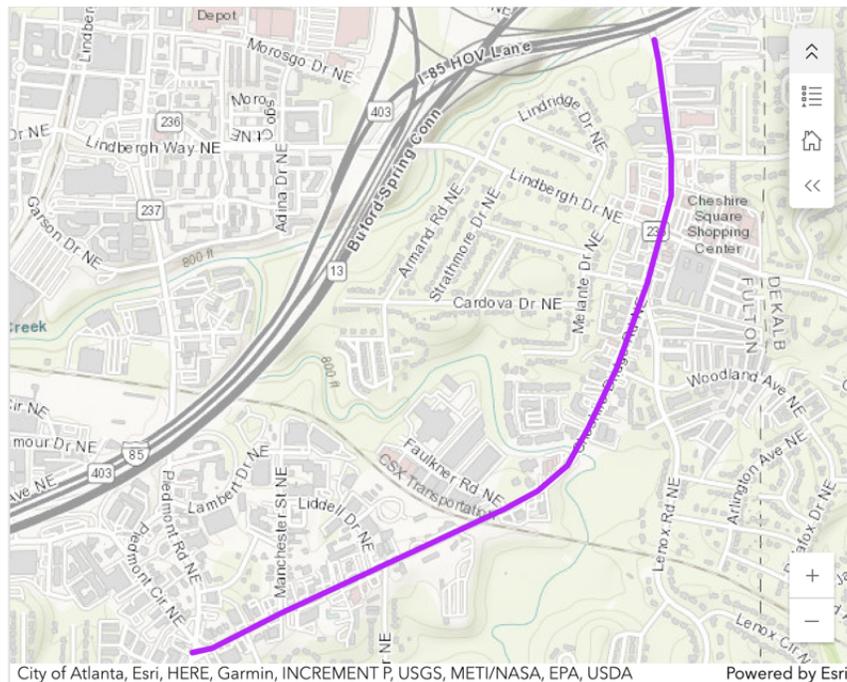


# MORNINGSIDE LENOX PARK ASSOCIATION

YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION NEWS  
**August 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



### **Cheshire Bridge Rd Resurfacing and Safety Improvements**

Atlanta DOT has launched the Cheshire Bridge Road Safe Street & Resurfacing project, which has been on the list of Moving Atlanta Forward bond projects. The project's goals are to analyze existing operational conditions, enhance safety features, and make the corridor more pedestrian-friendly. Suggested improvements include:

- **Pedestrian & Bicyclist Improvements:** Road diet, raised sidewalks, high-visibility crosswalks, colored pedestrian crossing markings, sidewalk buffers, Pedestrian Hybrid Beacons (PHB), gateway treatments, raised crosswalks, and three mid-block pedestrian crossings (at Lenox Road, Manchester Road, and Woodland Avenue).
- **Intersection Improvements:** Corner/turn wedges and hardened centerlines, and Leading Pedestrian Intervals.
- **Miscellaneous Improvements:** Retroreflective pavement markings, pavement striping (including edge lines), improved signage, lighting improvements, and pruning and maintenance of vegetation.

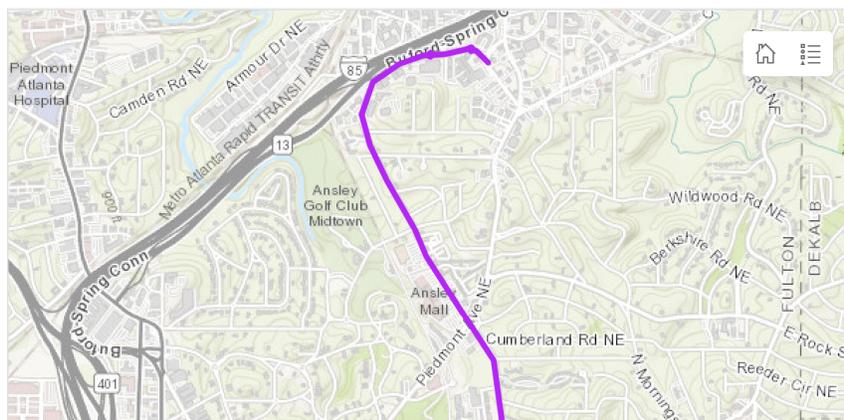
It covers approximately 1.5 miles of the 5-mile Cheshire Bridge Road Corridor from just east of Piedmont Ave, including nine intersections (Piedmont, Windemere, Manchester, Liddell and Wellbourne, Faulkner, Woodland, Lenox, Lavista, Sheridan).

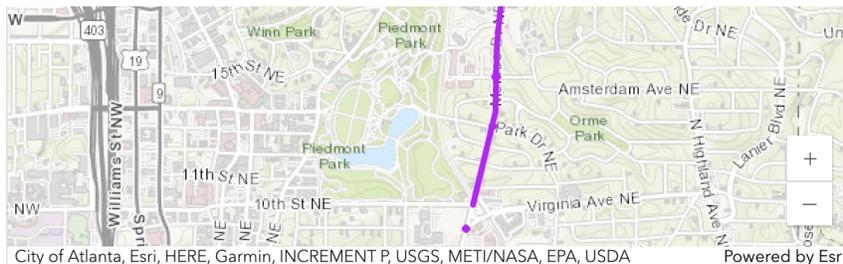
- [Community Presentation](#) (took place on July 22)
- [Project Page](#)

The Piedmont Heights Business Alliance is collecting feedback, **before August 30**, in a digital format which will be shared with ATLDOT.

- [Feedback Form](#)

Otherwise, you can send feedback directly using [this comment card](#) from ATLDOT.





## Monroe Drive Safe Street

Atlanta DOT has (finally!) completed its compilation of answers to the questions submitted during the Monroe Drive Safer Street community information meeting held earlier this summer. The department is currently working to acquire easements needed to complete the project, which will drive the construction schedule. They are also exploring sequencing options that might allow parts of the project to proceed sooner while those negotiations continue.

- [Community Meeting Questions and Answers](#) (19 pages!)
- [Preliminary Plans](#)
- [Project Page](#)



## Montgomery Ferry at Piedmont

Safety improvements pictured above are planned for the intersection of Montgomery Ferry Dr and Piedmont Ave in neighboring Piedmont Heights.



**MARTA Army Presentation**

Thanks to [The MARTA Army](#) volunteers who shared a tailored presentation at this month's MLPA meeting. They provided updates on MARTA's NextGen Bus Network changes to current routes through our neighborhood (routes 36 and 816) and the Clifton Corridor (although there is limited information from MARTA).

- [Morningside Presentation](#)

EVENTS





## Fall Concert in the Park

Friday, September 12

5:30 - 8:30 PM

Sidney Marcus Park

Sit back and relax! Grab a hot dog dinner at the park from one of Morningside's newest food ventures, [Links N' Ice](#), a food truck operated by two Midtown High students (the family's business is Knock Music House on Cheshire Bridge Rd.) Live music from the [School of Rock's Teen House Band](#), plus a DJ. [The Georgia Bubbleman](#), [King of Pops](#) and [Haygood UMC's Happy Camper](#) will be there, too. So fun for all ages! This event is FREE thanks to our MLPA members and business sponsors.



## Morningside Supper Club

Saturday, September 13

6:30 PM

Tio Lucho's | Peruvian Coastal | 675 N Highland Ave

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Join your neighbors and support local restaurants with the Morningside Supper Club!

RSVP to host Sarah Chatel at [sarah@chatelgroup.com](mailto:sarah@chatelgroup.com) or 404-784-4871. A \$25 refundable deposit will hold your spot. (If you are unable to attend at the last minute, the \$25 will go to the wait staff.)

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### Morningside Wine Walk

**Thursday, September 18**

**5:30 - 8:00 PM**

**Morningside Village on N Highland Ave**

Your friendly neighborhood business owners will be uncorking a selection of 20+ wines for you to sip and enjoy! Also enjoy live music and meet adoptable pets (proceeds benefiting PAWS Atlanta).

[CLICK HERE FOR TICKETS](#)

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## Morningside Monster Dash

Saturday, October 25

8:30 AM

Morningside Farmers' Market at Morningside Presbyterian Church

A Halloween-themed 5k race/walk through the charming streets of Morningside! Chip-timed and fun for everyone (including friendly, leashed dogs). Get the coveted Monster Dash t-shirt, too!

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)



## New Neighbor Social

Our New Neighbor Social was a huge hit! We had a fantastic turnout, and it was a joy to meet everyone. Special thank you to our friends at [Casseroles](#) for being the most gracious hosts. We feel incredibly fortunate to be part of such a warm and welcoming community.

This event was tree thanks to our MLPA members and business sponsors.

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## PARKS



### **Herbert Taylor Park Earns Recognition from Trees Atlanta**

Did you know that Herbert Taylor Park is now Trees Atlanta City Forest Certified? This

distinction recognizes efforts made by Friends of Herbert Taylor Park to support our urban forest, neighbor by neighbor.

Speaking of Trees Atlanta, their restoration team is continuing improvements along the Taylor Family Trail this season. Thanks to them, the trees along the trail are no longer choked by kudzu (although it will take several years of work before we can breath a sigh of relief)! If you see them during your walk/hike, stop and say hi.

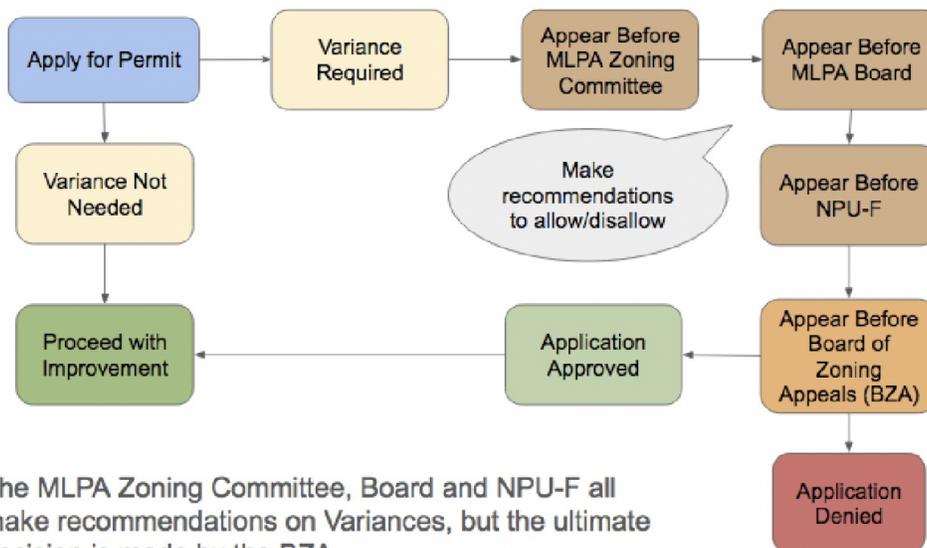
## ZONING

### Zoning Ordinance Rewrite

DRAFT I of the Zoning Ordinance Rewrite has been posted to to the project website [atlzoning.com](http://atlzoning.com). To find the draft:

- From the project website select “Zoning Drafts”
- Select “Online Zoning Drafts”
- Select “Zoning Ordinance: Revised Discussion Draft V1”

The draft will be available June 2, 2025 **through September 2, 2025**. You may use the Konveio tool to make comments and suggestions to the draft.



### Variance Requests

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There were no zoning variance requests for review at the August board meeting.

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## **MEET THE BOARD**



### **Ashley Milam, Licensing Chair**

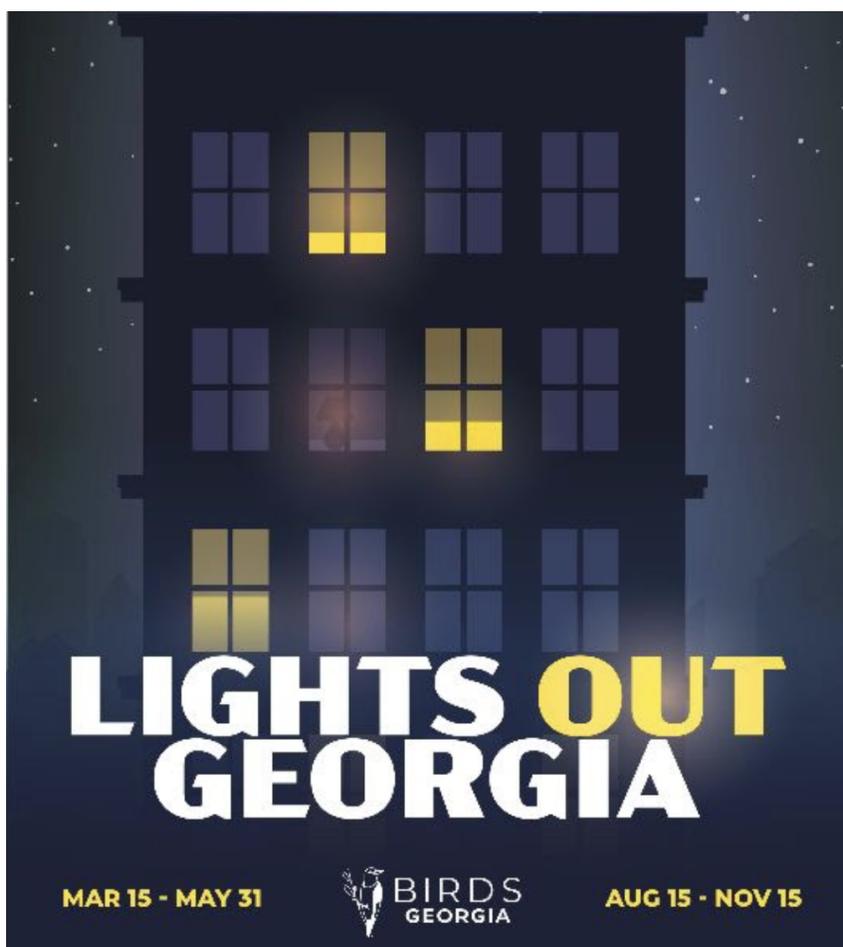
Ashley and her husband, Mark, reside in Noble Park along with their three college-age children and two doodles. Ashley's daughter attends The University of Cincinnati's Conservatory and Mark's two children attend Auburn University. Ashley enjoys heading up the licensing review process for MLPA.

As a native Georgian, Ashley received a B.A. in Journalism from Georgia State University

and then her B.S. in Nursing from Mercer University. After 6+ years as a pediatric nurse at Children's Healthcare of Atlanta at Egleston, Ashley made the leap from the healthcare world to residential lending. As a Mortgage Banker, Ashley enjoys helping others in one of life's biggest moments, purchasing a home. When not working, you can find Ashley enjoying time with family and friends, running in the neighborhood, or cheering on Atlanta United.

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## AROUND TOWN



### Lights Out Georgia

The fall migratory period began on August 15, and we encourage you to reduce or eliminate outdoor lighting through November 15 to help our migrating birds. Light pollution can cause confusion and disorientation, often leading to collisions with buildings. It can also confuse birds' internal clocks, and interfere with their ability to undertake long-distance migrations. Thank you for your efforts to help provide safe passage for migrating

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## South Fork Conservancy's Creek Rising Event

***Join us for Creek Rising – September 18***

Whether you are new to the *South Fork Conservancy*, or an old friend, we welcome you to the annual *Creek Rising* celebration and benefit at Zonolite Park this fall. It's slated for Thursday, September 18, 2025, from 5-7:30 pm.

You'll enjoy a delicious picnic supper, walk the park's trails, take part in our fabulous silent auction, and cheer your rubber duck to victory in Atlanta's largest race of its kind, right on the South Fork of Peachtree Creek.

You won't want to miss it. Help us make this fundraiser the best ever!

[www.southforkconservancy.org/creek-rising-2025](http://www.southforkconservancy.org/creek-rising-2025)

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## Morningside Farmers Market

### Meet Your Neighbors and Know Your Farmers at Morningside Farmers' Market

Visit your neighbors and get to know your farmers every Saturday from 8:00 to 11:30 am. Enjoy pastries from Little Tart Bake Shop, specialty coffee and espresso, and live music while supporting local farmers, artisans, and chefs.

This month, we are highlighting our friends at Diamond Hill Farm (pictured above):

Diamond Hill Farm is spread across two nearby farms in east Athens, GA. Over twenty farmers work the land at Diamond Hill Farm. Led by owner Carter and a core managerial team of eight, our farm crew is a vibrant mix of people at all stages in their farming journeys. Some have been farming for years, and others are just beginning to discover the joys of dirty fingernails and wriggling earthworms! Farming on two parcels of land in the Athens area, our "Veggie Teams" and our "Flower Team" work closely to keep the farm running smoothly- and everybody lends a hand where needed! Through this collaborative blend of personalities we are always learning, teaching, having fun, and setting ambitious goals for the seasons."

*[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).*

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## Atlanta Public Schools Updates

**Facilities Planning:** Atlanta Public Schools is embarking upon a Comprehensive Long Range Facilities Planning process, the purpose of which is to provide an actionable road map to improve the condition of facilities, align enrollment to capacity, and to create spaces that align to current and future programs. The scenarios were scheduled to be released this week. [Check here for updates.](#)

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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: 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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Support our awesome neighborhood with a sponsorship!

[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](mailto:communications@mlpa.org).

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