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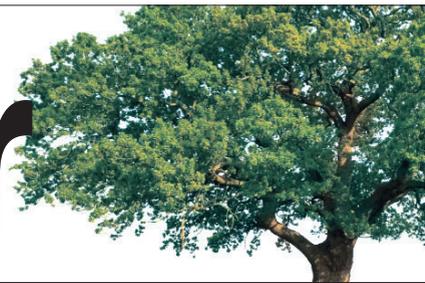
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Family is angry after 'Nana's' tree damaged

by David Lea
Oakville Beaver Staff

Most people wouldn't deface a grave, but as far as one Oakville resident is concerned that is exactly what someone did this month when they cut the branches off a memorial tree in Esplanade Park.

Anne Aziz said her heart, and those of many of her family members, was broken after discovering on Sunday what had happened to the tree, which is dedicated to her mother Bernadette Mandalfino.

Mandalfino passed away from lymphoma in January 2012 at age 77.

"Our children and their cousins visit the tree often and get comfort from it being a living growing thing dedicated to their Nana who they adored," said Aziz.

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The view south, from a Mary Street resident's backyard, across the former Department of National Defence lands, to St. Thomas Aquinas Secondary School, south of Rebecca Street. The development, and subsequent tree loss, was approved by the Town. The appearance, on the ground as opposed to on paper, has upset area residents.

photo by Stephan Bobesich - Special to the Beaver

Residents upset as DND plan takes out trees

by David Lea
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As development begins on the former Department of National Defence (DND) lands on the northwest corner of Rebecca Street and Dorval Drive, many residents in the area are not happy about what they're seeing.

For two weeks many of those residents have placed frantic phone calls and sent desperate e-mails to Town of Oakville officials in an effort to stop what some have called the "clear-cutting" of the site.

While a significant loss of mature trees was expected, some residents say far too many trees are falling.

But Fernbrook Homes and Canada Lands Com-

pany, who are building 62 detached homes and 62 townhouses on the 6.7-hectare property, are progressing according to Town-approved plans.

Still, residents and local conservation association Oakvillegreen are paying close attention, if only with a view to protecting more trees in future developments.

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