

Buttonwood Hill Residents Association Newsletter

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Dear Neighbours,

Happy Spring! We hope you are all doing well and looking forward to spending more time outdoors.

Buttonwood Park is an important part of daily life in our neighbourhood and we're pleased to share an update on the **Buttonwood Park Improvements Project**.

Over the past year, Buttonwood Hill Residents Association (BHRA) has been meeting regularly with the City of Toronto Parks & Recreation team and Councillor Stephen Holyday to stay informed and share community feedback about the future of our park.

Due to staffing changes within the City's Parks project team, the project timeline has shifted slightly, and **construction is now anticipated to begin in Fall 2026**. We will continue to monitor progress and keep residents updated as new information becomes available.

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1. Buttonwood Park Improvements Update

A Park at the Heart of Our Community

Buttonwood Park is more than just green space, it's where neighbours meet, children play, and families gather year-round. The park currently features tennis and pickleball courts, an ice rink, a playground, open lawns, walking paths, and seating areas.

The upcoming improvements aim to make the park more comfortable, accessible, and welcoming for everyone, while preserving the natural character that residents value.

What Improvements Are Being Considered

Due to limited City funding for this project, Phase 1 will focus on foundational improvements, such as:

- Improved and more accessible walking paths
- Additional shaded seating areas (e.g. gazebo)
- Better lighting to improve safety
- Expanded seating and landscaped planting areas

These upgrades are intended to support both quiet enjoyment and active use, creating spaces where residents of all ages can relax, connect, and spend time outdoors.

Looking ahead, BHRA will continue advocating for additional enhancements in a future Phase 2 and we are considering exploring community fundraising opportunities to support new recreational amenities.


Shaped by Community Input

Many of the ideas guiding this project came directly from residents. Through surveys and community engagement, neighbours highlighted several key priorities:

- Preserving the park's greenspace and natural feel
- Improving accessibility for all ages and abilities
- Increasing safety through lighting and clear pathways
- Creating spaces that encourage both relaxation and community interaction
- New activity features for children (separate from the existing playground)

Your feedback plays an important role in shaping the park's future.

November 2025: Online Thought Exchange Activity

From November 4 to 18, community input was gathered through an interactive thought exchange activity where participants were asked to share their ideas and rate the ideas of others. 281 participants contributed 251 ideas and 4711 ratings. Review top thoughts and themes in the [November 2025 Online Thought Exchange Activity summary](#) 

Phase 1 Project Timeline (subject to change)

- **Summer 2025:** Design team hired
- **Fall 2025 – Spring 2026:** Community engagement and concept development
- **Spring – Summer 2026:** Detailed design
- **Summer 2026:** Construction team hired
- **Fall 2026:** Construction begins
- **Late 2026:** Target completion

For additional details on **Buttonwood Park Improvements** and survey results under “**Community Engagement Phase 1: Toward a Vision**”, residents can visit the **City of Toronto's webpage:** <https://www.toronto.ca/city-government/planning-development/construction-new-facilities/park-facility-projects/buttonwood-park-improvements/>

Sign up for City of Toronto Buttonwood Park updates:

<https://ca.mar.medallia.com/?e=90001239&d=l&h=8BB3EBECE2751DC&l=en>

2. Upcoming Community Update

The City's Parks Department is planning a **Pop-Up Community Engagement Meeting** where residents will be able to learn more about the project and hear about the next steps. BHRA is advised by Parks that this meeting is proposed to be held in May, 2026 at Chartwell Scarlett Heights Retirement Residence, with details to follow. We are also advised that a further online survey will be available in May for residents to respond to.

We encourage neighbours to attend and stay involved in the conversation about our park.



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3. Stay Connected

To stay informed about neighbourhood updates and future BHRA initiatives:

- Email: buttonwoodhillresidents@gmail.com
- BHRA Website <https://buttonwoodhillresidents.com>
- BHRA Facebook www.facebook.com/buttonwoodhillresidents
- BHRA Instagram www.instagram.com/buttonwoodresidentsassociation.

Thank you for being part of the Buttonwood Hill community and for helping shape the future of Buttonwood Park.

4. Quick Links & Community Resources

- [City of Toronto – Buttonwood Park Improvements:](https://www.toronto.ca/city-government/planning-development/construction-new-facilities/park-facility-projects/buttonwood-park-improvements/)
<https://www.toronto.ca/city-government/planning-development/construction-new-facilities/park-facility-projects/buttonwood-park-improvements/>
- [City of Toronto – Buttonwood Park Updates:](https://ca.mar.medallia.com/?e=90001239&d=l&h=8BB3EBECE2751DC&l=en)
<https://ca.mar.medallia.com/?e=90001239&d=l&h=8BB3EBECE2751DC&l=en>
- Members of City Council Contact information:
<https://www.toronto.ca/city-government/council/members-of-council/>

Thank you for continuing to support Buttonwood Hill Residents Association.