

MORNINGSIDE LENOX PARK ASSOCIATION

YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION NEWS
February 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



ANNOUNCING

THE

**Morningside Community
Foundation**

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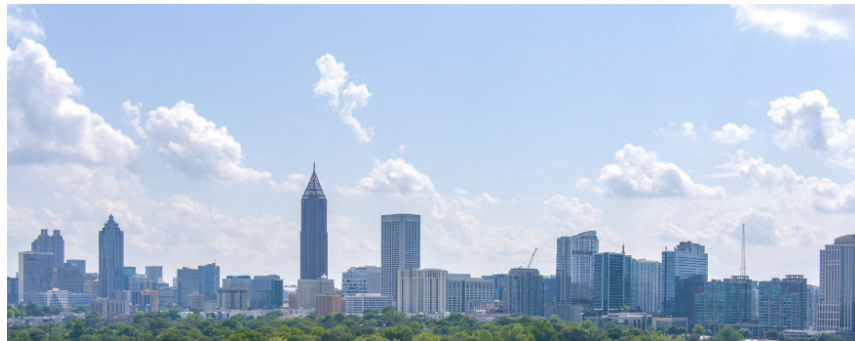
We are excited to share that we can continue to advance our great neighborhood with the newly formed Morningside Community Foundation, a 501(c)(3) non-profit charitable organization. Partnering with MLPA, the Foundation is dedicated to the improvement and sustainment of Morningside parks and infrastructure and to the quality of life of all residents and visitors.

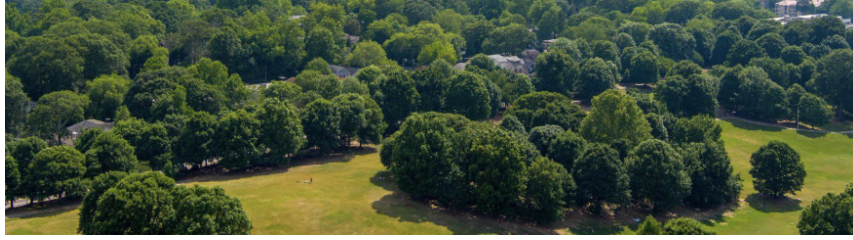
While we await notification from the IRS, we are planning projects to undertake. Please take a few minutes to tell us the kind of projects you would support financially with a tax

take a few minutes to tell us the kind of projects you would support financially with a tax-deductible donation or through your donor-advised fund.

This [survey](#) has some ideas collected from board members and the MLPA Master Plan, but now we need your help to identify where we focus our efforts and your dollars in 2025. Thanks in advance for your help and stay tuned for reports on our plans and progress.

	Morningside-Lenox Park Association (MLPA)	Morningside Community Foundation (MCF)
Purpose	Membership-based 501(c)(4) neighborhood organization.	501(c)(3) for the betterment of the Morningside neighborhood for residents and visitors.
Mission/ Vision	Build a vibrant, safe and engaged neighborhood.	Organize for the advancement of the Morningside-Lenox Park neighborhood, for its residents and visitors, including but not limited to park improvements, improvements to the built environment, and improvements in the quality of life of all residents.
Focus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Communications ● Security Patrol ● Neighborhood Watch ● Zoning ● Alcohol Licensing ● Events + Community Building ● Advocacy + Representation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Parks ● Infrastructure ● Public Art ● MLPA Master Plan Implementation
Funding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Memberships ● (Taxable) Donations ● Business Sponsorships ● Fundraisers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● (Tax deductible) Donations ● Grants ● Filming Donations ● Fundraisers
History	Founded in 1965 to fight I-485	Incorporated in 2024





New Tree Protection Ordinance Legislation

The City of Atlanta Office of Zoning and Development distributed new Tree Protection Ordinance legislation. Proposed by councilmember Michael Julian Bond, Z-25-04 is a companion to 24-O-1691 and would:

- replace/update existing tree protection in the city
- clarify how trees in the city are protected
- ensure proper management of trees in Atlanta’s development and conservation efforts.

The legislation will be on the February 19 NPU-F agenda ([information to join here](#)). At the meeting, representatives from the Department of City Planning will be present to answer questions.

[TPO Fact Sheet](#)

[Administrative Variance Fact Sheet](#)

[Z-25-04 Ordinance](#)

Z-25-04 will be heard at a public hearing by Zoning Review Board on March 13, 2025.



Alcohol Licence Application

Alcohol license application [ALCO-0125-36167](#) has been submitted for a new restaurant at 1620 Piedmont Ave, the location formerly proposed to be Toranj (which never opened) and which was Atmosphere before that. **The application is on the NPU-F agenda for vote this Wednesday, February 19.** Although the application was not received before our monthly MLPA board meeting - City Code does NOT require liquor license applicants to attend any neighborhood meeting(s) as a pre-condition to being heard by the NPU - applicant Jacob Isliker and his counsel had a call on Friday with MLPA Board representatives and the NPU-F Alcohol License Chair.

The new restaurant will be called Mistora and will serve tapas-style menu items with meat, vegetarian and seafood options, in addition to other small plates, entrees and desserts. There will be no live entertainment, no outdoor dining and no outside amplified music. Mr. Isliker is also the owner and operator (100%) of Verdure Kitchen & Cocktails on Dutch Valley Rd, also in Morningside; it has been open for two years and there have been no incidents nor violations of note. Mr. Isliker has agreed to change the closing operating hours to 11pm weekdays and 12am weekends. The later hours on the application were listed to account for the staff who remain after closing for cleaning, bookkeeping, etc.

If you are interested in learning more about this application and would like to vote, please attend the NPU-F meeting ([information to join here](#)), but also be aware that the applicant might defer as was requested in our meeting.



Neighborhood Trivia

We received a fun inquiry from the Danish Honorary Consul of Georgia. He is wondering the origin of the name Greenland Drive in our neighborhood, as he collects information for

name association with the Kingdom of Denmark. Do any Morningsiders know the historical context of this street name? Please [share with us](#), if you do!

EVENTS



Volunteer Appreciation

On February 11, MLPA hosted a gathering at Six Feet Under to celebrate the heart and soul of our community—our incredible volunteers! With a Valentine's love theme, the evening was filled with gratitude, good vibes, and a little extra sugar (both in desserts and appreciation!). Guests sipped on festive cocktails, enjoyed delicious bites, and shared stories of neighborly love. We hope our volunteers felt the love they so generously give all year long.

These amazing neighbors contribute to Morningside in the following ways:

- Communications
- Zoning
- Master Plan Implementation
- Parks
- Street Captains
- Security

Traffic Calming
Membership
Events
Community Partners

A huge thank you to everyone who makes our neighborhood a better place—our community wouldn't be the same without you! And big hugs to [Six Feet Under](#) and event organizers John Hults and Sejal Patel!

We ALWAYS need more volunteers! Interested? [Email us](#).

**UPCOMING
EVENTS**

- New Parent Brunch - April 11**
- Spring Concert in the Park - May 9**
- New Neighbor Welcome - August 13**
- 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 2025 calendars now and keep an eye out for additional information!



Morningside Supper Club

Meet new neighbors and dine at our local restaurants - it's a win-win! Pictured above is the first outing of 2025 at Nino's on Cheshire Bridge. **The next dinner will be on March 1 at 6:30pm at Thaicoon on Briarcliff Rd in the Sage Hill shopping center.**

Seating is limited so please RSVP as soon as possible. Reserve your spot by texting/calling organizer Sarah Chatel at 404-784-4871.

PARKS





Friends of Sidney Marcus Park

Congratulations to our stalwart Friends of Sidney Marcus Park leader John Pappas for being selected to receive a 2025 Inspiration Award from Park Pride. Park Pride's Annual Inspiration Awards honor leaders (including community individuals or governmental representatives) who:

- inspire others to expand and improve public parks and greenspaces,
- work to raise awareness about critical, system-wide park issues,
- and demonstrate a profound commitment to strengthening the connection between parks and their surrounding community.

John has spearheaded several park improvement projects at Sidney Marcus over many years - from seating installations to drainage solutions to picnic table additions to water fountain restoration and MORE! Thank you to neighbors Lori Brown and Sejal Patel for nominating John, as he so deserves the recognition for all of his time, dedication and efforts. He will be honored next month at the Parks and Greenspace Conference.





Lanier Boulevard Parkway

Last year, the Morningside Lenox Park monument on Lanier Blvd at Amsterdam Ave was damaged in a motorcycle accident (the driver was injured but has recovered). Many thanks to nearby neighbor Andy Conwell for reaching out to MLPA and overseeing the repair!





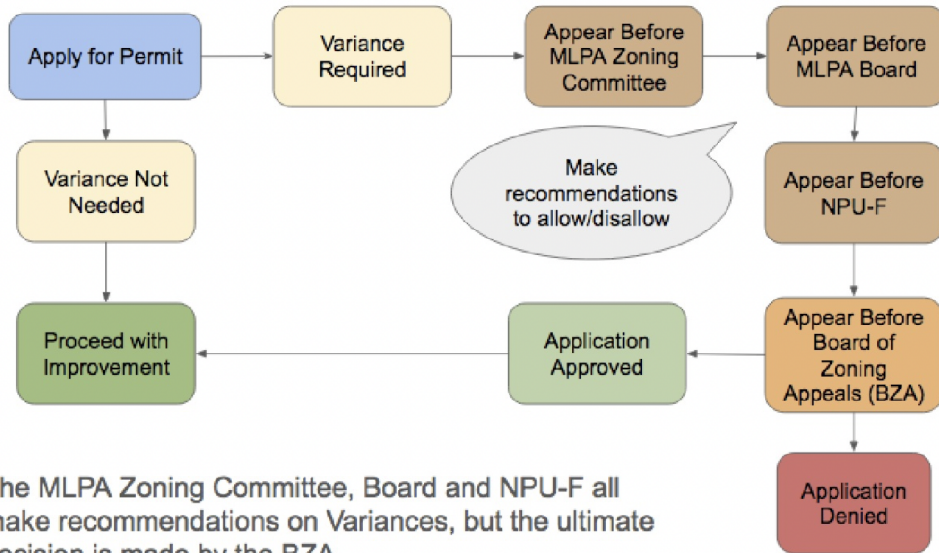
Piedmont Park Conservancy

February 2025 Update: You shared. We listened. Now, tell us what you think.

The Design Team has developed two visions for the park, with differing design strategies across a range of proposed amenities and experiences. Explore the draft plans and share your feedback to inform the final Comprehensive Plan. **Final input February 8 - March 8.**

[Click here for more information.](#)

ZONING



Variance Requests

The MLPA did not receive any variance requests for review at the February board meeting.



Shape Atlanta's Future

[Plan A](#) is the update to the City's Comprehensive Development Plan (CDP) required every five years under state law. It sets forth the vision, goals, policies, and actions for future physical growth and development in Atlanta.

Comment on the [Map](#) until **March 10 (extended)**.

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For questions about the draft, email PlanA@atlantaga.gov

Public input is critical to updating the plan.



Zoning 2.0

Join virtually on **Monday, March 17 from 6:30-8:00pm** to have your Module III questions answered and discuss the administration of the new zoning ordinance. It includes the code's legal provisions, assorted rezoning, variance, and development review procedures, and standards for nonconformities. This module will also include associated definitions.

[Register to attend here.](#)

[Email the project team here.](#)

MEET THE BOARD



Sejal Patel, Vice President

Sejal was born and raised in Atlanta, Georgia by immigrant parents from India. A true Georgia peach, Sejal studied Civil Engineering from GA Tech and a MBA from Emory University's Goizueta Business School. Morningside has always been her favorite neighborhood while growing up. She has lived in the neighborhood since 2015 and led the Centennial Ball committee in 2023. You can see Sejal walking around the

the Centennial Plan Committee in 2026. You can see Sejal walking around the neighborhood with her rescue pup, Sansa. She volunteers with animal rescues in the city. Sejal is hoping to help build the MLPA so it feels like a small town, where neighbors know neighbors and we have a strong voice in keeping the neighborhood safe and vibrant.

AROUND TOWN



Morningside Farmers Market

Did you know? [Intown Cares](#) is finding it increasingly difficult to keep their shelves stocked for food insecure neighbors. How can Morningside Farmer's Market goers help? Purchase local, fresh food at the market or bring shelf-stable foods to our market bin any Saturday (near the farmers' tents). Every donation matters! Donate using the [Intown Cares Amazon Wish List](#). Check out the most needed items from the [Intown Cares website](#).

What's in Season?

bok choy, butternut squash, carrots, cabbage, cauliflower, cilantro, collard greens, daikon radish, dill, flowers, green onions, hakurei turnips, herbs, kale, lettuces, microgreens, radish, spinach, and more!

[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

of items for fruits and vegetables at the information tent.
spacious, tree-lined setting for market goers.

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ATLANTA
PUBLIC
SCHOOLS

Atlanta Public Schools Updates

Pre-K Lottery: If you have a child who will be 4 years old by September 1, 2025, be sure to apply for the 2025-2026 Atlanta Public Schools Pre-K Lottery. Applications will be open from February 17 at 9 a.m. to March 10. The lottery drawing is on March 24. Visit the APS Early Learning website for more details.

Kindergarten Registration: For children who will be 5 years old by September 1, 2025, Kindergarten Round-Up will be held from March 10-12. Registration can be completed online or in person. Visit the APS website for more information.

Rising 6th and 9th Graders: Re-registration for the 2025-2026 school year begins on March 10.

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](#)

MLPA SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES 2025

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

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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](#)
- [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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