north of Cheshire Bridge your zone is 2.)
- dates of travel

Then your information will be sent to the appropriate zone commander.

Of note, the vacation patrol services offered by an MLPA Security Plus membership guarantee a visit every day you are on vacation. In addition, the visit includes checking for and moving packages out of site, moving trashcans left in the street on pick-up days, and a daily email to the homeowner with a checklist of any completed activities. ([Join MLPA Security Plus Here](#))





Amsterdam Walk Correction

Last month, we reported that Portman Holdings' applications for the rezoning and redevelopment of Amsterdam Walk needed to go before a quarterly Comprehensive Development Plan (CDP) hearing in September. **This is incorrect.** The [staff report](#) was heard at the second quarter public hearing on June 5 and does not need to go through the CDP process again. Apologies for any confusion.

At this point, both papers are being held by City Council's committees (Community Development Human Resources for the land use portion and Zoning for the rezoning). It is our understanding that Portman has not completed its negotiations with the Department of Watershed Management regarding the Evelyn Street easement. Without it, the project cannot proceed as this is one of the conditioned terms: *The project will have at least two points of vehicular access, one from Amsterdam Avenue and one from Evelyn Street.*

Information on public meetings can be found [here](#) or on the City Council's [website](#).



Monroe Drive Complete Street Project

Last month, the Atlanta Department of Transportation (ATLDOT) and Councilmember Alex Wan hosted a community meeting for the Monroe Drive Complete Street Project.

The following plans were shared:

[Monroe Complete PIOH Layout 7-11-2024](#)

[Monroe Drive - Monroe/Boulevard Concept Layout](#)

For additional project information and updates, [click here](#).

EVENTS

Fall Concerts In the Park



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Concerts in the Park

Did you miss groovin' with your friends and neighbors in **Sidney Marcus Park** over the summer? We missed you! MLPA is hosting the first of two **Fall Concerts in the Park** on **Friday, August 30 from 6:00 - 8:00pm**.

Food Truck: [Viva Pita](#)

A family owned and operated Mediterranean food truck.

Band: [Jitterbug Funk](#)

Jitterbug Funk is an acoustic band that plays a mix of originals and covers ranging from folk to rock to funk. Born during the pandemic, Jitterbug Funk consists of 4 high school students and close friends.

Don't forget to bring your picnic blankets, lawn chairs and extra drinks. These concerts are FREE thanks to the support of our generous sponsors and your membership dues. Stay tuned for more details!

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Morningside Monster Dash 5K 2024

OVER 130 PARTICIPANTS ALREADY REGISTERED!

Get ready to dash through the spooky streets of Morningside-Lenox Park in the most thrilling Halloween event of the year! Join us for the second annual Monster Dash 5K, where neighbors and ghouls alike can lace up their sneakers and embrace the spirit of the season.

With festive costumes and hauntingly beautiful scenery, it's a frightfully fun chip-timed run (or walk!) that you won't want to miss. Mark your calendars, gather your little monsters (strollers and well-behaved, leashed dogs welcome), and let's make memories that'll haunt us happily ever after!

NEXT PRICE INCREASE ON SEPTEMBER 15!

Saturday, October 26

8:30am

Start/Finish Morningside Farmers' Market @ Morningside Presbyterian Church

\$40 5K Individual Registration (Through Sept 15)

\$25 5K Youth Registration (12 and under)

FREE Kids Dash (10 and under; registration required for safety)

We sold out last year - and neighbors were playing all kinds of tricks to get a race number - so don't think it's too early to snag your bibs. **Prices will continue to increase!**

[Register Here](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

AUG 30	CONCERT IN THE PARK Sidney Marcus Park 6:00 - 8:00pm
SEP 20	CONCERT IN THE PARK Sidney Marcus Park 6:00 - 8:00pm
OCT 26	MONSTER DASH 5K WALK/RUN Morningside Farmers Market 8:30am
NOV 14	MORNINGSIDE MINGLE The 1904 on Piedmont 7:30 - 10:30pm

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PARKS





Friends of Herbert Taylor and Daniel Johnson

Thanks to Infrastructure Bond, Park Improvements Begin

Moving Atlanta Forward Vote in 2022 Shows in HTDJ Park

Recent park visitors have seen these improvements, but if you haven't yet, make plans now to take a walk in the park! As shown above, there is a new plaza to welcome visitors to the Johnson Road entrance, the site of the original Herbert Taylor park dedication in April, 1987.

If you continue down the trail from Johnson Road, you will encounter stone steps (see below). These cross the drainage canal into the South Fork Peachtree Creek and serve the dual purpose of mitigating erosion and making the area accessible to hikers.



A new set of wooden stairs along Rock Creek eases passage around the neighboring private property.





At the top of the trail from Beech Valley Road near its intersection with Meadowdale, sets of stone stairs on the steep slope make entrance to this beautiful area safer, even when it's wet and covered with leaves.

Look for even more improvements over the next few months as work continues to make the park more inviting. Thanks to Atlanta voters for passing the bond and Councilman Wan for directing funds to parks.



Great Southeast Pollinator Census - August 24

The entire family can be "citizen scientists" for this project recording the activity of pollinators on one plant for 15 minutes. Organized by UGA the count documents year-to-year changes in the number of pollinators that are so important to Georgia's agriculture industry and our food supply.

You can learn more about the count on this [video](#) that will help prepare you for the census. Then join us on **Saturday, August 24th between 9:00-10:00 AM** when we'll have everything you need to do the count, including several plants that attract pollinators. We will even upload the results for you—what could be easier? Meet at the kiosk at 1343 Pasadena Ave NE.



Morningside Nature Preserve

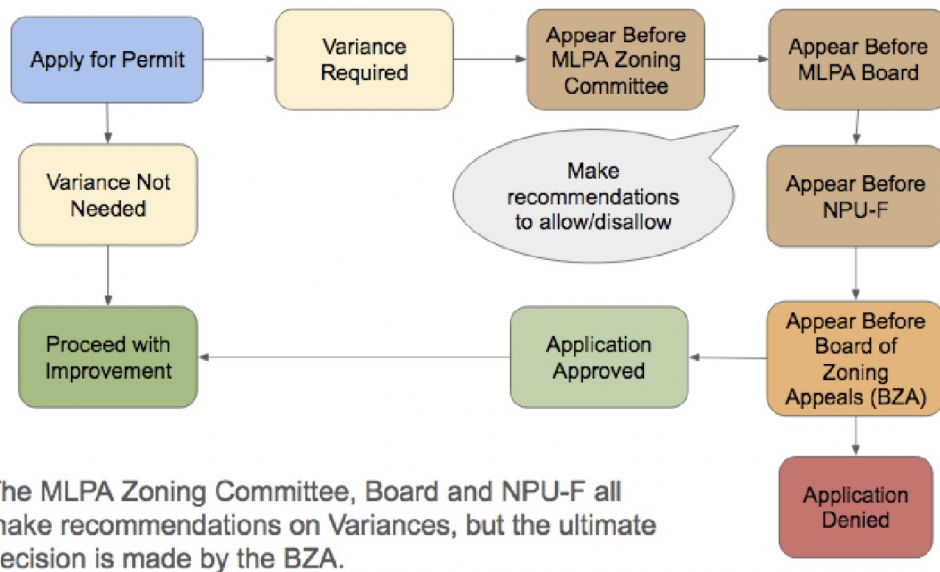
We continue to be grateful to Trees Atlanta for their efforts to maintain and restore the Morningside Nature Preserve. **On the third Saturday of each month, they host volunteers for Forest Restoration from 9:00am-12:00pm.**



You can join them, as well, to promote a healthy plant community and a sustainable forest in the Morningside Nature Preserve. Your work will improve habitat for humans who use the greenspace for recreation and wildlife that call it home. Activities include hand-pulling and cutting invasive plants such as English ivy, Chinese privet, and kudzu in a densely wooded area off trail. For more information and to register for upcoming opportunities, click the button below.

[Register Here](#)

ZONING



AROUND TOWN



Councilmember Alex Wan's District 6 Updates

Welcome to the [August 2024 edition of the Atlanta City Council District 6 eNewsletter](#). In this issue:

- Solid Waste Fee Increase
- Allure Gentlemen's Club Alcohol License Revocation
- Monroe Drive Safer Streets Project
- City of Atlanta Pension Plan
- Family Days at the Zoo
- Call for All Artists
- Save the Date: Party Like it Is 1989 for Piedmont Park

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As always, I encourage your feedback and comments. Please contact me at (404) 350-0049 or awan@atlantaga.gov if I can be of assistance. I appreciate the opportunity to be your voice in our city government.



Atlanta Public Schools Updates

If you like to plan ahead, APS has released their calendars for the next three school years: [2025-26](#), [2026-27](#), [2027-28](#).

District 3 APS Board Member Ken Zeff

- Get the newest information by [signing up](#) for his newsletter!
- Don't hesitate to reach out: kenneth.zeff@apsk12.org



Celebrate Fall Flavors at Morningside Farmers Market!

Saturday, September 28th from 8:00 – 11:30 am, 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**, **Serenbe**, and **Row by Rowe Farms** and pastured meats from **Smyly** and **Riverview Farms**. Sip coffee from **Recuerdos Cafe** and munch on pastries from **Chef Linton Hopkins' The Buttery ATL** or **Bake-N-Jam** breakfast delights. Dinner is planned for tomorrow with pasta from **Pasta Milani**, but lunchtime is right around the corner, so why not grab fresh specials from **Dandelion Food & Goods** or **Daily Chew**? For a sweet treat, visit **Elise Organic Ice Cream** for a sample or a pint to take home. Check out **Soul Food Holistic Healing** for delicious tea and **Live Well Dog** for treats.

Morningside Farmers Market has been offering organically grown produce, local meats, breads, and goods since 1995. The market is open every Saturday morning year-round at Morningside Presbyterian Church's parking lot (1411 N. Morningside Drive NE). SNAP/EBT (food stamp) dollars are doubled for an equal amount of tokens for fruits and vegetables at the information tent. The market's location offers a spacious, tree-lined setting for market goers.



Cheshire Bridge Spotlights

Nino's gets a glow up with its new Italian cocktail bar Dope Lovers

[Nine's gets a glow-up with its new Italian cocktail bar Dopo Lavoro](#)

[Six Feet Under](#) selected for a 2024 Community Design Award from the City of Atlanta!

[The Colonnade Listed For Sale as "Keep or Convert" Opportunity](#)

[Archive Atlanta Podcast: Cheshire Bridge Road](#)



Rise Up for Creek Rising 2024

Looking forward to cooler weather and some fun to welcome fall this year? Look no further than **Creek Rising**, South Fork Conservancy's premier benefit event at Zonolite Park on September 19, from 5 to 7:30 p.m.

Friends of South Fork Conservancy come together annually to support and celebrate the health of the creek and trails that connect neighborhoods along the creek, from the Atlanta Beltline to Tucker. This year, we have more exciting progress to report and celebrate!

In addition to a scrumptious meal and festive drinks, there will be chances to bid on cool getaways, gourmet restaurants, artisan quilts, and beautiful art. Don't forget about the exciting raffle prizes, including a Big Green Egg, an encounter with sea lions at the Georgia Aquarium, and a sunset tour of the Beltline. Plus, the biggest rubber duck race in Atlanta!

[Click here for tickets and more information.](#)

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:

- [Ken Zeff](#), APS Board of Education, District 3
- [Council Member Alex Wan](#), Atlanta City Council, District 6
- [State Rep. Becky Evans \(D\)](#), District 83, Serving MLP residents in DeKalb County
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Neighborhood Schools:

- [Morningside Elementary School](#)
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