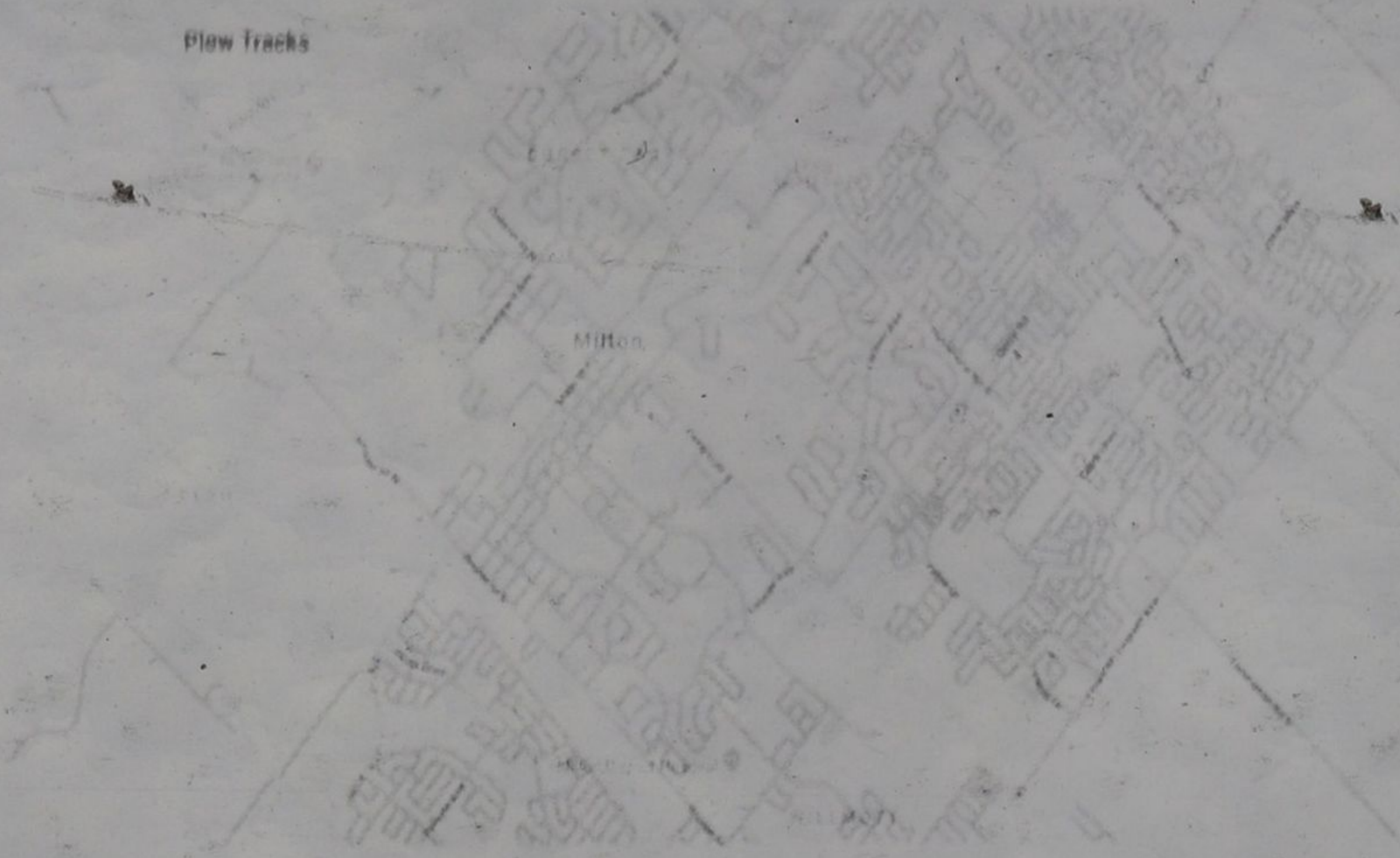


TOWN LAUNCHES LIVE SNOW PLOW TRACKER

Just in time for the start of the cold season, the Town of Milton has officially launched its snow plowing tracker feature, which allows residents to monitor the progress of the snow-clearing process as operations crews make their way across town during winter events.

As explained on the news release: "When a plow passes over a road, the colour on the map turns green, indicating that a plow is operating in the area. As the maintenance continues, roads throughout Milton will change colour until all primary roads are serviced."

Paul Cripps, the town's commissioner of engineering services, said that "the Plow Tracks feature is a great way for Milton residents to stay up-to-speed on plowing operations directly from their mobile devices



Screenshot

The Plow Tracks feature is also accessible online.

or computers.

"As Milton grows, we are always looking for new innovative solutions to improve service levels and deliver better information to residents," he said.

It's worthwhile to note that the residential roads are only plowed after crews finish clearing priority areas and under the condition of at least 10 centimetres of snow accumulation.

The Plow Tracks tool is accessible on the MyMilton app, which can be downloaded from the Google Play Store and Apple App Store, as well as online at www.milton.ca/snow.

BEST-SELLING AUTHOR VISITS MILTON



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CBC's Michael Serapio talks with Kelley Armstrong about her psychological thriller *Wherever She Goes* during the Milton Public Library's culmination of its annual One Book, One Milton campaign.

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WOODBINE ENTERTAINMENT

Santa, carollers and horse racing

Woodbine Mohawk Park is the place to be for family fun this holiday season

As the holiday season kicks into gear, it's time for presents, parties and ... the racetrack?

Actually, yes. Woodbine Mohawk Park (WMP) is the place to be for free family fun this holiday season, from live harness racing to photos with Santa, wagon rides, strolling carollers, craft workshops and a traditional buffet with all the fixings.

Last year's inaugural holiday event was so successful, WMP is turning it into an annual affair, thanks to its newly winterized venue.

"It's a magical season, and we're excited to bring families and community members back again this year," says Laura Sikorski, director of guest experience and events with Woodbine

Entertainment. "Most of our holiday offerings are free of charge, with free admission and free parking."

Aside from the excitement of live harness racing, holiday-themed entertainment will include strolling carollers, wagon rides on Santa's sleigh, a holiday-themed craft station, a hot chocolate stand for kids and spiked holiday-themed cocktails for adults. And, of course, there will be an opportunity for kids to have their photo taken with Santa himself.

"We want to be able to customize the experience, whether you're coming with kids, friends, a ladies' night or a date night," says Sikorski.

This year's event will feature holiday dining throughout the month of December, as well as a holiday cocktail workshop for adults on Friday, Dec. 6 — part of WMP's beverage-tasting series in November and December. And on Dec. 14 and 21, WMP will offer up a full roster of holiday-



Woodbine Mohawk Park's holiday events run throughout December. CONTRIBUTED

themed events for kids and kids-at-heart. Events run from 6 to 10 p.m., and races start at 7:10 p.m.

Adults can also partake in holiday workshops, including the holiday centerpiece workshop (Dec. 14) and holiday cupcake-decorating workshop (Dec. 21). Space is limited, so participants must register in advance.

But the pièce de résistance is WMP's traditional holiday food offerings. "Our Terrace Trackside Buffet serves up a beautiful holiday-themed buffet," says Sikorski. From the carvery, there's roasted Ontario turkey with butternut squash and herb stuffing with sage

giblet gravy, along with prime rib and country-baked ham with mustard maple glaze and house-made applesauce.

On the side, there's roasted root veggies with honey-thyme glaze and braised cabbage with mulled wine, fennel and apples. And for those with a sweet tooth, the holiday buffet will offer an assortment of freshly baked tarts and cookies, raisin rum crème caramel and traditional Christmas bread pudding.

All of this will take place on WMP's expansive grounds, decorated for the season to evoke the feeling of a winter wonderland — with an opportunity to get up close and personal with the venue's biggest stars, the horses.

"Many guests don't realize the horses race right through the winter, and we offer experiences beyond our holiday offerings that allow them to get closer to the races and to the horses," says Sikorski.

Even in winter, guests can take paddock tours and even sulky rides. "That's one of our biggest objectives," says Sikorski, "to connect families and guests to racing, and that will continue through the holiday season."

For more information, or to register for workshops, visit WoodbineMohawkPark.com.