

BRONZE PLAQUES, HISTORICAL ITEMS STOLEN FROM NORVAL PARKS

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A number of bronze plaques, along with additional historical bronze structures have been stolen from Norval and McNab parks this week, Kathy Gastle of the Norval Community Association said.

The evening of Aug. 29, Gastle, a volunteer with the Lucy Maud Montgomery Museum and Literary Centre, said she arrived at the site in Norval to do some work and noticed immediately that a bronze plaque appeared to be missing from the park. As she continued walking through the garden, she noticed more and more were gone.

"I was overwhelmed," she said. "It is very disturbing that they would clear a community of



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A number of bronze plaques and other memorabilia were found missing from two parks in Norval.

their community beautification projects."

Gastle said five bronze plaques were stolen from the Children's Garden of the Senses and one from the woodlands. A 1997 sundial dedicated to local war veterans, as well as a children's bronze sculpture were also missing, she added.

"There are so many memories, events and special occasions associated with these plaques," she

said. "Our whole history."

Alex Fuller, manager of corporate communications with the Town of Halton Hills, says the town is investigating the matter and that the stolen plaques are valued at approximately ten thousand dollars.

"Very disappointed and disgusted that someone stole all of the bronze plaques and flower pots in Norval this past few days," Mayor Rick Bonnette wrote to Twitter. "These plaques depict Norval's history and milestones achieved."

Gastle says she is looking to speak to any residents and employees of nearby businesses who may have seen any suspicious activity or have surveillance footage that could be of use. She can be reached at kathy.gastle@gmail.com.

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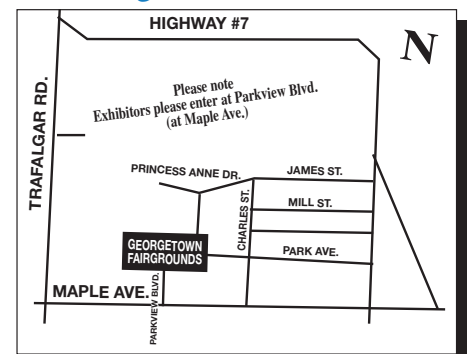
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