

MORNINGSIDE LENOX PARK ASSOCIATION

YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION NEWS
July 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



Updates from Alex Wan

Please see City Councilman Alex Wan's July newsletter for important updates this month (click District 6 button below but don't forget to come back!). In this issue:

- **Monroe Drive Update**
- **Property Tax Assessment Notices**
- **Cheshire Bridge Safe Streets Community Meeting**
- **Spotted Lanternfly Alert**
- **Buckhead Restaurant Week**
- **Popsicles in the Park**

District 6 July Newsletter



NEW! Morningside Community Foundation

Exciting news! Neighborhood volunteers have been working to establish a Morningside Community Foundation, and they have just received the letter from the IRS officially granting them status as a tax-exempt organization. Contributions to the foundation will benefit the neighborhood, our residents, and visitors. Funds will be raised for parks, infrastructure and other improvements to make Morningside an even greater and safer place to live. Stay tuned for more!



MARTA Army Presentation

The MARTA Army will share a brief presentation at our next MLPA Monthly Meeting on **Monday, August 11 at 7:00pm**. MARTA Army aims to empower local residents throughout Metro Atlanta to improve the transit ridership experience in their own neighborhoods; they are an independent grassroots action group. Specifically, we've asked for updates on MARTA's NextGen Bus Network changes to current routes through

our neighborhood (routes 36 and 816), in addition to any information on the Clifton Corridor. We'd love for you to join the meeting to learn more about this and what else is happening in Morningside!

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89366670233?pwd=bTSSPeODIDDFPXjHchbSHT2EmwoOD1.1>

Meeting ID: 893 6667 0233

Passcode: 553503

The MLPA holds its monthly meetings on the second Monday of every month. Our meetings are open and neighbors are welcome to join; only board members may vote. Meetings start at 7:00pm on Zoom.



Help Us Escalate Your ATL311 Cases

If you've submitted a case to ATL311 reporting a pot hole, right of way issue, problems with parks or trees, etc. and it has not been resolved, please enter your information into [this neighborhood spreadsheet](#). It is our hope to escalate a compilation of outstanding issues for resolution. (We won't hold our breath for ATLDOT or Watershed issues, but we'll grasp at any straws.) Thanks to neighbors who have utilized the form and are helping us track!

Also, if a pothole has damaged your car, you can file a claim with the City for repair costs

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EVENTS



New Neighbor Social

Did you move to the neighborhood this past year (~June 2024 to now)? We are welcoming you with some southern hospitality! Join us for a special **New Neighbor Reception**, where you can meet fellow residents, connect with community leaders and learn more about all that our neighborhood has to offer. This is a great opportunity to make new friends and feel at home. Appetizers and drinks provided - plus live music!

Thursday, August 14th

6:00 - 8:00 PM

Casseroles - 1393 North Highland Ave NE

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)



Monster Dash 2025

PRICE INCREASE JULY 31st!

Saturday, October 25th | 8:30 AM

Morningside Farmers' Market at Morningside Presbyterian Church

1411 N. Morningside Dr.

Get ready for thrills, chills, and cardio! The **Monster Dash 5K** is back—and it's going to be a *frightfully* fun morning for the whole family.

Whether you're a serious runner, a casual walker, or just in it for the costumes and community spirit, this chip-timed Halloween-themed run/walk winds through the beautiful streets of Morningside-Lenox Park, blending fitness with festive fun.

Costumes encouraged!

Kid-friendly and stroller-friendly!

Walkers, runners, and (leashed) furry friends welcome!

Prizes, music, and post-race treats included!

All ages and pace levels are welcome, and the race is open to residents, visitors, and monsters alike. So lace up those sneakers (or skeleton feet), gather your ghoulish gear, and register today before prices increase!

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**UPCOMING
EVENTS**

- New Parent Brunch - April 26
- Spring Concert in the Park - May 9
- New Neighbor Welcome - August 14
- 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

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- For Event Details



PARKS

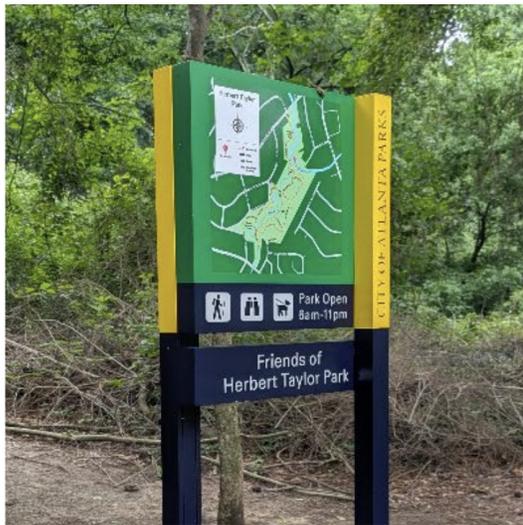
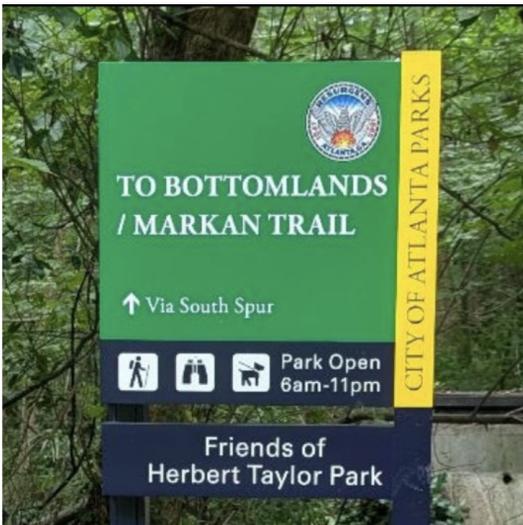




Sunken Garden's Makeover

Have you been to Sunken Garden Park lately?! A huge thank you to the Friends group and special recognition to Patrick Hand at Integrated Land Design for the vision and bringing this renovation to life. The top priority was providing ADA-compliant access into the park - and mission accomplished with an impressive ramp on Plymouth Rd. You'll also discover the addition of handrails to existing staircases, new benches and more!

This incredible work was made possible because Atlanta voters approved an Infrastructure Bond in 2022, and Alex Wan helped earmark the funds for park improvements. Check it out!



Herbert Taylor Park

Thanks to the Friends of Herbert Taylor Park, new signs are here! As you walk through Herbert Taylor Daniel Johnson Parks' many trails, you will find helpful signs to point your way to popular landmarks and parking spots.

With help from a 2024 Park Pride Grant and matching funds from the MLPA and friends, they have installed new wayfinding markers throughout the parks at many trail junctions.

The signs are two sided, with trail names and pointers on one side, and helpful maps with a “You Are Here” marker on the other. Happy hiking!

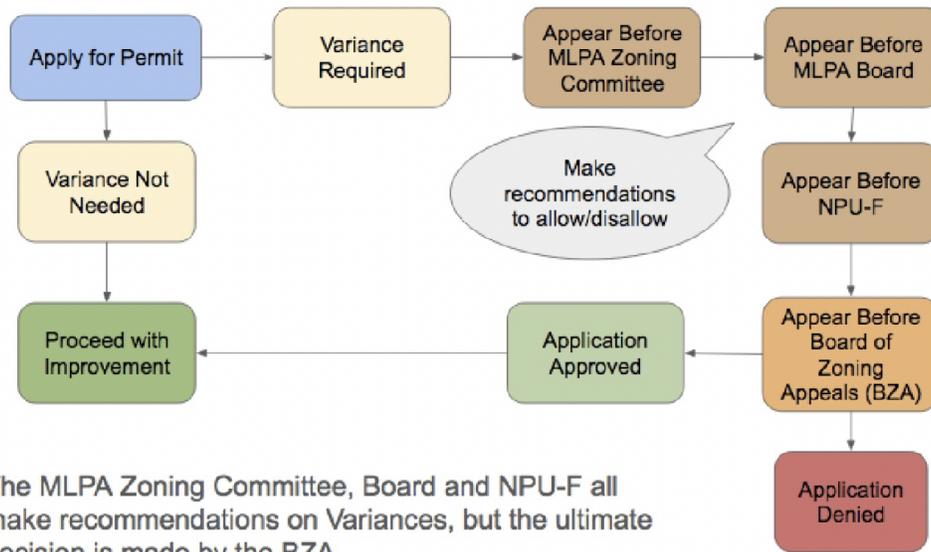
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Zoning Ordinance Rewrite

DRAFT I of the Zoning Ordinance Rewrite has been posted to to the project website 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

MLPA received one special exception request for review at the June board meeting:

- [V-25-139](#) - 1104 East Rock Springs Road NE
 - Applicant seeks a variance from the zoning ordinance to reduce the east side yard from the required 7 feet to 2 feet 2 inches.
 - Recommendation: Approval

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 - [V-25-141](#) - 1907 Piedmont Road NE
 - Applicant seeks a special exception from the zoning ordinance to reduce the minimum off-street parking requirements from the required 168 parking spaces to 15 parking spaces.
 - Recommendation: Approval
 - [V-25-142](#) - 1912 Lenox Road NE
 - Applicant seeks a variance to reduce north side yard setback from 10 feet to 6.8 feet.
 - Recommendation: Approval
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MEET THE BOARD



John Hults, Social & Events Chair

A proud resident of Virginia-Highland and Morningside for nearly 35 years, John (pictured

above on left, with husband Dana) has always appreciated the charm and strong sense of community that define Atlanta's intown neighborhoods. Most recently, he contributed to the renovation of Sidney Marcus Park, a project that deepened his interest in neighborhood improvement and local initiatives.

Professionally, John works in the legal and fintech sectors, collaborating with international organizations to drive and support innovation in his industry.

In his free time, John enjoys simple activities close to home: visiting local parks, tending his yard, or walking his dogs, Charlie and Gabby. Their regular outings have made them familiar faces around the neighborhood.

John values the importance of community and looks forward to supporting efforts to make Morningside-Lenox Park an even better place to live and enjoy.

AROUND TOWN



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



Morningside Farmers Market

Join your neighbors and meet three new vendors at the Morningside Farmers Market!

Beginning July 19, please welcome **Tlacualli**:

Tlacualli is owned by Carla, a native Houstonian raised in Mexico City. Her style of food is like a vegan fusion of many cuisines, including many Mexican inspired items such as salsas and empanadas, but also including other cuisines. Carla uses as much organic and local produce as is available. She also loves to talk and meet new people, so she looks forward to meeting the neighbors of Morningside-Lenox Park and offering a taste of Mexico close to home!

Meet Tasty Koji on July 26:

Tasty Koji is Georgia's first small-batch Japanese koji fermentation business, founded by Suzuko Hisata, a Certified Health Coach passionate about connecting food, health, and ancient wisdom. Koji, a centuries-old Japanese fermentation technique used to make miso, soy sauce, and sake, is known for enhancing umami flavor and supporting gut health. Made with just essential ingredients — no additives or preservatives — these ferments pair beautifully with local, seasonal produce. Look for Tasty Koji at the Morningside Farmers Market and discover how delicious wellness can be.

Also, **Mantis Matcha** is on a mission to shake up your daily routine with the freshest, most vibrant matcha out there. They source leaves from small farms in Japan and hand-mill them in Georgia for peak flavor and steady energy—no jitters, no crash. Whether you're new to matcha or already obsessed, they're here to make every cup better. Welcome to a new way to power your day. Check the Morningside Market newsletter or social media for future dates.

[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. Subscribe to their weekly listing of market vendors by adding your email: <https://www.morningsidemarket.com/> or following the market @[morningsidemarket.com](#)

The logo for Atlanta City Council District 6 features the text "Atlanta City Council District 6" in a bold, orange-red font. The text is centered over a blue background that shows a faint silhouette of a city skyline with several skyscrapers.

Atlanta City Council

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



Atlanta Public Schools Updates

New Day One: Atlanta Public Schools' first day of the 2025-2026 school year has been changed from Friday, August 1, 2025, to Monday, August 4, 2025. The new start date of August 4 is now reflected on the 2025–2026 district calendar. Additionally, the last day of school has been moved to May 22, 2026, to ensure the semester ends before Memorial Day.

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. [This survey](#) will ask questions related to demographics, program offerings, and facilities. The purpose of this survey is to receive feedback from the community that will provide guidance for future decision-making of facilities.

GET ALERTS STRAIGHT TO YOUR PREFERRED DEVICE

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ATL311 SUPPORTIVE SERVICES AND PAD ARE NOW OPEN UNTIL *Midnight*

To make a referral, dial 311 (404-546-0311 outside the city limits) and select option 3.

You MUST call in to make a referral

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NEED TTY ASSISTANCE? DIAL 711 OR VISIT GEORGIARELAY.ORG 

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
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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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