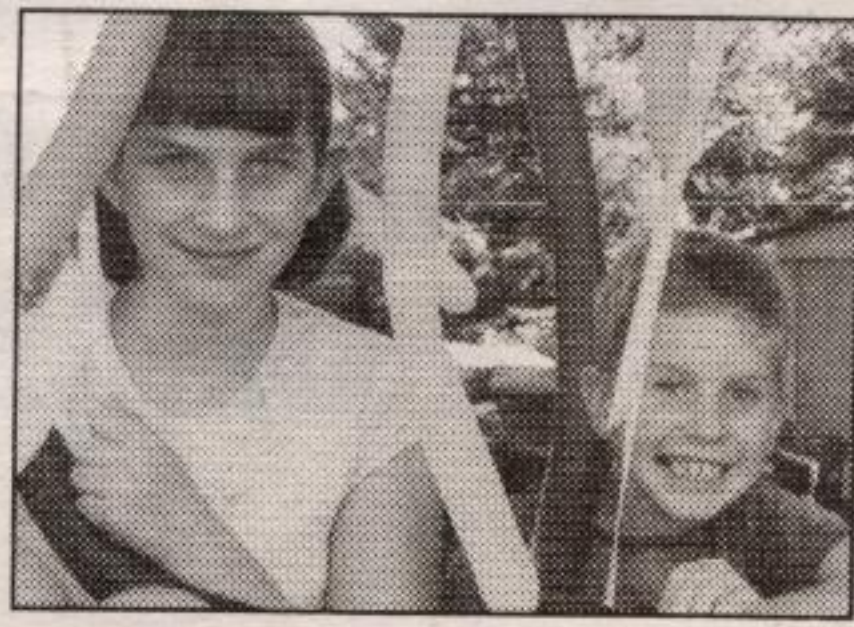


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# Just Kidding



It's almost time once again for ghosts and ghouls to haunt our streets. That's right: Halloween is just around the corner. If your family is looking for some spooky fun in the next few weeks, why not check out some of the following events?

Our smallest shoppers will delight in the Trick or Treat on Main Street event. Bring your children in costume to Downtown Georgetown on Saturday, October 25 between 11 am and 1 pm and register outside the Silvercreek Espresso Bar. There are prizes for the best costumes and mini pumpkins to all participants. Merchants will provide the candy for a daylight trick or treat bonanza for children under 10. Stay in town for the afternoon and enjoy a spectacular magic show at the John Elliot Theatre where Illusionist Claude Haggerty

returns for his 3rd year with plenty of new illusions, audience participation and his beautiful exotic cats (tigers, lions, jaguars and more). Tickets for the shows at 3 pm and 6:30 pm are on sale at the box office; call 905-877-3700.

Travel out to the Halton County Radial Museum on October 25 from 6:30 pm to 10:00 pm. Among the featured events will be antique streetcar rides through the evil witch's forest, arriving at the Haunted Barn. Travel past the graveyards of old conductors. But tread very carefully down the paths that lead to the witch's private pond. Be oh-so-careful not to disturb the Zombies as you slowly pass by the circa 1963 Ice Cream Parlour. Wear a costume! Admission for this event is \$6 per person plus GST and more information is available by calling

519-856-9802.

Until October 31 enjoy the Mountsberg Fall Festival. There will be a five-acre maze, pumpkin bowling, pumpkin hurling, scarecrow making and pumpkin carving competitions, fall colour wagon rides, children's PlayBarn, pet and feed the farm animals, see live birds of prey presentations and visit the haunted house. Call 905-854-2276.

The Town of Milton offers two variations of Halloween fun this month. "Hocus Pocus" is geared for five to eight-year-olds interested in scary games, crafts and songs. Prizes will be given for the scariest, funniest and most creative costumes. This runs on Saturday, October 25 from 10 am to noon at the Milton Seniors' Centre. "Ghost, Ghouls and Goblins" is for 6 to 10-year-olds and involves games and making Halloween decorations. It runs on Sunday, October 26 from 2 to 4 pm at the Milton Leisure Centre. Each of the classes cost \$20; call 905-875-1681, ext 227.

Make sure to spend quality family time at "I Love to Read!" Milton's Book Festival for

Children. This program runs on Sunday, November 2 from noon to 4 pm at Milton District High School. Enjoy readings with such Canadian authors as Kenneth Oppel, Barbara Greenwood, Mary Wallace, Janet Wilson, Mary Eileen

McClea, Aubrey Davis, Werner Zimmerman and more. There will be book signings, displays and activities available. Call 905-875-4636.

Well, that's it for another month. Have a safe and Happy Halloween.

**A Change of Season**  
Georgetown Bach Chorale  
performs with a Chamber Quintet

**Autumn Concert**  
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Piano Quintet in A major, "The Trout" - Schubert  
Ave Verum - Mozart  
"Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring" - Bach

October 25, 8:00 p.m.  
Library and Cultural Centre Gallery  
Georgetown ~ Tickets \$20.00

Tickets may be purchased in advance at two locations in downtown Georgetown  
Foodstuffs ~ 905-877-6569  
and Young's Pharmacy ~ 905-877-2711  
Tickets will also be available at the door.



**TRACEY MCGRATH**

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## Dear Tracey

With every publication I will be answering your questions about Tax, Estate and Financial Planning.

I've lived in Halton for 30 years and I am raising my family here.

This month I'm going to tell a story about my family. I have learned through my parents that when a challenging situation comes your way in life you learn from it and better your life as well as the lives of others. I hope our situation will help at least one person avoid any unnecessary pain and discomfort.

As many of our friends and neighbors are aware, my father has been very ill for the last three weeks. On September 19 Roy Curtis, my dad, suffered from two primary embolisms, which are blood clots in the lung. My father went into hospital on September 16 as he was diagnosed with lung cancer and the doctors were going in to remove the tumour. The surgery was very successful, but three days later Dad found himself unable to breathe. The incredible team at St Joseph's Hospital in Hamilton rushed him to the ICU, immediately sedated him, put him on a respirator, and we found him Friday night in very critical condition on double life support. He made it through the night - something the doctors were not expecting

- then he made it the next 48 hours (also not expected), and then 9 days later he actually flickered his eyes. Slowly, but surely, we had our dad back. Actually, as I write this on October the 8th, he is on his way home. My father is the most incredible man I know so I am not surprised that he was able to fight his way back to us and win.

My message is this: My mom, who is also incredibly strong and determined, did not know any bank account information or investments, and she could not access his computer emails or banking on-line because she does not like the computer. Now, my mom has me, which she said she was very thankful for. I obviously manage their portfolio and know where Dad banks, his banker and even the codes to his computer. As I sat there in that terrible situation in the early days, I thanked God that I could help my mom with whatever came our way. I need to spread the word to a spouse that is not involved in the every day life of financial dealings of their household; everyone has one. Both spouses should sit together at least once a year

to update account numbers, contact persons of their banks, account number and contact persons of investment portfolios, all codes for computer systems and combinations for safes and safety deposit boxes. Make sure Living Power of Attorneys are updated so that a person can act on your behalf.

I never thought I would find my dad in this situation even though I often see this in my career as a financial planner. You never think it's going to happen to you. PLEASE make the steps today to avoid any other pain and stress so that you are able to focus on what is important during a crisis and that's your family.

Thank you to everyone for all your prayers. You know who you are.

Tracey and the entire Curtis family

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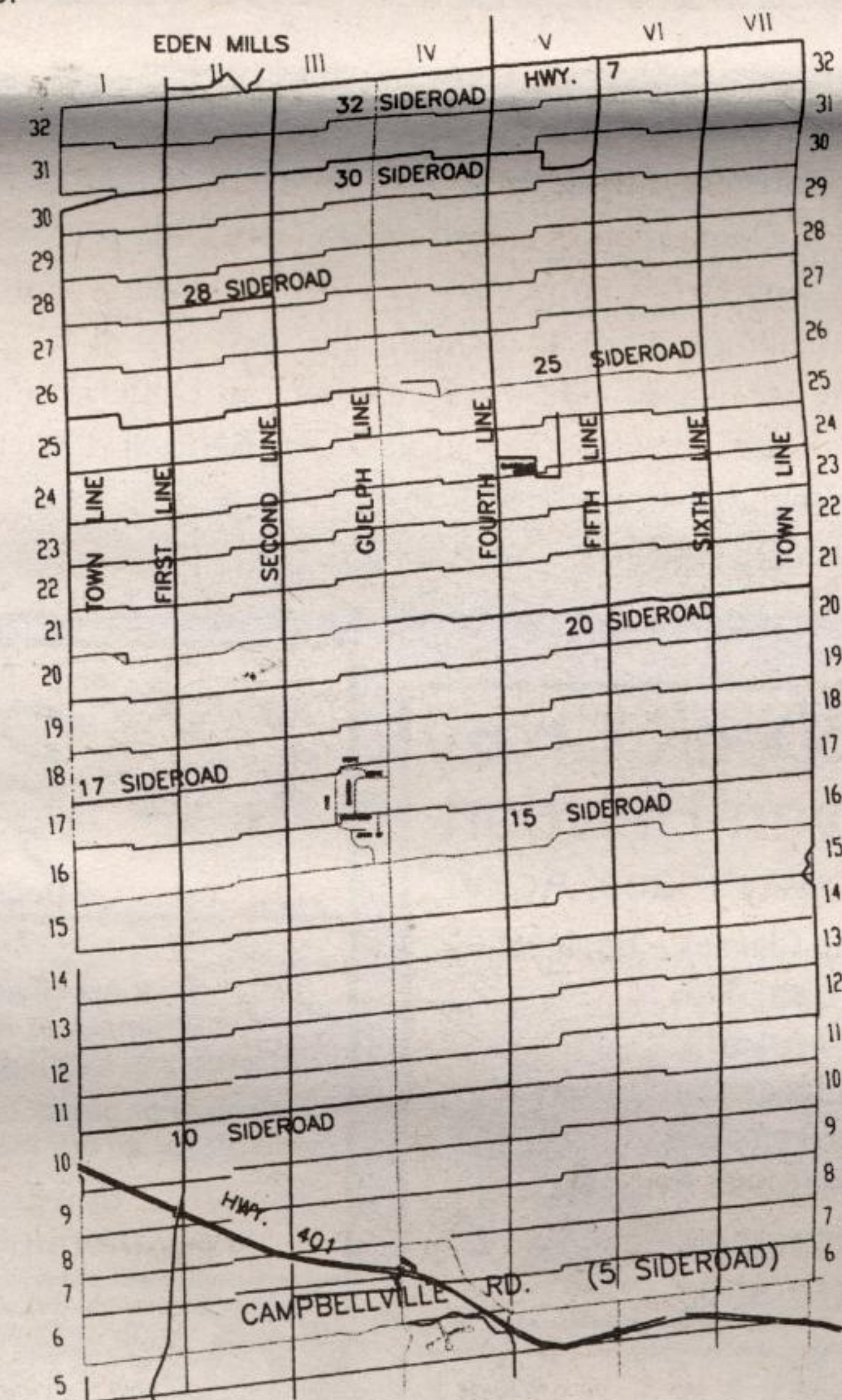
## PUBLIC NOTICE

### MILTON HYDRO DISTRIBUTION INC. TREE TRIMMING IN NORTH AREA

Milton Hydro has awarded the Tree Trimming Contract for the north area of Milton to OAKHILL TREE SERVICE.

The trimming of trees will commence OCTOBER 20, 2003 and will be completed on or about APRIL 30, 2004.

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