

MORNINGSIDE LENOX PARK ASSOCIATION

YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION NEWS
October 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



2025 Annual Meeting

Join us for this year's MLPA Annual Meeting on **Monday, November 10 at 7:00pm, in person at Hillside** (new location!).

Situated between Courtenay Dr and Monroe Dr, Hillside has been in the neighborhood since 1926 and is one of Atlanta's oldest nonprofit organizations (founded in 1888). They offer a continuum of residential and community-based services for children and adolescents struggling with emotional and behavioral challenges, and you can take a tour of their beautiful 14-acre campus just before the meeting at 6:30pm. [Please register here for the tour.](#)

The following officials will be in attendance to share updates:

- Alex Wan (City Council Member)
- Matt Westmoreland (City Council Member)
- Dana Barrett (Fulton County Commission)
- Michelle Spears (DeKalb County Commission)
- Stacey Evans (State House Rep)
- Saira Draper (State House Rep; tentative)
- Elena Parent (State Senate)
- Ken Zeff (Atlanta School Board)
- Atlanta Police Department (Zones 2 and 6)

Stay tuned for additional details!



Morningside Community Foundation - Board Member Nominations

The Morningside Community Foundation (MCF), our neighborhood's new 501(c)(3) charitable organization, is now accepting nominations for its 2026 Board of Directors.

Founded this year, MCF is dedicated to supporting charitable initiatives and fundraising efforts that strengthen and enrich the Morningside community. As we expand our work, we're also looking to connect with volunteers and community members interested in getting involved beyond board service.

If you're passionate about charitable giving, community improvement, and our neighborhood open spaces, we'd love to hear from you! Please contact MCF's Nominating Committee Chair (Brandon Dhande, bdhande@gmail.com) to learn more or submit a nomination.



Addressing the Unsheltered Along Cheshire/Lindbergh

City Council Member Alex Wan and his Chief of Staff, Lance Orchid, organized a meeting of community, city and state leaders who are working to help the homeless population along Cheshire Bridge Rd and Lindbergh Dr. Representatives were present from the Mayor's Office, Atlanta Department of Transportation, Atlanta Department of Public Works, Atlanta Police Department, Georgia Department of Transportation, and Partners for Home. "This is hard work and it is heart work," and city and state departments are coordinating their efforts to close and clean encampments, in addition to providing resources and mitigation services to prevent re-encampments (e.g. reinforcement walls, clearing trees for visibility, bridge wedges). Although it can be a lengthy process, targeted work is happening behind the scenes on a consistent and ongoing basis. If you see an

encampment, please report it to AIL311 and email encampments@partnerstorhome.org.

EVENTS



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](#)

We Need Volunteers

Whether it's at the water station or along the route or helping with our youngest dashers (and more), this event takes a village. What a fun and easy way to support our neighborhood! High schoolers can earn two hours of community service, if needed.

[CLICK HERE TO VOLUNTEER](#)





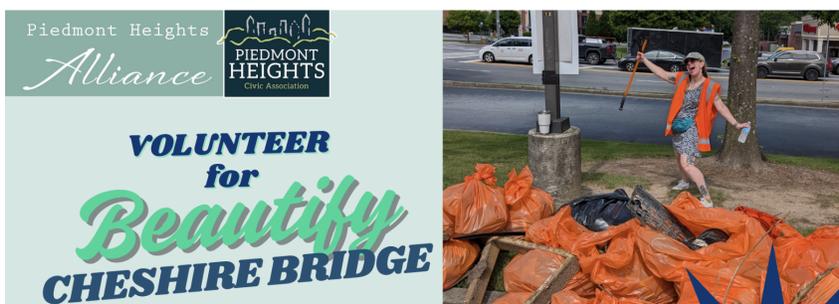
Virginia-Highland District's Candy Crawl

October 29

4:00 - 7:00 PM

Businesses Along N Highland Ave

The most eerie-sistible night of the year! Wear your Halloween costume and trick-or-treat at the local businesses along North Highland Ave from Morningside Village to Historic Atkins Park.



Saturday NOVEMBER 15, 2025
9:30AM-NOON

breakfast, equipment and refreshments provided
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PiHi Alliance - Beautify Cheshire Bridge Rd

Saturday, November 15

9:30 AM - Noon

We're cleaning up the commercial corridor of Cheshire Bridge Road starting at Piedmont Road and going as far as we can! This year, *Beautify PiHi* has brought together hundreds of neighbors, businesses, and community partners to make a visible difference in Piedmont Heights and along Cheshire Bridge Road. From the BeltLine to I-85, volunteers rolled up their sleeves to show what collaboration and civic pride can do! [Read more.](#)

- Breakfast, equipment, and refreshments provided.
- Bring a friend, make a difference, and show your neighborhood pride!
- Sign up now directly on [SignUpGenius](#)





Deck the Halls with Hillside

Saturday, December 6

3 sessions: 9:30 - 10:00am or 11:30-1:00pm or 1:30-3:00pm

On Saturday, December 6th, join Morningside neighbors and families for a holiday crafting event on Hillside’s 14-acre campus! Participants can choose from a variety of decorations to create their own holiday wreaths or centerpieces with help from Hillside’s Horticulture Therapy team. Proceeds support mental health services for children and adolescents. Great for ages 6+.

Tickets are on sale now: <https://hillside.givecloud.co/deckthehalls2025>



VIRGINIA-HIGHLAND
TOUR OF
HOMES
HOMES FOR THE HOLIDAYS
DECEMBER 13 - 14



CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

Volunteer for the Virginia-Highland Tour of Homes

Virginia-Highland's annual Tour of Homes is looking for volunteers! It's a fun way to be part of one of Atlanta's favorite holiday traditions—and a great opportunity for high school students to earn service hours or for home enthusiasts to get a behind-the-scenes look at some of the city's most beautiful homes.

Shifts are short, the day is fun, and volunteers receive a free Tour ticket as a thank-you!

[Sign Up Here](#)

[Purchase Tour Tickets Here](#)

Thank you for keeping this 50-year tradition shining bright!

PARKS

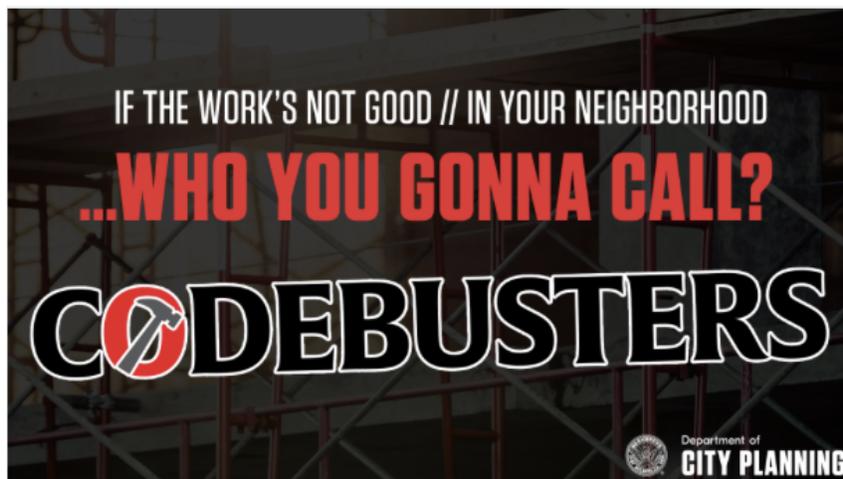


Herbert Taylor Park

Congratulations to the Friends of Herbert Taylor Park on their successful Ribbon Cutting Celebration. The group was joined by City Council Member Alex Wan, Department of Parks and Recreation Commissioner Justin Cutler and members of the Taylor family - to name a few!

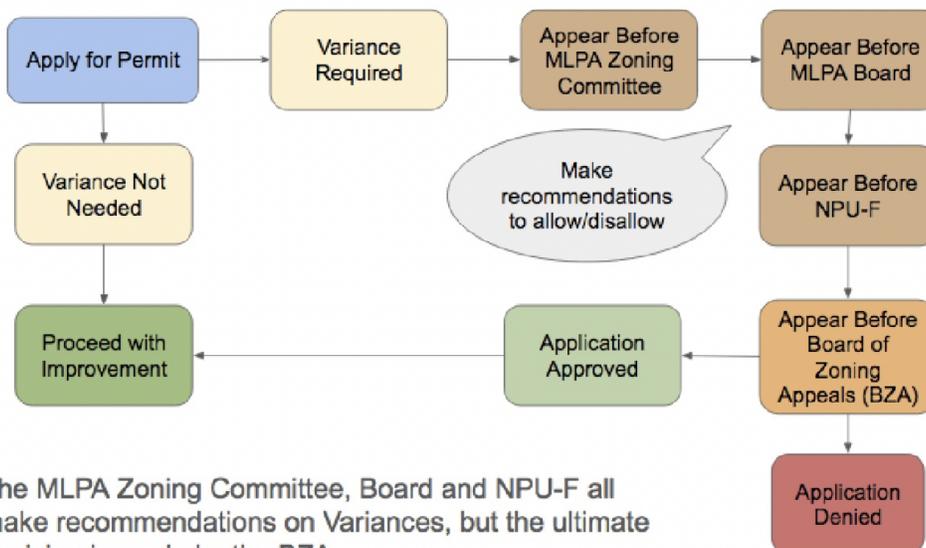
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Zoning Ordinance Violations

See a building or permitting violation of the City's [zoning ordinances](#)? Say something. [Click here for information on reporting a code violation](#). Reporting code violations is essential for safeguarding safety, health, property values, legal compliance, and community well-being. By promptly addressing violations, individuals can help create a safer, healthier, and more harmonious living environment for all.



Variance Requests

There was one zoning variance request for review at the October board meeting:

[V-25-196](#) 1350 N Highland Ave NE

- (1) To reduce the front yard setback from 35ft to 26ft.
 - (2) To increase lot coverage from 50% to 52.4%.
 - MLPA Zoning Committee Recommendation: Approval
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MEET THE BOARD



Michael Parkerson, Infrastructure + Foundation Liasion

Michael Parkerson has close to 20 years of experience in state government and higher education, and currently serves as Chief Government and External Relations Officer at the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine.

Michael has taken an active role in higher education, serving on the Middle Georgia State University Board of Trustees and as president of the Middle Georgia College Alumni Association. He earned an associate's degree in business management from Middle Georgia College and a Bachelor of Business Administration from the University of Georgia.

Michael is equally committed to community involvement. He also serves on the Morningside Community Foundation and is an active member of Passion City Church. Michael and his wife, Lauren, are proud parents of two sons, Grant and Rhett.

AROUND TOWN



The Council of Intown Neighborhoods (CINS) and Schools 2025 Atlanta Board of Education Voter Guide

On November 4, 2025, the Atlanta Board of Education (ABOE) has four seats up for election: Districts 2, 4, 6, and At-Large-Seat 8. Morningside residents only vote for At-Large-Seat 8.

Access the CINS* voter guide [here](#) to see the candidate responses to our survey. We hope this guide helps you to:

- Make informed decisions around APS
- Get to know each candidate better and their stance on particular issues

*Survey compiled and distributed by [CINS](#), founded in 1978, whose mission is to empower families, educators, and neighborhoods to create equitable, thriving school communities by fostering transparent communication, data-informed decisions, and collaborative engagement across the Atlanta Public Schools Midtown cluster.





Morningside Farmers Market Welcomes Chef Davis King of Beetlecat + New Vendors

Meet your neighbors Saturdays at the Morningside Farmers Market from 8 am to 11:30 am. Enjoy live music, coffee, and pastries from Little Tart at a picnic table in a tree-lined setting. For the young or young at heart, there is plenty of sidewalk chalk, crayons, and an adjacent playground.

Please join us as we welcome guest chefs and new vendors:

- Chef Davis King of Beetlecat - October 25 - Chef Demo & Samples
- Nomadic Maple - October 25 - maple syrup, maple cream, and maple candy from a Vermont family orchard)
- Squeaky Green - October 25 - locally made, green Cleaning Supplies and Cleaning Services
- Hobo Cheese (naturally grazed, A2 milk, native-cultured farmstead cheeses from Tunnel Hill, GA)
- The Basque (locally prepared savory and sweet cheesecakes)
- Tati's Bread (gluten-free baguette)

Find the market just next to the Morningside Presbyterian Church playground at 1411 N. Morningside Drive. Follow us @morningsidemarket or visit morningsidemarket.com to subscribe to our weekly newsletter, with vendor lists, recipes, and community happenings.



Atlanta City Council

[Click here](#) and sign up to receive alerts, updates and newsletters. Also view past

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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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Alex Wan, Council District 6
Matt Westmoreland, Post 2 At-Large

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<p>\$10,000 annual investment</p>	<p>\$5,000 annual investment</p>	<p>\$1,500 annual investment</p>	<p>\$500 annual investment</p> 

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](#)



Join MLPA or Renew Membership

Please send questions, ideas and photos to communications@mlpa.org.

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