

# Glendale searches for stolen squirrel

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GLENDALÉ - The thieves scurried away, but the village won't give up on the squirrel that was taken from Sharon Road, near the Glendale Pub.

The fiberglass sculpture, bolted down to a concrete slab at the sidewalk, was ripped away in the early hours of May 9, tearing off part of its foot.

The thieves haven't been caught, but Police Chief David Warman said the investigation is progressing.

"We are closing in on the culprits," Warman said. "Detective Craig Walsh is hot on the trail."

The theft was upsetting to Terry Goldthwaite, general manager of the Glendale Pub.

"I'm devastated," she said. "This has just defaced the whole village of Glendale."

The squirrels were placed throughout Glendale in 2005 to commemorate the village's 150th birthday.

They remained untouched, until now.

"This is the first one we've had stolen," Warman said.

"We want a safe return."

"Glendale is such a beautiful and historic village, and we're proud of our squirrels," she said.

"We want our squirrel back," Goldthwaite said. "Intact."



Kelly McBride Reddy/Staff Felicia Toole, a server at the Glendale Pub, shows where the squirrel was ripped from the sidewalk outside the restaurant.

## Squirrel lore

Glendale celebrated its 150th birthday with a collection of 21 fiberglass squirrels, dispersed throughout the village.

They represent the black squirrels that can be found in the village.

In the 1940s, Glendale resident Thomas Carruthers brought two pairs of black squirrels from Harbor Springs, Mich. They began to populate, and can still be found in Glendale.



Kelly McBride Reddy/Staff This squirrel was stolen from Sharon Road around 2:30 a.m. on May 9.