

# MORNINGSIDE LENOX PARK ASSOCIATION

YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION NEWS

July 2024

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

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## President's Note

Summer is in full swing and the heat here in the deep south is nothing to ignore. Eighteen days at or above 90 degrees in the month of June, and July is on track to surpass that level. Stay cool and hydrated while you are out and about enjoying all the activities the neighborhood has to offer.

While APD has reported a decrease in most crimes across the city, we have seen an uptick in burglaries close to our homes. The MLPA Security Committee held a special meeting for residents and victims of these crimes to discuss with local officials and law enforcement officers the current status of these investigations and ideas for future preventative measures. Please be on the lookout for a separate email forthcoming with a detailed report compiled by our Security

Chair [Phyllis Wingo](#), and remember that security affects all of us. By being an MLPA Security Plus member, you are helping to pay for the private team of dedicated officers who patrol our streets daily. More members...More patrols!!

With just half the year remaining, we are looking for neighbors who are interested in volunteering for board positions which will become vacant next year. Over the previous 12 months we have heard from hundreds of residents during our various board meetings and in person events. Now is the time to get involved and have your voice reflected in the planning and future of Morningside Lenox Park!! Please email [Halley Blythe](#) from the Nominating Committee if you would like to learn more and be considered for any of the positions available.

Time flies so enjoy the last few weeks of summer vacation before school is back in session.

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



## Amsterdam Walk Follow Up

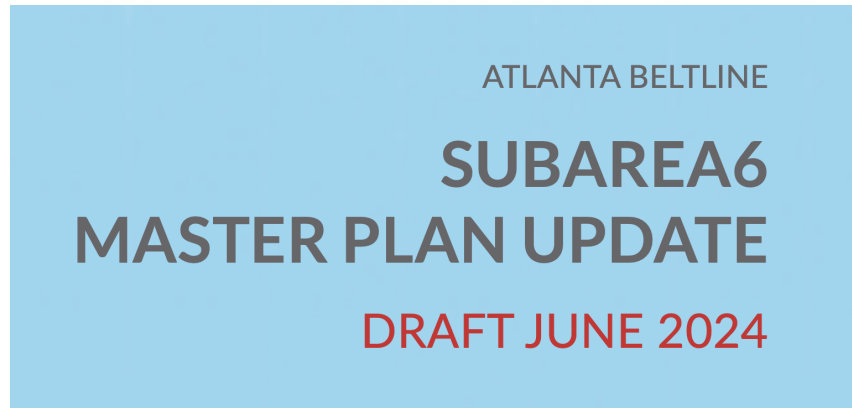
Portman Holdings' applications for the rezoning and redevelopment of Amsterdam Walk reached City Council's committees the first week of July (Community Development Human Resources for the land use portion and Zoning for the rezoning). At this point, both papers are being held.

The proposed land use change still needs to go before a quarterly Comprehensive Development Plan (CDP) hearing, the next of which won't be until September. The rezoning paper is predicated on the land use change, so that paper must also wait until after that hearing.

It is also 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

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](#).



## Beltline Subarea 6 Master Plan Update

The Atlanta Beltline has released their draft of the Subarea 6 Master Plan update. Morningside/Lenox Park is in Subarea 6 along with Ansley Park, Midtown, Piedmont Heights, Sherwood Forest and Virginia-Highland.

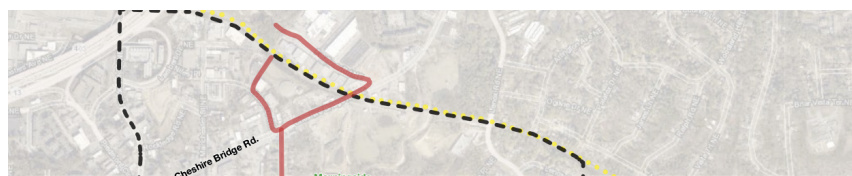
The purpose of the Subarea 6 Master Plan is:

- To build on the foundation of the 2011 Master Plan by documenting changes since adoption.
- To provide recommendations to guide growth and development for vibrant, livable mixed- use communities in the area of transit-oriented development (land use/zoning), mobility, affordable housing, and green space.

[Click here](#) to review the draft.

**The Atlanta Beltline will present the Subarea 6 Master Plan Update at this week's NPU-F meeting on July 17 at 7pm.** To attend, you can pre-register on Zoom. You will receive a meeting link once you register.

[Pre-Register Here](#)





## Take the MLPWay Survey

Do you feel passionate about making our neighborhood more walkable and bikeable? The MLPWay team wants to hear from you!

MLPWay is an initiative focused on making Morningside/Lenox Park more pedestrian- and bike-friendly. Please complete our survey to help us understand how MLP residents feel about walking, biking, and taking the bus in the neighborhood currently and where we should focus improvements.

The survey should take around 10 minutes to complete. Please share it with your neighbors!

[Survey Link Here](#)





## ATL311 Updates

The city's response system to everything from broken street signs to overflowing public trash bins is adding even more services:

- **Extended Hours** ATL311 is now open late! You can report non-emergency service requests Monday through Friday, from 7:00am until MIDNIGHT. (Previous operating hours were 7:00am - 7:00pm).
- **Non-Emergency E911** Call 404-546-0311 and select Option 2 to reach the non-emergency Police and Fire Line.
- **Introducing AVA** ATL311's new Live Agent Chat Assistant! Get real-time assistance and support from our friendly representatives. Send or receive photo documents. Representatives can initiate voice calls with customers. Supervisors can join the chat with customers if needed. Receive transcripts from live agent chat sessions.

Visit [www.atl311.com/311](http://www.atl311.com/311) or download the ATL311 mobile app.



Senior Citizen Anti-Displacement Grant

## Senior Citizen Anti-Displacement Grant

The Mayor's Office of Constituent Services has an important opportunity for our senior residents, the Senior Citizen Anti-Tax Displacement Grant. This grant is designed to provide financial assistance with property taxes for senior citizens that may be at risk of displacement due to tax liens, payment plans, or may have been turned down from other tax relief programs.

Key Details about the Senior Citizen Anti-Displacement Grant:

- Purpose: To prevent displacement of senior citizens from their homes.
- Eligibility: Seniors aged 65+, own and occupy a home in the City of Atlanta, and are delinquent on their property taxes.
- Application Period: March 2024-July 2024

For more information, [click here](#).

## Events



### Morningside Supper Club

Meet neighbors over a delicious dinner at a local restaurant! The next Morningside Supper Club is this **Saturday, July 20 at Ela at 6:30pm**. These community outings are graciously organized by MLPA member Sarah Chatel. Please [email Sarah](#) to reserve your spot or for more information.

**WELCOME  
TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD!**



## NEW NEIGHBOR SOCIAL HOSTED BY MLPA

### New Neighbor Welcome

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 (drinks and appetizers) at The Family Dog in Morningside Village. Meet new neighbors and representatives of the MLPA Board at this FREE family-friendly event.

**The Family Dog**  
**Thursday, August 15**  
**6:00-8:00pm**

We are glad you're here and hope to see you there!

[Register Here](#)





## Concert in the Park

Save the date for **Friday, August 30 from 6:00-8:00pm**, when MLPA's concert series returns to Sidney Marcus Park. 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

It's BACK! Get ready to dash through the spooky streets of Morningside-Lenox Park in the most thrilling Halloween event of the year! Join us on October 26 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!

**Saturday, October 26**

**8:30am**

**Start/Finish Morningside Farmers' Market @ Morningside Presbyterian Church**

**\$35 5K Individual Registration (Through July 31)**

**\$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 increase at the end of July!**

[Register Here](#)

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## Parks



# TREES ATLANTA

## 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](#)





## Friends of Herbert Taylor and Daniel Johnson

If you've walked Rock Creek trail toward the confluence with South Fork Peachtree Creek, you probably noticed the progress made in June by our fabulous volunteers (including the super cute helper above!). Besides cleaning up some of the remaining Japanese chaff flower, they cleaned out an area between the trail and the creek, removing privet, invasive rose, amur honeysuckle, and ivy. In doing so, we spotted fern and muscadine—we will continue to look to see what else may sprout in the area.

In addition, most of the remaining mulch pile was distributed along worn areas of the trail. Thanks to Intown Georgia Native Plant Society (GNPS) Restoration Committee member, Jane Trentin, for the plant installation along Taylor Trail to the bridge. The shade loving grasses and ferns have replaced the English ivy and privet that volunteers recently removed (their dried remains form the trail border).

For the two upcoming workdays in July - **on Wednesday, July 24 and Saturday, August 10** - we will continue to remove invasive plants before they go to seed in the fall. Note that we will begin each session at **8:00am** so we can work while it's a bit cooler. Do wear long, protective clothing as poison ivy and pesky insects abound.

Meet at the kiosk (1343 Pasadena Av, Atlanta, 30306) and bring your family and friends—we have jobs for all ages and abilities. Working in the park for a few hours is a great way for students to get a jump start on service hours for the coming semester.

And we have a lot of fun! Come learn about the flora & fauna in the park. Experienced Friends of Herbert Taylor Park will be on hand to provide guidance. Bring your favorite gardening gloves and tools or borrow some of ours—and we have weed wrenches to use!

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## Zoning

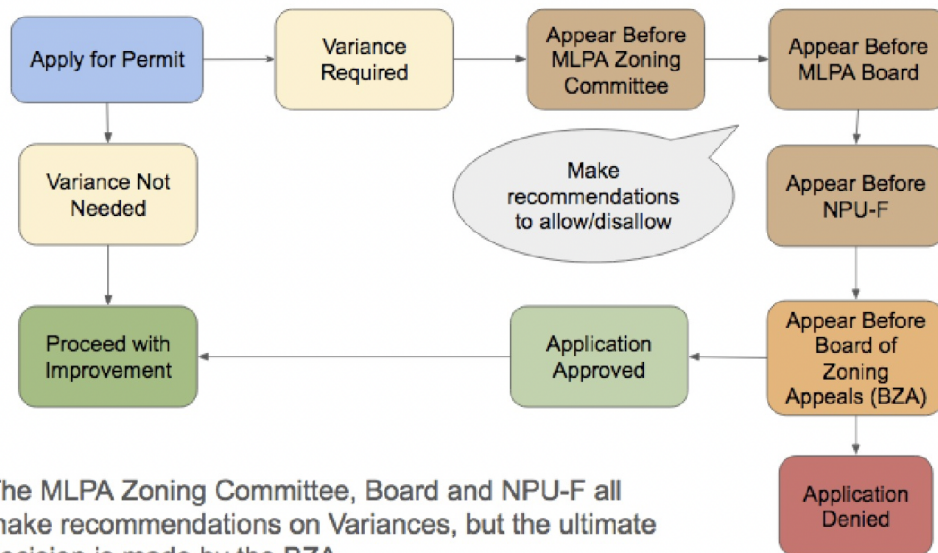




## Department of City Planning - Plan A

Last chance to submit comments for Draft 1 of the Land Use Planning and Neighborhood Planning Chapters! Visit [AtlantaForAll.com](https://atlantaforall.com) and share your feedback **by July 19**.

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## Atlanta Public Schools Updates

- The first day of the coming school year is Thursday, August 1.
- Elementary students will start at 7:45am and end at 2:15pm. High school students' day will begin at 8:30am and end at 3:30pm. No changes to middle school schedule (9:15am - 4:15pm).
- The Board unanimously appointed [Dr. Bryan Johnson](#) as APS superintendent. His tenure begins in early August.
- Join the [Back to School Bash](#) on **Saturday, July 20**. This annual celebration provides free backpacks, school supplies, and resources for APS students and their families
- Need to register for school? Summer [registration](#) is now centralized in one location to get your student set for the coming year.

### 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](mailto:kenneth.zeff@apsk12.org)

## Morningside Farmers' Market Special Updates





**What's in season?** basil, beans, bell peppers, butternut squash, cabbage, cantaloupe, carrots, cherry tomatoes, cucumbers, fairytale eggplant, flowers, garlic, heirloom tomatoes, herbs, kabocha squash, kale, microgreens, mushrooms, onions, peaches, potatoes, shishito peppers, summer squash, watermelon, zucchini, and more!

The Morningside Farmers' Market has it all and then some. Whether you're on the hunt for potted herbs or pasture-raised duck or croissants, you can find it at the market. Or just go for breakfast and grab a bagel sandwich and coffee. Support local farmers and vendors while meeting great neighbors!

*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.*

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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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### ***FRIEND***

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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
- [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](#)



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Please send questions, ideas and photos to [communications@mlpa.org](mailto:communications@mlpa.org).

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