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FRIDAY...

Queen Street residents in Georgetown will see an improvement in the condition of their road in coming weeks after lodging several complaints.

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Plant pals

Owen MacArthur, 5, and sister Riley, 7, of Acton, were among the hundreds of gardening fans who turned out for the annual Acton Horticultural Society's plant sale held in the parking lot of the old Hide House Saturday. More than 400 people were expected at the fundraising event in which proceeds go towards maintaining flower beds in and around Acton.

Photo by Calvin Dyke

Vandals torch memorial

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When Tom Schenk took a stroll early Saturday morning just around the corner from his Charles St. home in Georgetown, he was stunned to see what had happened to the cenotaph at Remembrance Park.

Instead of 1,100 candles burning brightly, as a tribute to Canadians killed during wartime, the cenotaph was charred by fire, caused when vandals piled up the candles on one side of the monument.

The Halton Hills Fire Department responded just after 4 a.m. Saturday and extinguished the fire, but the heat was intense enough to crumble a portion of concrete at the bottom of the cenotaph. Cost to repair the damage has yet to be determined.

Remembrance Park wasn't the only target of vandals over the weekend.

Fairview Cemetery in Acton had several graves defaced, with flower beds damaged and some solar lights smashed, while two benches were broken in Rotary Park.

The incidents were among several acts of vandalism that have occurred around Halton Hills in recent weeks.

"It's very sad to see this. The damage we'll be able to fix, but how people can do this is beyond my comprehension. This is sick," said Schenk, a member of the Candlelight Tribute Committee.

"(The cenotaph) is a very sensitive place. For the people who sacrificed their lives for us and for people like me because I was able to come to this country thanks to what Canadian soldiers did in Holland, and that's why there's such a great relationship with Canadians over there."

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