

MORNINGSIDE LENOX PARK ASSOCIATION

YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION NEWS
June 2025

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NEWS & UPDATES



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**MONROE DRIVE / BOULEVARD
COMPLETE STREET
COMMUNITY MEETING**

Join our virtual info session regarding safety and mobility improvements on Monroe Drive / Boulevard NE

**TUESDAY
JUNE 24, 2025
6:00 P.M.**

Join via Zoom at bit.ly/MonroeBlvd2506
 Meeting ID: 831 0883 0735

Monroe Drive Community Meeting - Project Update

The Monroe Drive project is moving forward now that the department has completed its assessment and will not be adding bike facilities back to the project scope. ATLDOT will be hosting a virtual information session on **Tuesday, June 24, at 6:00 pm** to provide an update to the community (meeting link below). ATLDOT's project page with additional information, scope and a concept layout can be found [here](#). **We encourage all neighbors to attend**, especially those along Monroe Dr and on intersecting streets (Sherwood Rd, Cumberland Rd, Yorkshire Rd, Hillpine Dr, Amsterdam Ave, Dutch Valley Rd, etc.).

Join Zoom Meeting on June 24 at 6:00 pm

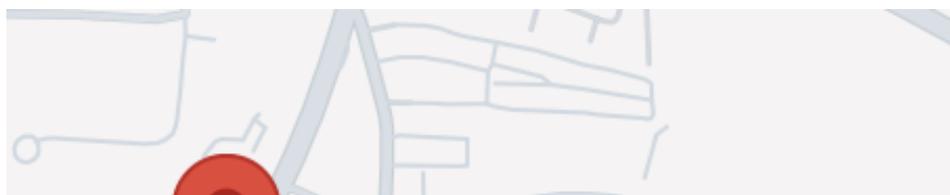
<https://atlantaga-gov.zoom.us/j/83108830735>

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ATLDOT - Where's My Project?

*How much can Atlanta's Department of Transportation get done before the 2026 World Cup? Is next year's annual budget increase enough? Is staff at risk of burning out due to vacancies and intense demand? Can we trust the Department to be a good steward of the budget it's given? What's the status of long-planned and funded projects that have (still) not yet been built? These were the themes of the ATLDOT budget briefing. Read more of [Propel Atlanta](#)'s coverage linked below. In addition to Monroe Dr, we are also waiting for the N Highland Ave project which was approved by voters in 2022 as part of the \$750M *Moving Atlanta Forward* infrastructure program.*

- [Where's My Project? Why Atlanta's Budget Matters to Your Neighborhood](#)
- [Where's my project? City Council asks, ATLDOT answers](#)





Cheshire Bridge Court Cases

On June 3, a status court appearance was held for the Happy Hermans, European Dry Cleaners, and Landmark Diner properties on Cheshire Bridge Road at Lavista. Because the properties still violate compliance after the 30-day period for remediation was given at the first Municipal Court hearing, this is now a criminal case.

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Beautify Cheshire Bridge

On a hot and humid Saturday morning last weekend, 37 volunteers collected 47 bags of trash and a lot of big items along Cheshire Bridge from 85 to LaVista/Lindbergh.

Volunteers came together from the neighborhoods and neighborhood associations of Morningside Lenox Park, Piedmont Heights, LaVista Park, Lindridge-Martin Manor and the South Fork Conservancy. Many thanks to the Piedmont Heights Alliance for organizing!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW: Saturday, November 15th from 9:30-Noon on Cheshire Bridge from Piedmont to Faulkner Rd. We hope to have a great representation from Morningside!



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](#). For instance, does anyone have a case number for the erosion under Wildwood Rd at Windemere Dr that is pictured above? 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.)

ARTS & CULTURE

Atlanta Beltline Art

Atlanta Beltline Art celebrates the voices, experiences, and values of all Atlantans through the work of hundreds of visual artists, performers, and musicians along the corridor.



Beltline Public Art Panel

In early June, an MLPA member joined representatives from the Midtown Alliance, Ansley Park neighborhood, Atlanta Botanical Gardens, the High Museum and Piedmont Park to provide community input on finalists for a major public art commission along the Atlanta Beltline Northeast Trail – Segment 1.

The public art project aims to install a monumental free-standing sculpture on the Northeast Trail – Segment 1, a 0.9-mile stretch from Monroe Drive to Westminster Drive that weaves through Piedmont Park and connects key neighborhoods, including Virginia Highland, Morningside, Midtown, Piedmont Heights, and Ansley Park.

The final artist selection will be announced this summer, with the sculpture expected to be completed and installed by next summer, contributing to the ongoing effort to enrich the Beltline’s public art landscape.

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

Registration Now Open: Monster Dash 5K Returns to Morningside!

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!

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

**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

STAY TUNED

For Event Details

Save the Dates

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

PARKS



Herbert Taylor Park's New Bridge

Integrated Landscape Design (ILD), under contract with Kissberg Parker Fry (KPF), is responsible for all the improvements being made at Herbert Taylor Park & Daniel Johnson Park. Last month the new bridge was unveiled and we are happy to say that the older bridge on Taylor Trail has now been redecked!

Thanks to ILD and KPF for all the work and to Councilman Alex Wan for earmarking funding for park improvements. And thanks to all of you who voted for the infrastructure bond in 2022. It has funded the improvements to several Morningside parks, including trails throughout HTDJ, activating our parks for all our visitors.

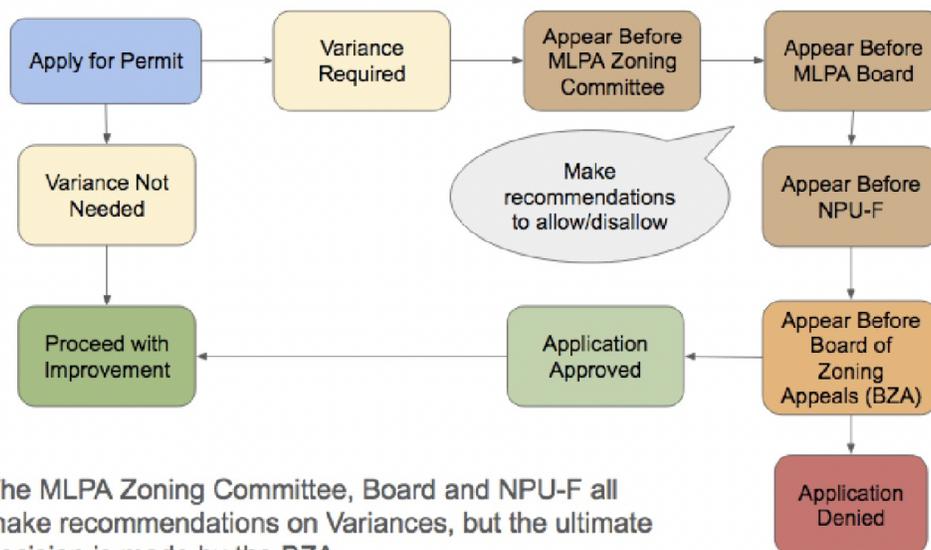
ZONING

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-25-124](#) 1180 University Drive
 - Variance: To increase the height of a fence and drive gate in the front yard from 4 feet to 6 feet.
 - Recommendation: Approval

MEET THE BOARD



Phyllis Wingo, Security Chair

Phyllis Wingo and her husband Rick have lived in Morningside since 1994. They have two daughters who live nearby in Decatur with their families. Phyllis works on security issues for the neighborhood, such as setting up a QR tag system that shows when patrol officers were last on your street, sending out crime statistics and BOLOs, meeting and working with the APD to offer services and clear camps under bridges and in the parks, fund-raising and acquisition of LPR cameras, etc. She is retired from the Centers for Disease Control, where she worked as a mathematical statistician, a reproductive health epidemiologist who conducted studies of oral contraceptives and cancer, and as a cancer epidemiologist managing a program of cancer registries in 45 states and DC (these registries collect cancer data for all patients in each state that are used to describe the burden of disease and to drive cancer control programs). Phyllis and Rick enjoy time with their four grandchildren and love traveling to developing countries and immersing in the local cultures. Other interests for Phyllis include gardening (she is a Master Gardener) and genealogical research.

AROUND TOWN

2025 PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Public Service Commission Election

Two Public Service Commission Seats - District 2 and District 3 - are up for election this year. All of Georgia votes in this statewide, special election.

The Georgia Public Service Commission (PSC) regulates electric, gas, telecommunications, and intrastate transportation companies. Its five elected commissioners set utility rates and decide who pays for infrastructure projects and cleanup costs — customers or utility companies. If an electric utility company wants to build more plants, it must get PSC approval. The PSC does not regulate water, cellular service, or broadband internet.

The primary election for the PSC will be held on June 17, 2025. The general election will be held on November 4, 2025. [Learn more about the election and candidates here.](#)





Morningside Farmers Market

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!

[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.



ATLANTA
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SCHOOLS

Atlanta Public Schools Updates

New Principal at MES: Congratulations to Mr. Brian Baron for being promoted to principal of Morningside Elementary School! Former principal Audrey Sofianos was promoted to Cluster Superintendent for Midtown and Jackson cluster schools.

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.

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.

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