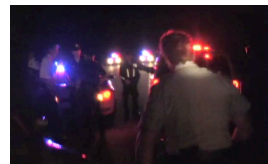




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## MERCHANTS UPSET OVER GRAFFITI

BY LAURA EASTMAN

The **Maple Grove Merchants Association** (MGMA) are fed up with the city administration’s lack of action on the chronic problems of the proliferation of graffiti over the last few months.

“How can I expect customers to want to walk on main street if there is disgusting graffiti everywhere,” said **Nathan Lemieux**, owner of L’il Fattees Eatery located in the heart of downtown.

“We never get a straight answer from city hall and we have left four messages for Mayor Declan McGrady over the last few weeks and have not heard anything back,” said **Kiki Carmichael**, MGMA Chairperson and owner of Kiki’s Crystal Boutique.

*The Examiner* reached out to city hall and received an email from Mayor McGrady’s political attaché, Theodore Harris.

“This is a subject the city takes very seriously,” Harris wrote in response.



Even the public library is not exempt from graffiti artists, or “taggers”, leaving their mark. “It’s like a plague” said head librarian Agnes McGee. “Something needs to be done because it is an eyesore for our town.”

While graffiti or tags are not new to the city, *The Examiner* checked with Maple Grove PD to find out if there were more complaints than usual this spring.

“We are definitely getting more calls about businesses, and even homes, being tagged and we address all of those complaints to public works,” **Commander Gordon Stillson** told *The Examiner*.

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## Businessman Arturo Nardelli donates 50k to new library fund



Business man and entrepreneur, Arturo Nardelli, has made a \$50,000 donation for the new Maple Grove Library.

“it’s a pleasure to help out,” Nardelli said in a recent phone interview with The Examiner.

The new library, that still has a two million dollar deficit, is hoping to open soon.



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