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Thefts and mischief incidents keep Caledon OPP officers busy

Officers of Caledon OPP were kept busy over the weekend with numerous theft and vandalism incidents in town.

As of press time, police said no suspects had been identified in any of the incidents. But officers believe that some of them are the result of the same individual or individuals and are requesting the assistance of the public in identifying those responsible.

Two vehicles were damaged for no apparent reason in Caledon East sometime early Saturday morning. The rear window of one vehicle parked in a driveway on

Marilyn Street was smashed with a baseball bat and the rear window of a vehicle parked in a driveway on Walker Road East was smashed with a brick. The incidents appear random, as nothing was taken from either vehicle. Police also believe the incidents were likely caused by the same individual or individuals.

Officers in Bolton had several incidents to look into Sunday morning. Two rocks were thrown through the front windows of an abandoned business on Regional Road 50 at William Street. Police were then called to a residence on William Street

after the homeowner discovered that his vehicle, which was parked in the driveway, had been damaged overnight. The rear window was smashed.

A parking sign was removed from the ground and then used to damage a pick-up truck in the area of William Street and Ridge Road. The truck sustained a dented hood. Finally, a homeowner on Ridge Road contacted the OPP to report that their wishing well had been moved from the front yard and put into the middle of the road.

Police called these incidents cowardly acts of vandalism, adding they are dangerous, will not be tolerated by Caledon OPP and should not be tolerated by members of the community. Vandalism costs everyone and needs to be reported to the police.

Thefts

A resident on McGuire Trail in Caledon contacted OPP Friday morning at 6:30 a.m. to report that his boat, **As of Monday, no phoning while driving** Ontario Provincial Police are reminding motorists that effective this past Monday (Oct. 26) it is be illegal in Ontario for drivers to use any handheld communication and entertainment devices.

As of this date and up to Feb. 1, 2010, there will be a three-month education period where police will not issue tickets. But motorists should be aware that OPP officers will maintain discretion to lay charges by way of summons under this new law where it is appropriate to do so.

Police continue to have the ability to lay charges, where warranted, of careless driving or other offences under the Highway Traffic Act or Criminal Code driving offences for situations where drivers are using electronic devices.

It is thought this new legislation will enhance traffic safety by creating a specific offence for driving behaviour which is known to distract people from driving safely.

motor and trailer had been stolen. The items had been parked in the driveway and were stolen sometime after 10 p.m. the previous evening.

The stolen boat is a white 2006 Nitro 929 bass boat with a 225 horsepower outboard motor. The boat, motor and trailer have an estimated value of \$37,000.

Officers were also called to a car dealership on

Pillsworth Road in Bolton Friday afternoon at 12:30 p.m. after employees discovered that someone had stolen a set of rims and tires from a new vehicle on the lot.

The stolen items have an estimated value of \$3,000 and it is believed that the theft occurred sometime after 10 p.m. the previous evening.

Police are asking anyone with information about these

incidents to contact Caledon OPP at 1-888-310-1122, (905) 584-2241 or call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477). People can submit information on-line at www.sdm-crimestoppers.com

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"A Marriage Made in Heaven: Community & Business" By Monty Laskin



The relationship between "business" and "community" is interesting. Right off the mark, the monikers for both are somewhat misleading. Business operates within community and needs the environment to be conducive to growth and profit in order to thrive. And community is nothing if not one enormous business, seeking to thrive and respond to emerging needs efficiently. So business and community can actually be indistinguishable from one another when core values are exposed. We have found that this occurs when both adhere to the "pay it forward" principle: everyone benefits when people pay it forward and allow others to thrive through their success.

Is it any surprise that in a community like Caledon we are seeing the emergence of some exciting and compelling relationships between business and community? In a community with strengths and challenges in both business and community, there is emerging synergy between the two. In a community wanting to retain the comfortable feeling that everywhere is "home", there is a common desire amongst business and community to care for our own. This all makes perfect sense in Caledon.

Within CCS we are investing a great deal of our time in relationships with business. Sure, the vast majority of our time has always gone to our traditional constituents, primarily service consumers and core government funders. But these days we are recognizing the extraordinary innovations and mutual benefits that are landed when business and community identify respective organizational values that are aligned with one another. When that happens, so does innovation. And creativity. And blossoming professional relationships that quickly convert to shared targets. Before you know it, a common

vision is fuelled by common passions; shared benchmarks of success emerge for both kinds of bottom lines, those about profits and those about quality of life.

For the past few months, CCS has been immersed in targeted strategic planning with the senior management of Mars Canada. Both of us are investing a great deal of our senior management teams' time, helping the other improve operations and realize organizational commitments. We're enjoying ourselves immensely, largely because of shared values and an awareness of what we have to offer one another. Yes, my colleagues and I have enjoyed some very good chocolate at all of our meetings! But these Mars folks mean business and they go about their business with respect, determination and a view that nothing less than success will do. They want to achieve results for themselves and for their community of Caledon. So do we. So after candid reflection on what we share in common, Mars and CCS are now focused on CCS' stores and its foodbank. We're moving forward aggressive agendas for both that will result in a more profitable Caledon, a better quality of life and a business that can take pride in accomplishments in its home community. Like I said, there's different kinds of bottom lines, right?

Alongside Mars' commitment to do right by their community is Garden Foods, Topac Express, Husky Injection Molding, Home Depot, Glen Eagle and Bill Parnaby Realty. We want this circle of community champions to grow. We want to bring business aboard, learn from them how to improve our operations and share with them our commitments that will add value to their targets for their bottom lines and their employees.

Caledon is the perfect place to get these kinds of relationships firing on all cylinders. That's the way I see it, that's what is indeed happening in our organization and that's what we believe will lead to a healthy community. These business champions in Caledon share those same commitments. And because of that, Caledon thrives.

How Do You See It?

Tell us how you see it. You can reach Monty Laskin, Executive Director at 905-584-2300 ext 213
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