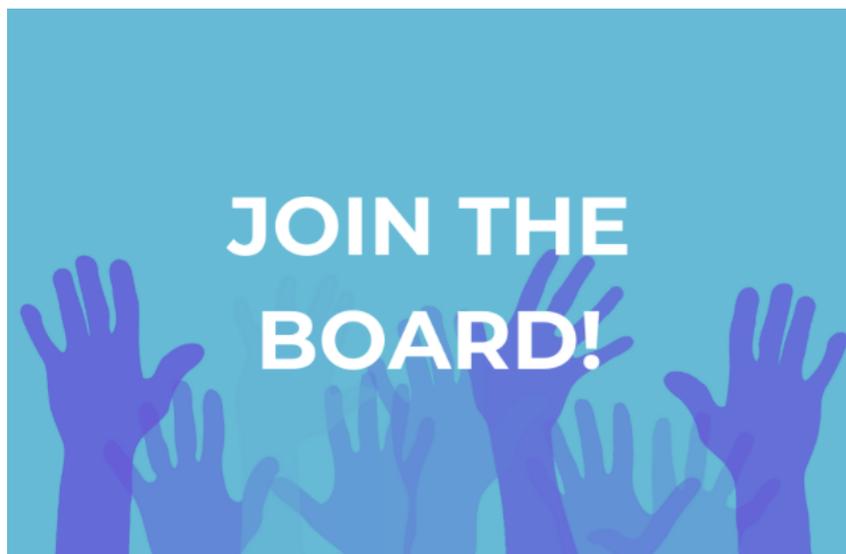


MORNINGSIDE LENOX PARK ASSOCIATION

YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION NEWS
September 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



2026 MLPA Board Nominations

We've got some seats to fill next year, and we hope you'll consider joining us! Or nominate a neighbor who would be equally great and interested, perhaps? Our all-volunteer board is

only able to do as much as our neighbors are willing to support. We'd love and appreciate your help! Our 2026 openings include:

- **Membership Chair** - Responsible for developing and implementing strategies to grow and retain membership in the Association. Manages membership records, welcomes new members, communicates benefits, and helps foster engagement to strengthen community involvement.
- **Sponsorship Chair** - Oversees relationships with business and community sponsors. Secures sponsorships to support Association events and initiatives, ensures sponsor recognition and benefits are delivered, and builds long-term partnerships that benefit both sponsors and the neighborhood. This role also helps raise awareness of the Association by showcasing sponsor partnerships and highlighting the value of community involvement.
- **Alcohol Licensing Chair** - Monitors and reviews alcohol license applications within the neighborhood. Represents the Association in communicating community concerns or support to city officials, works with applicants to address neighborhood priorities, and ensures compliance with local guidelines and community standards.
- **Communications & Marketing Chair** - Keeps neighbors in the know! The Communications & Marketing Chair shares news, updates, and event information through emails, social media, and other channels. This role helps tell our community's story, makes sure people know about the Association and its impact, and keeps members engaged and connected.

Please contact volunteer@mlpa.org with your interest and/or nominations!





Amsterdam Walk - Affordable Housing Applications

Portman Holdings, with Mercy Housing, submitted their Low-Income Housing Tax Credit applications to the Department of Community Affairs and Invest Atlanta for 135 apartment units. [See the application to Invest Atlanta here.](#)

Unit Mix

AMI	# of Units	Unit Floorplan	Unit Size	Unit Rental
41 units @ 50% AMI or below				
50%	7	Studio	415	\$1,000
	12	1 BR	550	\$1,071
	18	2 BR	850	\$1,285
	4	3 BR	1,100	\$1,485
74 units @ 60% AMI or below				
60%	12	Studio	415	\$1,200
	22	1 BR	550	\$1,285
	32	2 BR	850	\$1,542
	8	3 BR	1,100	\$1,782
20 units @ 80% AMI or below				
80%	3	Studio	415	\$1,600
	6	1 BR	550	\$1,714
	9	2 BR	850	\$2,056
	2	3 BR	1,100	\$2,376
Total Units:	135			

At this Wednesday's NPU-F meeting on September 17, Mercy Housing will be giving a presentation: Mercy Housing: Amsterdam Walk Phase I (501 Amsterdam Avenue) | James Talley & Billy Lummus (Invest Atlanta Application. Requested funding \$21,364,000.00). [Click here for information on how to join NPU-F meetings.](#)





Cheshire Motor Inn Demolition

Selig Enterprises will be closing the Cheshire Motor Inn on Cheshire Bridge Rd. The buildings will be demolished, which is welcome news considering the safety and security issues that can arise from vacancy. Selig Enterprises has been researching the demo and will probably leave the foundation, but they plan to secure the site and make it visually appealing (with semi permanent fencing and planters, for example). There are no plans to redevelop the site now nor in the near future. Rest assured that The Colonnade will not be impacted, and in fact, the restaurant will get more parking!



Atlanta Public Schools Updates

Atlanta Public Schools has embarked 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.

- [View the scenarios presentation here.](#)
 - Impact to Midtown High: Addition of 300 seats (slide 43)
- [Click here to submit the scenarios survey.](#)
 - Please take the survey so your opinion can be heard! The consultants are extending the deadline.

In a couple of weeks, recommendations for the APS Board of Education will be shared.

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EVENTS



Morningside Wine Walk

Thursday, September 18
5:30 - 8:00 PM
Morningside Village on N Highland Ave

THIS EVENT IS SOLD OUT!





3rd Annual Taste of Piedmont Heights

Sunday, September 28

3:00 - 6:00 PM

Indie Studios at 190 Ottley Dr NE

Join us and support 34 local businesses by eating, drinking, playing games, learning and winning raffle prizes! Meet and mingle with 200+ neighbors from Piedmont Heights, Morningside-Lenox Park, Manchester Townhomes, Lindridge Martin-Manor and LaVista Park. Thanks to the Piedmont Heights Alliance and Civic Association for organizing!

What to Expect:

- Delicious bites from local restaurants
- Beer, wine, cocktails and non-alcoholic drinks
- A makers market with one-of-a-kind art, gifts, and goods
- Business showcases & community partners
- Raffle prizes from 28 local businesses totaling over \$6800!

Tickets:

- Early Bird: \$30 | Day of Event: \$35
- Kids under 12: FREE

Purchase tickets and more info here: pihialliance.com/Taste-of-PiHi

Volunteer & Get Perks:

- Volunteers receive **FREE admission + 1 raffle ticket for a 75 minute shift!**
- Sign up here: Volunteer at Taste of PiHi



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](#)





Morningside Supper Club

Saturday, October 18

Join your neighbors and support local restaurants with the Morningside Supper Club! Pictured above is this month's gathering from Tio Lucho's. October's restaurant will most likely be Whiskey Bird! RSVP to host Sarah Chatel at 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 restaurant's staff.)

PARKS



Sidney Marcus Park

Longtime residents Kathy and Alan Bremer once sat on this bench in Sidney Marcus Park decades ago and decided that a house across the street was where they'd love to live - after having put a deposit down on another home in a different neighborhood. And there are no regrets! So when that swinging bench fell into disrepair, the Bremer family generously donated a new one. We are beyond grateful to them for this much needed improvement that neighbors will enjoy for decades to come!



Special thanks to neighbor Mike Collins, carpenter Jaime and the Friends of Sidney Marcus Park for the build and installation!



Herbert Taylor Park

You're Invited! Ribbon Cutting Celebration Let's come together to celebrate the exciting improvements at Herbert Taylor Park and Daniel Johnson Park!

**Join us at the Herbert Taylor Park Entrance – 1343 Pasadena Avenue
Wednesday, October 1, at 1:00 PM**

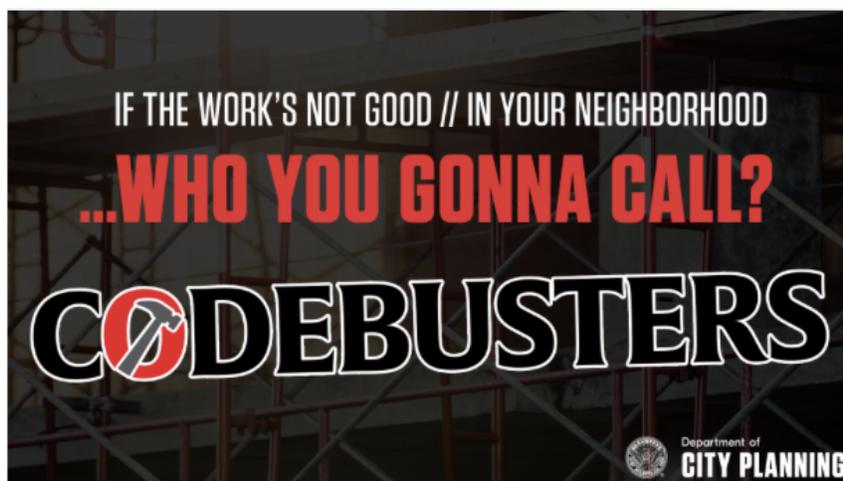
For a special ribbon cutting ceremony with:

- **Atlanta City Council Member Alex Wan**
- **Atlanta Dept. of Parks & Recreation Commissioner Justin Cutler**
- Members of the **Taylor family**

Thanks to the citizens of Atlanta who voted for the **Infrastructure Bond**, and a generous **Park Pride grant**, these park upgrades are now complete and ready to enjoy!

Come celebrate, share your park stories, and connect with the city leaders who are committed to keeping Atlanta's parks open, welcoming, and accessible to all.

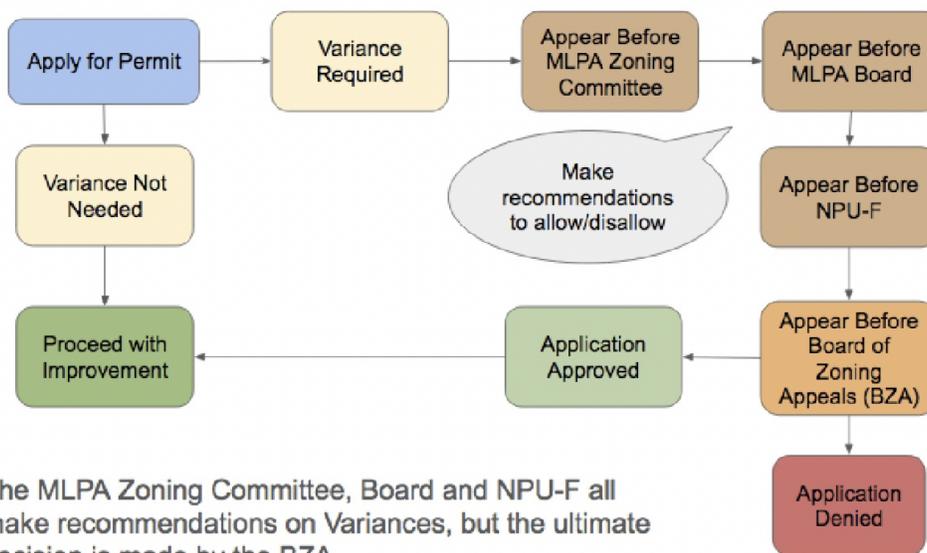
ZONING



Zoning Ordinance Violations

See a building or permitting violation of the City's [zoning ordinances](#)? Say something.

...a zoning or permitting violation of the City of [Livingston, Mississippi](#). City, Mississippi. [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 were two zoning variance requests for review at the September board meeting:

[V-25-170](#) 1130 Cumberland Road NE

- Applicant seeks a variance/special exception to reduce the minimum distance front facing garage doors must be recessed behind the front façade of the principal structure from 10 linear feet to 2 feet.
- MLPA Zoning Committee Recommendation: Denial
- MLPA Recommendation: Denial

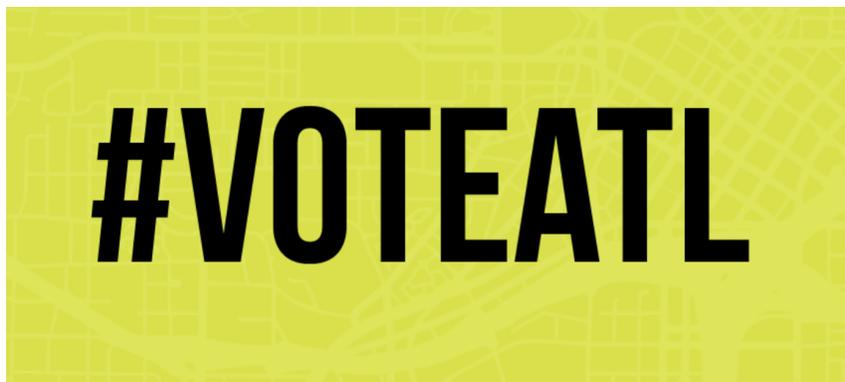
[V-25-171](#) 952 Cumberland Road NE

- Applicant seeks a variance from the zoning ordinance to 1) reduce the west side yard from the required 7 feet to 6.3 feet, 2) increase the maximum lot coverage from the required 50 percent to 56.6 percent, 3) increase the paved area in the required front yard from the required one-third of the total area to 41.6 percent, 4) increase the maximum width of a driveway from the required 20 feet to 38.5 feet and 5) increase the maximum height of a retaining wall in the rear yard from the required 6

increase the maximum height of a retaining wall in the rear yard from the required 6 feet to 8.6 feet.

- MLPA Zoning Committee Recommendation: Denial
- MLPA Recommendation: Denial

AROUND TOWN



Vote ATL

[Click here](#) to learn more about the roles and candidates on this November's ballot.



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

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

Save the Date: Fall Flavors at Morningside (9/27)

Come enjoy a beautiful early fall morning in the heart of Morningside with over 20 vendors including Chef Stella Dillard and original music by local bluegrass band, Mutant County Line!

[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).



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.

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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	presenting		premier	benefactor	friend of
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Co-branded presenting sponsor recognition on all events. On-site Activation opportunity OR promotional item distribution at events Inclusion in new neighbor welcome bag distribution Sponsor Spotlight feature 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Primary Logo recognition on website & all email distribution 4 tickets to MLPA events Invitation to member only events Co-branded & sponsor highlight content across social media channels Industry exclusivity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Logo recognition on all events, association messaging & newsletters 2 tickets to MLPA events Logo recognition on website & all email distribution On-site Activation opportunity OR promotional item distribution at events Inclusion in new neighbor welcome bag distribution Co-branded & sponsor highlight content across social media channels 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recognition at MLPA events & associated communication/promo 2 tickets to select MLPA events Inclusion in new neighbor welcome bag distribution Sponsor recognition on website & all email distribution On-site Activation opportunity at select events Co-branded & sponsor highlight content across social media channels 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sponsor recognition on website & all email distribution Co-branded & sponsor highlight content across social media channels <p>\$500 annual investment</p> 	
	\$10,000 annual investment		\$5,000 annual investment	\$1,500 annual investment	

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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