

MORNINGSIDE LENOX PARK ASSOCIATION

YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION NEWS
April 2025

If you're not already an MLPA member, please [join/renew](#) today. If you are a member, we very much appreciate you for supporting our neighborhood!

NEWS & UPDATES



Amsterdam Walk

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On Monday, April 21, the full City Council will vote on Portman Holdings' applications to rezone and redevelop Amsterdam Walk. The current proposal for Amsterdam Walk under review (Z-23-063 and CDP-23-026) is not the project we negotiated with Portman Holdings nor the plans that we approved.

At this time, we believe any proposed redevelopment at Amsterdam Walk should comply with the land use recommendation as described in the Atlanta Beltline Subarea 6 Master Plan*, originally adopted by City Council in December, 2011 and updated at the end of last year in December, 2024. The Subarea 6 Master Plan process included a robust stakeholder engagement program, which was a critical component of providing recommendations that will implement the future vision for the area. We trust the collective and comprehensive wisdom of the six neighborhood communities that created the Beltline Master Plan in collaboration with the staff of the Atlanta Beltline and their outside urban planning consultants.

As such, the MLPA Board approved and sent [this letter](#) urging council members to uphold the City's commitment to community engagement and small area planning as noted in the Comprehensive Development Plan, "Plan A."

*As stated in the Subarea 6 Master Plan on page 39: "Given Amsterdam Walk's proximity to the Beltline, Piedmont Park and the adjacent existing single-family residential area, the future land use proposed for this area is Low-Density Mixed-Use (1-4 stories) along the southern, eastern, and western edge and Medium-Density Mixed-Use (5-9 stories) at the interior of the development. This proposal will provide pedestrian scale type uses along the southern and western edge of the site."



MLPWay Implementation

Many thanks to our MLPWay team - Andrew Gorang, Brian Ferrell, Christy Schneider McCreery, Kelly Reine and Leslie Mather - for their work to kickoff implementation of the

MLPWay with planning consultant Aaron Fortner. The MLPWay refers to the bike and pedestrian network aimed at providing safe and slow streets to access each quadrant of the neighborhood.

Please review [their presentation](#) from Monday's board meeting. It includes survey results and recommendations for Phase 1 on Cumberland Rd (including branded crosswalks, MLPWay signage, widened sidewalks at Monroe Dr and a HAWK signal at N Highland Ave). **The committee would love to hear your feedback, and of course, we need more volunteers to create working groups.** Please contact mlpway@mlpa.org.

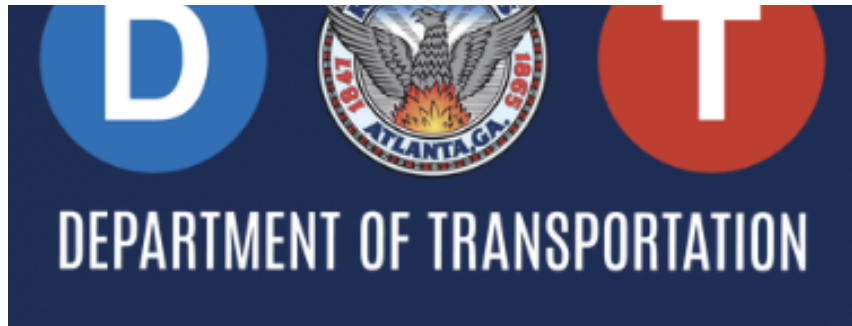


Cheshire Bridge Court Cases

A Municipal Court hearing regarding Happy Hermans, European Dry Cleaners, and Landmark Diner on Cheshire Bridge Road will be held on **Tuesday, April 29, 2025, at 9:00 AM at the City of Atlanta Municipal Court**, 150 Garnett Street, Atlanta GA 30303, Court Room 5C. The case numbers are: 25CV000455, 25CV000455A, 25CV000461, 25CV000461A, 25CV000465, and 25CV000465A.

The judges often appreciate the presence of community members during these proceedings. The solicitor's office will be prosecuting code enforcement violations for these locations, which can either result in a trial or fines.





Comprehensive Transportation Plan Survey

The Atlanta Department of Transportation (ATLDOT) is collecting feedback to inform the City's first Comprehensive Transportation Plan since ATLDOT was established in 2020. Your input will be essential to developing a better understanding of Atlanta residents' and businesses' transportation challenges, needs, and priorities. [Take the survey here.](#)

EVENTS



New Parent Brunch April 26

Join us for MLPA's annual community-building brunch for new parents on Saturday, April 26 at 10:30am at Whiskey Bird! You're welcome to attend if you're expecting or have a baby under 18m. Second- and third-time parents also welcome to attend.

Cohorts in years past have continued to keep in touch! They have shared everything from baby milestone updates to hand-me-downs to preschool recommendations.

Come ready to relax! **No babies or children, please.**

Attire is snappy-casual; "at least I made it out of the house." LGBTQ+ friendly. Birthing and non-birthing parents welcome.

[REGISTER HERE](#)



Spring Concert in the Park

Celebrate spring with our annual Concert in the Park at Sidney Marcus Park on **Friday, May 9 from 6:00 - 8:00pm**. Fun music for all and treats for the kids!

Band: [School of Rock Atlanta House Band](#)

DJ: [DJ Tight Mike](#)

Kid Activities: [Bubble Machine](#), [Face Painting](#), [Clay Station](#)

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Don't forget to bring your picnics, blankets, lawn chairs and extra drinks. These concerts are FREE thanks to the support of our generous sponsors and your membership dues.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- New Parent Brunch - April 26
- Spring Concert in the Park - May 9
- New Neighbor Welcome - August 13
- Fall Concert in the Park - September 12
- Wine Walk - September 18
- Monster Dash 5K Run/Walk - October 25

NEW THIS YEAR

- Members Only Socials + Perks

STAY TUNED

For Event Details

Save the Dates

We've got a diverse, fun lineup of events this year - mark your 2025 calendars now and keep an eye out for additional information!

PARKS



John Pappas Wins Park Pride Inspiration Award

Park Pride's 2025 Inspiration Award winners are part of the network of hardworking and dedicated community members who help us advance this mission.

Through the annual Inspiration Awards, Park Pride honors local park champions who nurture the bond between parks and communities in the City of Atlanta and DeKalb County. Each year, the winners are recognized in a dedicated ceremony at the Parks & Greenspace Conference in March.

Congratulations to our very own, John Pappas, for all of his work at Sidney Marcus Park!

John believes that the ties between a park and its community are “double-knotted,” with the community giving to the park and the park giving right back.

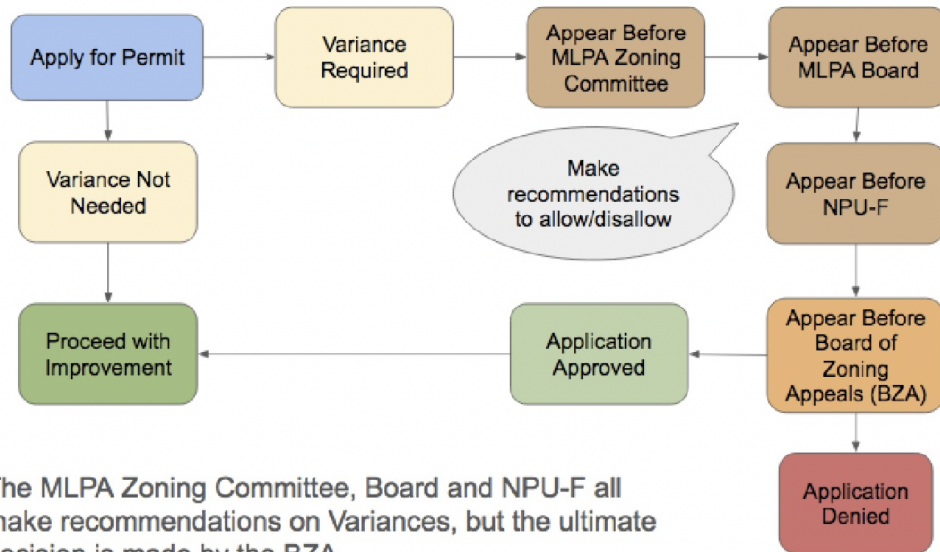
When John jumpstarted the Friends of Sidney Marcus Park in 2017, the Morningside park was overgrown and faced drainage challenges, but he could see that it was well-used and well-loved. While the park didn’t have much to offer, John quickly realized that people care about their local park and that neighbors need places to gather.

John says that he knows the park is doing its job when he sees it filled with activity – whether it’s birthday parties, Boy Scout meetings, concerts or local church celebrations.

John describes parks as pillars of our communities. This became abundantly clear during the pandemic when the Friends group began hosting quarterly food donation drives in the park in collaboration with a neighborhood food bank. With the help of many neighbors, they collected over 6,500 pounds of food and hygiene products. This is when it really hit home for John that Sidney Marcus Park was more than “just a park.”

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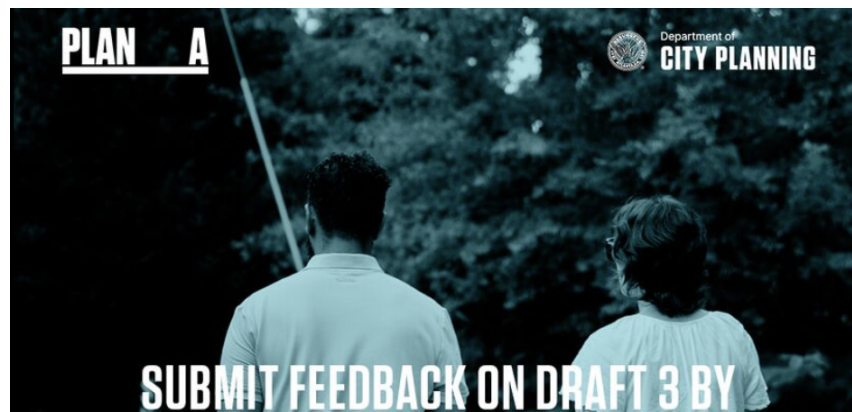
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Variance Requests

MLPA received three variance requests for review at the March board meeting:

- [V-25-058](#) 904 Plymouth Rd
 - Recommendation: Approval of pool variance; Denial of fence height variance
- [V-25-069](#) 1669 Lenox Rd
 - Recommendation: Approval
- [V-25-074](#) 1895 Wellbourne Dr
 - Recommendation: Approval





City of Atlanta's Plan A Draft 3

Have your say in shaping Atlanta's future!

The City of Atlanta's Plan A Draft 3 is now available for public review and comment through **April 30, 2025**. Plan A is an update to the City's Comprehensive Development Plan and is required every five years under state law. It guides Atlanta's physical growth and development—and your input is critical to getting it right. Review the draft and share your thoughts at [AtlantaforAll.com/review](https://atlantaforall.com/review)

MEET THE BOARD





Marc Tammes, Treasurer

Marc and his husband Michel moved to Morningside in late 2018. They previously lived in Garden Hills for 15 years, where Marc was Chairman of Civic Association Membership for several years. He holds a bachelor's in accounting from Iowa State University and a master's in finance from Indiana University. He retired from The Coca-Cola Company in 2014 after 25 years in various finance roles in Atlanta, Bangkok, Paris, and Brussels. Michel retired as business manager for Ecole du Samedi in 2023 and now teaches French part-time. Marc and Michel travel extensively in their spare time, often to California, Spain and France. Marc and Michel speak 'Franglais' at home.

AROUND TOWN

Piedmont Heights
Alliance

**VOLUNTEER
for
Beautify
CHESHIRE BRIDGE**

Saturday, May 17, 2025 | 9:30AM-NOON

Meet in The Tara Theatre Parking Lot
2345 Cheshire Bridge Rd NE

Beautify Cheshire Bridge Rd

The Piedmont Heights (PiHi) Alliance is thrilled to announce the second Beautify PiHi of 2025 on **Saturday, May 17 from 9:30-Noon**. Volunteers will be picking up trash from Faulkner to I-85 on Cheshire Bridge Road.

PiHi Alliance started Beautify PiHi in June of 2020 when the organization was less than one year old. They took their efforts to the streets to build community and give back to businesses, residents and customers by making commercial districts cleaner and more approachable. This has included cataloging over 70 ATL311 issues since 2020 and closing 50 tickets with completed work.

[**SIGN UP HERE**](#)



Morningside Farmers Market

*This **Saturday, April 19**, the market will move to the small parking lot on the other side of the Morningside Presbyterian Church (access from Wessyngton Road).*

The Morningside Farmers Market has you covered with all their farmers and producers. On any given Saturday, you might find: produce and flowers, pastured pork, beef, and freshly milled grains, mushrooms, prepared soups, casseroles, salads and pantry treats, ice cream, bagels, bagel sandwiches, breads, pastries, tarts, pasta and sauces, coffee beverages and bags of beans, spreads, shakshuka, sweets, infused vinegars, refreshing beverages, hot tea, loose-leaf tea blends and spice blends, knife and tool sharpening services, seedlings, pancake mix, bars and granola, dog biscuits - the list goes on!

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[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 from 8:00-11:30am 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.

Atlanta City Council District 6

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[Click here](#) and sign up to receive alerts, updates and newsletters - plus view past communications - from our District 6 City Councilperson Alex Wan.



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Atlanta Public Schools Updates

Midtown Cluster Advisory Team (CAT) - Engagement Committee in partnership with Council of Intown Neighborhoods & Schools (CINS) hosted a Midtown Cluster data dig. [Click here](#) for their presentation.

This year's [State of the District](#) is getting straight to the point with a series of videos where different departments will report on the key strategic efforts to make APS One District with One Goal focused on Every Child.

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: 893 6667 0233
 - Passcode: 553503
 - **MLPA Zoning Meetings** - Typically 1st Tuesday of every month, 7:00pm [Contact](#)
 - **NPU-F Meetings** - 3rd Wednesday of every month, 7:00pm, [Online via Zoom](#)
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[Email us](#) for more information.

Quick Links:

- [MLPA](#) - Morningside Lenox Park Association website
- [NPU-F](#) - Neighborhood Planning Unit F website
- [APD](#) - Atlanta Police website
- [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.

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