

# Crashing Through E-Town

This morning when I arrived at work at 9, I was greeted by shards of glass all over the sidewalk in front of the building. There was an orange barrel in the corner where a street light STOOD just last night. I asked the boss what SHE had been doing last night... one too many, perhaps? When she got to work about 7.30, the mess was still being cleaned up. I was given a push broom too clean up the remaining evidence. Because of the large amount of glass on the walk, she thought the large bay window had been broken by the fallen lamp post.

I heard two differing time frames involved in the mishap. One was around 2AM and the other was 6.30AM which would explain the time it had taken to clean the mess up. The driver of a pick-up truck was travelling through town on his way home from the races. That made me question the 6.30 time... do races last THAT long? Reportedly, the driver fell asleep, veered into the wrong lane, struck the light pole which fell across the sidewalk. If the pole had moved just inches more to the east, the store window would have been no more. It did strike the pop machines in front of the store, but little damage was done to them. The driver must have awakened before the pole crossed the intersection where it could have crashed into the window on the side of the furniture store.

When the authorities came to the store, it was reported that the driver got out of his truck and ran up the street to the shop of a local race driver where he thought he might be able to get in and call for help. What a mess! At least there wasn't serious damage done and no one was injured, miraculously. Neighbors of the store reported that they thought a freight train had gone through.