

\$25,000 in vandalism damages

DEVILS NIGHT: Over \$25,000 in damages were reported to police on Friday, October 31, by Drexler Construction. Vandals destroyed the newly formed curbs at a Wallace St. construction site sometime between 6:30 pm Thursday and Friday morning—*Danielle McIsaac photo.*

Trees dedicated to loved ones are broken down by vandals

About seven years ago, the Rotary Club of Acton introduced their Rotary Park Memorial Tree program in which individuals and families were invited to purchase a tree in memory of a loved one.

The program proved to be so popular that three dedications have been completed to date and about 20 trees planted in and around Rotary Park, which borders Fairy Lake.

Over the years, three of the trees did not survive the winter and have been replaced. Worse still, five trees have been vandalized. Two were broken off and destroyed this past weekend. The two vandalized trees had been replanted this summer, to replace two that hadn't survived the harsh winter.

These trees, maintained through a partnership between the Acton Rotary Club

and the Town of Halton Hills, serve as a living memory of all those whose names are etched on three brass plaques mounted on an imposing rock, which sits at the base of Elmore Drive.

The individuals and families who purchased a tree were invited to attend a dedication ceremony at the park, at which time a lottery system was used to assign a tree to the deceased. A short ceremony, conducted by Rotarian and Minister Emrys Jenkins, accompanied each of the three dedications.

It is disturbing that mindless vandalism has affected two families who chose to dedicate these trees to a loved one, said Rotary member Doug Fread. There's also a monetary loss, as the Acton Rotary Club must again replace two trees.

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