



GRAHAM PAINE / CANADIAN CHAMPION

Three trees that lined the shore of the Mill Pond fell victim to the latest storm. Two toppled into the pond and the other over the pathway. The trees fell sometime late Thursday or early Friday. Here, Millside Drive resident Bob Hammond — out on his daily walk — ducks under a 40-foot tree that fell across the Mill Pond pathway.

## Storm topples trees, Town addressing safety concern

The Town is addressing safety concerns regarding trees around the Mill Pond after the record amount of rain recently caused a number of them to fall at the downtown park.

Three trees, each about 40 feet tall, toppled over late last week at the pond, with two falling into the water and one across the pathway.

Another tree of about the same height also fell across the south pathway and partially into the pond three weeks ago.

Town Senior Manager of Infrastructure John Brophy attributed the falling trees to the wet weather as of late.

"The banks of the pond have become saturated with the amount of rain we've had," he said.

He said with the saturation and erosion of the banks, the tree bases have

been undermined and destabilized, causing them to fall.

Brophy said the toppling trees do present a safety concern for the Town. In response, the municipality has brought in a contracted arboriculture company to help out. "The contractor cut down a number of trees on Monday that were leaning because we can't take the risk of hurting someone," he said. "We're doing what we're supposed to be doing."

He said the Town is having the rest of the trees at the Mill Pond inspected to make sure they're safe. The contractor also removed the fallen trees Monday. In total, about six large trees — including the fallen ones — were taken away.

Brophy noted that maintenance crews regularly check the Town's trees throughout Milton.



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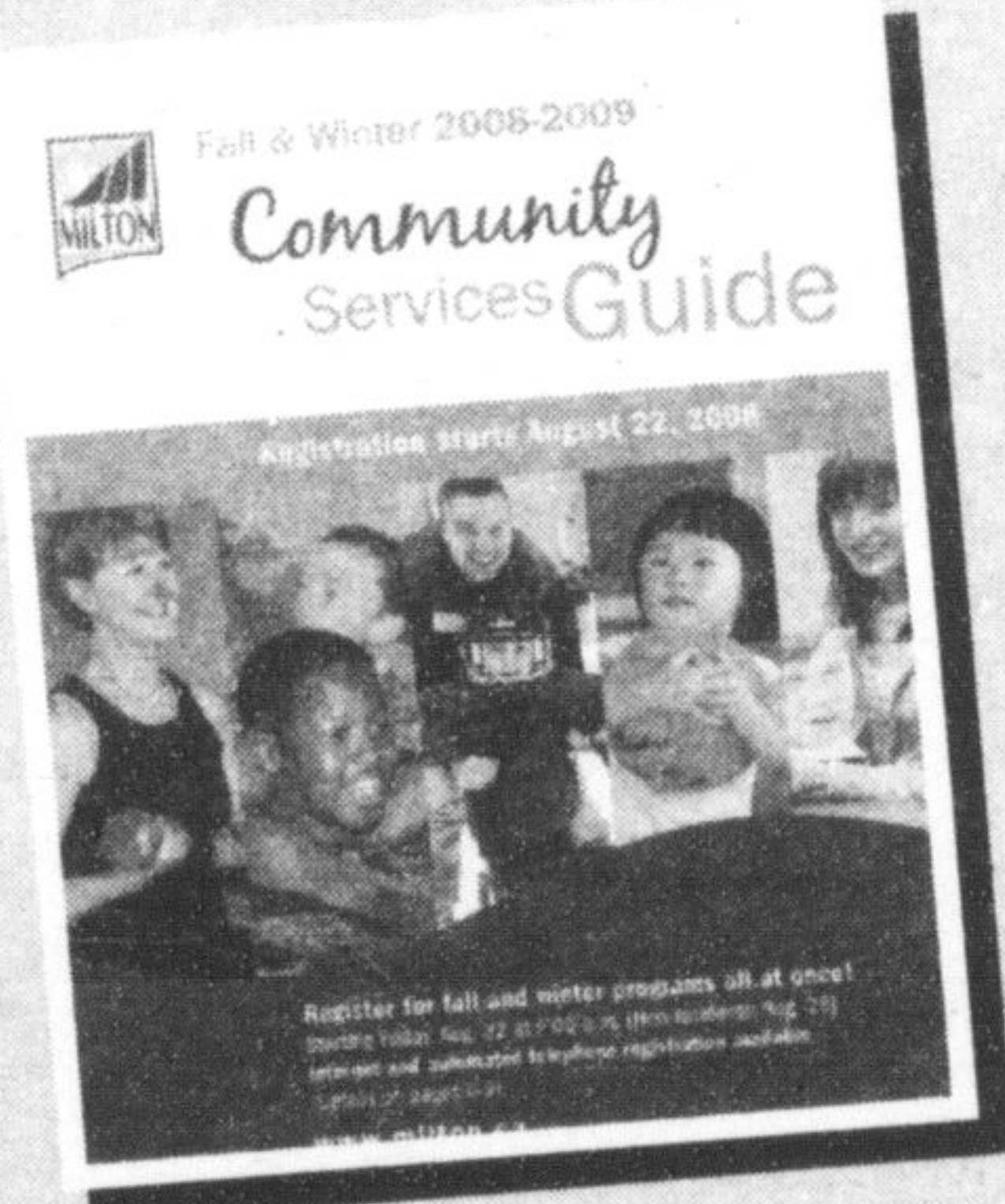
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### Correction

Incorrect dates were published in a story Friday about a dance workshop by Blake McGrath. The workshop will be held this Saturday and Sunday at The Dance Shoppe from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days. We apologize for the error and any inconvenience it caused.

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