

MORNINGSIDE LENOX PARK ASSOCIATION

YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION NEWS

May 2024

These final weeks of May can be hectic. Before you get distracted by upcoming summer plans and vacation travels, be sure to [join/renew](#) if you're not already a member.

Email volunteer@mlpa.org to get involved, too!

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Amsterdam Walk Follow Up

At the NPU-F meeting last week, neighbors voted to deny Portman's rezoning application and land use amendment (84 in favor, 282 against).

Next steps before heading to Atlanta City Council:

- Comprehensive Development Plan (CDP) Hearing - Wednesday, June 5th
- Zoning Review Board (ZRB) Hearing - Thursday, June 13



Beltline Northeast Study Group Virtual Meeting

Join for the latest updates on Northeast Trail – Segment 1 construction and Segment 3 design. **This meeting will highlight intersection closures for the Northeast Trail from 10th Street and Monroe Drive taking place in June and July.** Exact dates to be determined. It will also

cover the ongoing Ponce de Leon Avenue streetscapes project, extending from Boulevard to John Lewis Freedom Parkway.

Wednesday, May 22, 2024 | 6:30-8:00pm

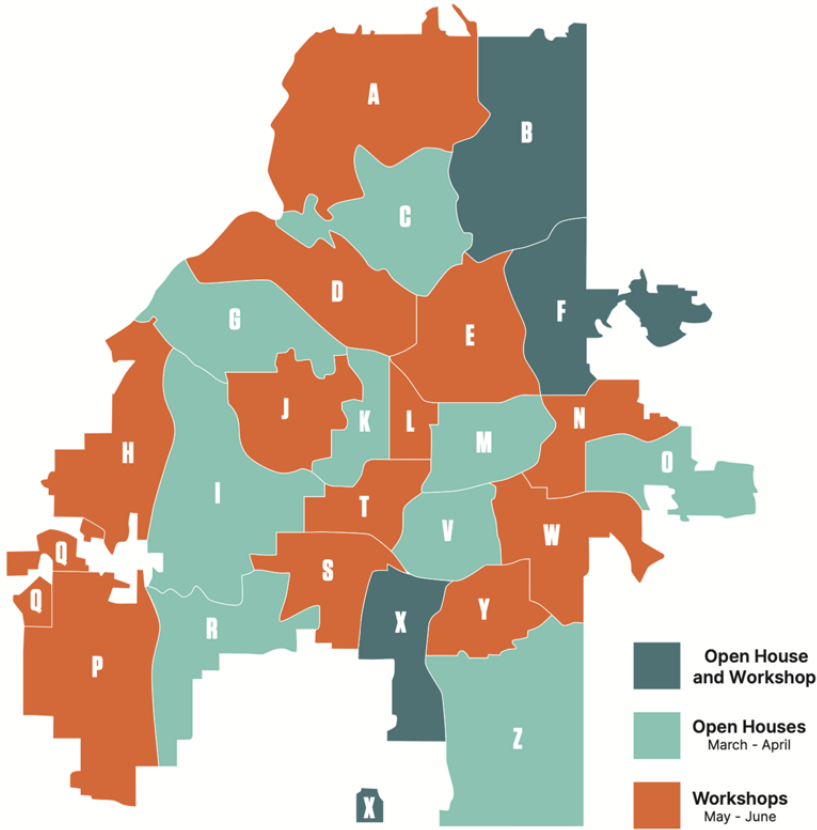
[Register here](#) for the Zoom Webinar.

Or call in: 929-205-6099 Webinar ID: 856 0398 1313

Northeast Trail – Segment 1 extends 0.9-miles from the end of the current Eastside Trail at Monroe Drive to Westminster Drive.

Northeast Trail – Segment 3 will be 2.4 miles and go from Buford Highway to Peachtree Hills with connections to MARTA’s Lindbergh station.

For more information contact: bbrewster@atlbeltline.org; 404.477.3645



Department of City Planning's Plan A, Round 2 Community Meetings

The Department of City Planning (DCP) has kicked off Phase 2 of [Plan A](#) with another series of community meetings in May and June. Your valuable input will help write the vision for an Atlanta you want to live, work and play in. DCP welcomes your input on topics including affordable housing, transportation, zoning, growth, preservation, and others at any time during the planning process. Following are the workshops for land use and neighborhoods planning elements that

are closest to Morningside-Lenox Park:

Wednesday, May 29, 2024 | 6:30-8:30pm

Virginia-Highland Elementary School (NPU-F)
774 Virginia Ave. NE 30306

Thursday, June 13, 2024 | 6:30-8:30pm

999 Peachtree (NPU-E)
999 Peachtree St. NE 30309

For more information and to see all engagement opportunities, [click here](#).



Cheshire Bridge Update

According to Atlanta's Department of Transportation, the target date to fully reopen Cheshire Bridge Road (after five months of bridge repairs) is **Monday, May 27**.





Allure Due Cause Update

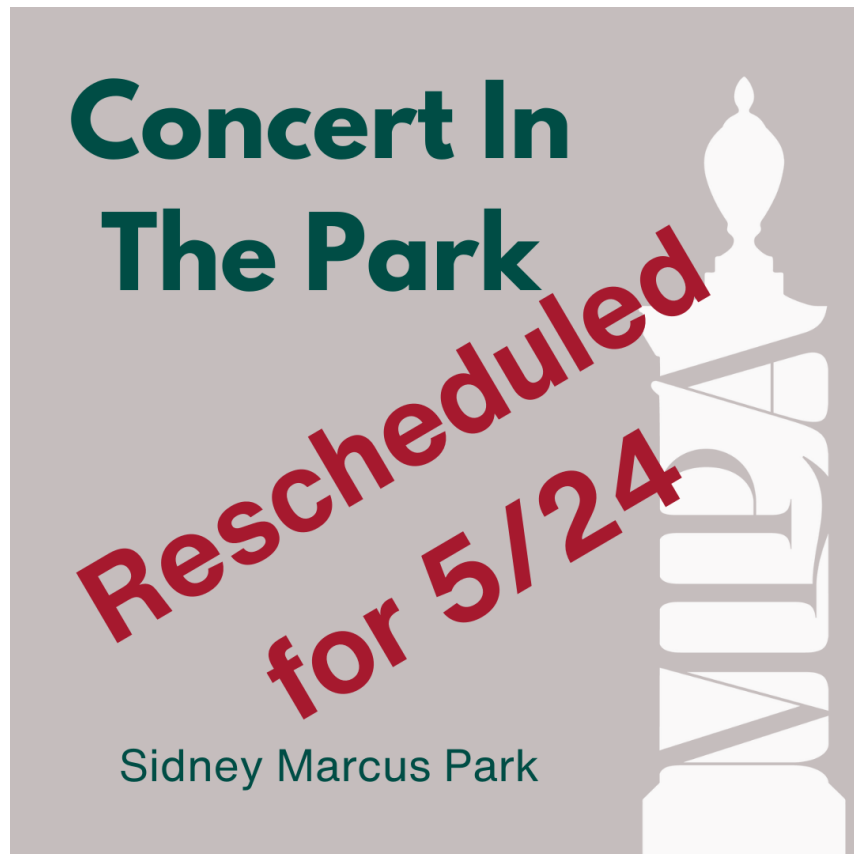
From our neighbors, Lindridge-Martin Manor Neighborhood Association (LMMNA):

On April 9, 2024, the License Review Board (LRB) held a Due Cause hearing based on a pattern of activities by Girls Galore, Inc. d/b/a Allure Gentlemen's Club, which operates in our neighborhood on Cheshire Bridge Rd. After hearing evidence, the LRB recommended that the Mayor's office enacts penalties for three separate violations of the City's code.

The report currently sits on the Mayor's desk awaiting his signature. Ultimately, it is up to Mayor Dickens to determine if and when to levy the LRB's recommended penalty.

LMMNA urges the community to [email Mayor Dickens](#) asking for his support of the License Review Board's (LRB) findings and carrying forth the recommended penalties. Please share your concerns and personal experiences with him on how Allure Gentlemen's Club is impacting you.

Events



Concert in the Park

Now that our Concert in the Park has been rescheduled for many students' last day of school.

let's consider this a Celebration of Summer! **Join us this Friday, March 24 from 6:00-8:00pm at Sidney Marcus Park.** A reminder email with additional details will follow, but start packing those coolers, chairs and picnic blankets!



Morningside Monster Dash 5K 2024

It's BACK! Get ready to dash through the spooky streets of Morningside-Lenox Park in the most thrilling Halloween event of the year! Join us on October 26 for the second annual Monster Dash 5K, where neighbors and ghouls alike can lace up their sneakers and embrace the spirit of the season.

With festive costumes and hauntingly beautiful scenery, it's a frightfully fun chip-timed run (or walk!) that you won't want to miss. Mark your calendars, gather your little monsters (strollers and well-behaved, leashed dogs welcome), and let's make memories that'll haunt us happily ever after!

Saturday, October 26

8:30am

Start/Finish Morningside Farmers' Market @ Morningside Presbyterian Church

\$35 5K Individual Registration (Through July 31)

\$25 5K Youth Registration (12 and under)

FREE Kids Dash (10 and under; registration required for safety)

[REGISTER HERE](#)

We sold out last year - and neighbors were playing all kinds of tricks to get a race number - so don't think it's too early to snag your bibs. Prices will increase!

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Morningside Supper Club

Join neighbor Sarah Chatel and others for the next Morningside Supper Club gathering!

Saturday, May 25

6:30pm

Sweet Auburn BBQ on N Highland Ave.

[Contact Sarah](#) if interested in attending (she needs to provide a headcount to the restaurant) or for more information!

Parks



Last month, the Friends of Herbert Taylor & Daniel Johnson held a native plant sale at the Morningside Farmers' Market to raise funds for park improvements. There were more than 800 plants to choose from, all uniquely suited to growing in Morningside's sun, part shade, and shaded areas.

Friends of Herbert Taylor and Daniel Johnson


More than 20 volunteers worked in April, preparing the parks for late spring by pulling and weed wrenching invasive species allowing native plants to thrive and nurture wildlife.

Meet at the kiosk (1343 Pasadena Av, Atlanta, 30306) to continue making progress on **Wednesday, 5/22, 9:00-11:00am**. We plan to knock out the remaining Japanese chaff flower before it has a chance to bloom and go to seed. You may remember when it was a major fixture in the park, but thanks to all the volunteers' efforts, the end may be in sight.

Why volunteer? Because you will have fun, learn a lot about the flora & fauna in the park, and meet a great group of people. Experience friends of Herbert Taylor Park will be on hand to provide guidance. Bring your favorite gardening gloves and tools or borrow some of ours—and we have weed wrenches to use!

Bring your family and friends—we have jobs for all ages and abilities. And there's no better way

to spend a May day than in the park.



New Zoning Meeting #1
Monday, May 20
6:30pm

This meeting will be an opportunity to review and comment on the proposed new Zoning Districts and Use standards. We will also update you on the other zoning modules that are coming soon.

Habitat for Humanity
 824 Memorial Drive SE
 Atlanta, GA 30316

Zoning

Atlanta Zoning 2.0

Thanks to your feedback over the past year, our zoning rewrite consultant team has been busy converting Atlanta’s existing Zoning Ordinance into a new ATL 2.0 Zoning Ordinance “Discussion Draft.” The work is being released as a series of modules, with this meeting addressing the first one.

This process has been guided by the Atlanta Zoning Ordinance Rewrite Diagnostic Report, public comments received in the 2022 and 2023 Idea Labs and Focused Workshops, and other City initiatives.

New Zoning Meeting #1

Monday, May 20, 2024

6:30 pm-8:00 pm

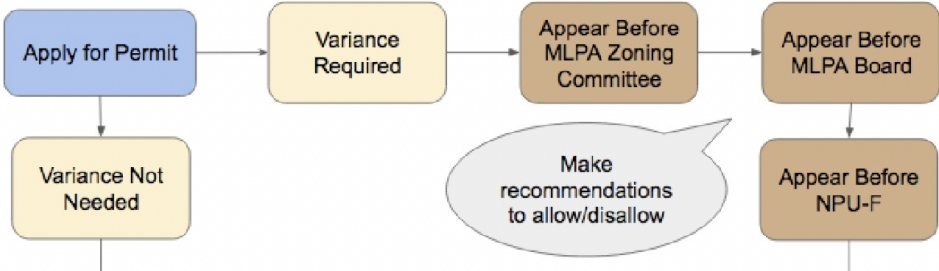
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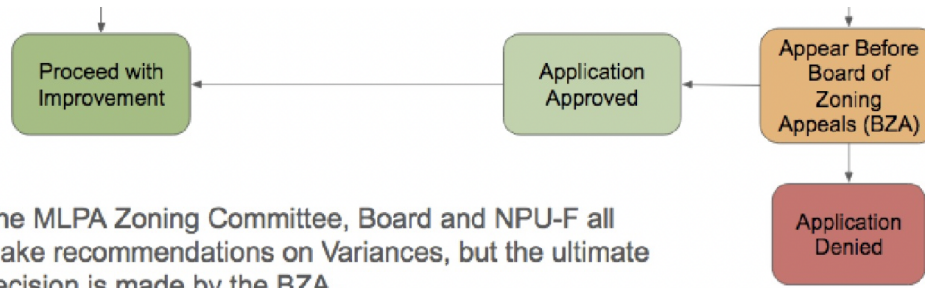
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In-person registration at [this link](#).

Virtual (Zoom) registration at [this link](#).





The following variances were heard by the MLPA Zoning Committee, MLPA Board and NPU-F this month:

- [V-24-60](#) 819 Sherwood Road NE
 - Applicant seeks a variance from the zoning ordinance to 1) reduce the rear yard setback from the required 15 feet to 3 feet and 2) reduce the west side yard setback from the required 7 feet to 3 feet.
 - Recommended Approval
- [V-24-69](#) 1753 Pine Ridge Drive NE
 - Applicant seeks a special exception from the zoning ordinance to allow active recreation adjacent to the public right of way.
 - Recommended Approval
- [V-24-73](#) 1807 Meadowdale Avenue NE
 - Applicant seeks a variance from the zoning ordinance to reduce the half-depth front west side yard setback from 17.5 feet to 8.75 feet.
 - Recommended Approval



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Atlanta Public Schools Updates

APS School Calendar Feedback

The survey closed on March 15, 2024.

- APS Student Calendar Development Process & Previous Results: <https://www.atlantapublicschools.us/Page/71713>
- [Final Results](#)

District 3 APS Board Member Ken Zeff

- Get the latest updates by [signing up](#) for his newsletter!
- Don't hesitate to reach out: kenneth.zeff@apsk12.org

Morningside Farmers' Market Special Updates



Who grows and produces your food?

Morningside residents can meet amazing local farmers and producers each week at Morningside Farmers' Market. Today we highlight Dandelion Food & Goods and include a recipe below:

[Dandelion Food & Goods](#) wants you to eat like a chef in the best sense: super-fresh ingredients from nearby, prepared with care into meals and staples you can't get anywhere else. Atlanta native Stella Dillard has 17 years' experience cooking in some of the city's best kitchens. She brings her relationships with local farmers, ingenuity, and attention to detail to food for you and yours.

We believe food is medicine: the first, most frequent practice of self-care we get to indulge. We believe food is fun: a means of nourishment and creativity. We believe food is love: the nostalgia of old memories and excitement of new thrills. Our goal is to tackle palate fatigue everywhere, starting in Atlanta.

In Stella's words, "One of my favorite food writers started doing "no-recipe recipes" which describe the technical steps needed to get to a finished product, but without exact measurements, and this allows cooks to adapt to the details of what they're cooking and where.

I'll share with you one of the components of this week's salad:

Hard-roasted Broccoli with Crispy Greens:

Hard-Toasted Broccoli with Crispy Greens.

- Broccoli, 1 head per person (for a generous veg side, or leftovers) from Row by Rowe or Diamond Hill Farms
- Broccoli greens, kale, collards or other hearty greens from Row by Rowe or Diamond Hill Farms
- Pantry Staples: Olive oil, Salt, Garlic (sliced, 1/2-1 clove per person OR green garlic, the root end until it starts to turn green, about 1 stem per 2-4 servings, depending how much you like garlic), Lemon, Pinch of chili flakes, Capers
- *Optional:* soft herbs like cilantro, parsley or dill

1.) Preheat oven to 450F.

2.) Cut broccoli into florets, and if tender (rather than fibrous), peel the stems and cut in 1" x 1/4" x 1/4" matchsticks, or an approximation thereof. You can also halve or quarter thinner stems, and leave them unpeeled if the skin is tender.

3.) Cut greens into 1/4"-1/2" ribbons.

4.) Toss broccoli with enough oil to evenly coat, and season with salt. Bake on a sheet pan for 20 minutes.

5.) While broccoli is cooking, thinly slice garlic and reserve.

6.) After broccoli has cooked for 20 minutes, coat greens with olive oil, season with salt, and add to pan with capers if using, making sure not to crowd the pan. Return to oven for 10 minutes.

7.) After 10 minutes, stir garlic into broccoli and greens and return to oven for 5 minutes, or until broccoli is tender, greens are crispy and garlic is lightly toasted.

8.) Remove from oven and top with chili flakes, chopped soft herbs, lemon zest and juice, if desired."

Visit [Dandelion Food & Goods](#) for recipe details and to buy a prepared meal to make your life a bit easier this week ;)

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 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.

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: 841 3250 9005
Passcode: 797155
- **MLPA Zoning Meetings** - Typically 1st/2nd Tuesday of every month (see Zoning above), 7:00pm [Contact](#)
- **NPU-F Meetings** - 3rd Wednesday of every month, 7:00pm, [Online via Zoom](#)

Around Town



MARTA Airport Station Reopens for Regular Rail Service on Monday, May 20!

MARTA temporarily closed the rail station for six weeks beginning April 8 to perform renovation work. The closure ensured the work could be done safely and significantly reduced the total construction time by 17 months.

Here is some of the work completed. Click [here](#) to get a sneak peek!

- Installation of new terrazzo flooring on the concourse
- Installation of new pavers and tactile strips on the platform
- Repair, sealing, and painting of track and concourse walls
- Preparation for installation of the new canopy



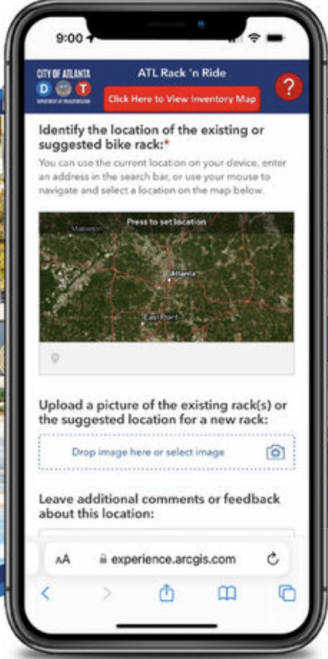
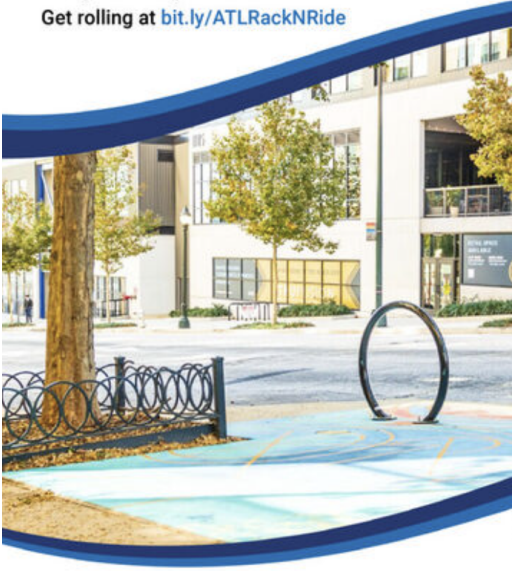
The temporary bus shuttle service between College Park Station and the North Terminal Lower Level will be suspended at the end of service on Sunday, May 19. At the start of service on Monday, the entrances to the Airport Station at the west end of the Domestic Terminal will reopen as usual.

We thank you for your patience, support, and feedback to better improve travel for the busiest airport in the world, Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport!

CHECK OUT
ATL RACK 'N RIDE

Calling all cyclists and micromobility users! ATLDOT recently launched **ATL Rack 'n Ride**, a digital application focused on enhancing bike parking around the city. This new mapped bicycle parking application is creating a crowdsourced inventory of existing bike racks, while also allowing users to suggest potential locations for bike rack installations throughout the city.

Get rolling at bit.ly/ATLRackNRide

ATL Rack 'N Ride

Have you been using ATL Rack 'N Ride as you park your bike around the city? This app uses your input to map Atlanta's bike parking inventory. You can even add suggestions for potential new bike rack locations! Use ATL Rack 'N Ride to help yourself and fellow riders. Try it out at bit.ly/ATLRackNRide.





Upcoming Election

Don't forget to vote in the General Primary/Nonpartisan Election on May 21.
Advance voting dates: April 29 - May 17

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Quick Links:

- [MLPA](#) - Morningside Lenox Park Association website
- [NPU-F](#) - Neighborhood Planning Unit F website
- [APD](#) - Atlanta Police website
- [PEDS](#) - A quick link to report pedestrian hazards to city
- [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](#)
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