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Damage to the surface of the York Heights Tank by rocks causing a dozen deep chips.

Water District tank damaged, cameras to be installed

YORK – York Water District superintendent Don Neumann said a recent act of vandalism at the York Heights water tank - the second in a year - caused several thousand dollars in damage. And he's asking residents who might have noticed anything to call police and let them know.



Neumann said about a week ago, a rock was thrown over the 6-foot chain link fence and smashed into the tank, causing "a dozen or so good deep chips in the paint," Neumann said. Damage was assessed at \$2,000. A little over a year ago, stones thrown at the tank caused \$4,000 in damage, he said.

This recent incident is "really the last straw" for the water district, he said, which last year spent \$690,000 to repaint the tank. "This is a very expensive investment," he said. As a result, the district is going to be installing a camera system at the tank sometime in the immediate future.

Neumann said the date of the incident is uncertain, but was probably on July 25, when several residents of the area reported hearing a gunshot. He said the sound that the tank would make when a rock hit it could be construed as the sound of a gun.

"We're asking that if anyone saw any activity that night near the tank to call the police department," he said. "This is an important piece of infrastructure."

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