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in our best interest to disseminate as much information as we can as soon as possible."

Andy Nickelloff, a resident of the area and First Vice President of the Farmington Hills Council of Homeowners, said that although he still has some concerns with traffic, the proposal is an improvement over previous ones.

"They gave an extensive presentation to COHA," he said. "They don't want to drop any bombs. This is quite a bit different than previous proposals."

"The shopping center is not as large and it's nicer," Nickelloff said. "It has a 24-hour Kmart, which is a concern, but there are several upscale stores adjoining

it."

If the proposal receives a good response from the planning commission, it could get action before a competing proposal in West Bloomfield gets off the ground.

"We are aware that a development group is in informal discussions with the West Bloomfield for a significant development at the driving range property (Tip Top Driving Ranges at 14 Mile and Orchard Lake)," Lichtman said. "The way we see it is that the business market can not absorb two of these. Time is a factor."

"We would like to see Farmington Hills get the tax base," he said. "We can accommodate the

traffic and other concerns."

The proposal, which will be negotiated under the PUD zoning, would include a "lifestyle center" that offers a streetscape concept and architectural elements designed to emphasize individual storefronts in a town center setting, according to Malan, which is a publicly-traded company on the New York Stock Exchange.

A Galyan's sporting goods store, an Abercrombie & Fitch, Williams-Sonoma Company, Eddie Bauer and Victoria's Secret would also be part of the retail mix.

The existing Kmart at the Orchard-14 Center, has 92,000 square feet. The new proposal would include a 185,000 square-foot Super Kmart, 60,000 square-foot grocery store and pharmacy.

Kaftan Enterprises, Inc. would develop the residential portion of the project.

## 2 charged in golf case

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Two more suspects were charged in the early April vandalism of the San Marino Golf Course in Farmington Hills.

Ryan Nicholas Hubbard, 19, of Livonia and Stephen John Munro, 19, of Farmington Hills were arraigned in 47th District Court before Judge Fred Harris Wednesday.

An innocent plea was entered for the men and a personal bond of \$5,000 was set for each, with conditions that they comply with a curfew and stay away from the golf course at 11 Mile and Halsted.

The two will face a preliminary exam on Friday along with three others charged in the vandalism that caused approximately \$50,000 in damage between April 2-4.

William Zima, 17, Michael Paul Tomey, 18, and Robert

John III, 18, had already been charged and will also face a court hearing at 8:30 a.m. Friday on the charges of conspiracy to commit malicious destruction of property over \$100, a four-year felony; two counts of malicious destruction of property over \$100, also a four-year felony; and unlawful entry, a 90-day misdemeanor.

The charges stem from two separate incidents at the golf course where golf carts were driven over parts of the course and several of them were damaged. A truck and some of the carts were driven into a creek. A shed and the course sprinkling system were also damaged.

Hills Detective Ron Shankin said police have at least nine suspects in the case. Police believe that a group of young men, ages 17-20, were at a drinking party at a house near the course before committing the vandalism.

## Hills acts to protect park

The Farmington Hills City Council officially designated Woodland Hills Park on Farmington Road as a nature park.

The action is meant to protect the park's natural features that include a diverse mix of wildlife such as opossum, fox, flying squirrels, badgers, and white-tailed deer. It is a sanctuary for native plants and animals.

The park includes nearly two miles of trails on 78 acres of woodlands, river valley, prairie, wetlands and fields just south of I-696 west of Farmington Road across from Oakland Community College's Orchard Ridge campus.

Mayor Aldo Vagnozzi said the council is also considering a ballot proposal in August or November to change the city charter to further protect the park.

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McKenzie said. As owners of their own antique business, Knightsbridge, the McKenzies are not assuming any financial liability left by Hickory Hill owner.

Farmington police have received more than 20 complaints from people who had

brought in antiques to be sold on consignment or repaired by Hickory Hill and have not been paid or received their antiques in return. The store closed and the whereabouts of the owner is unknown, police said.

A Dearborn woman filed a complaint Wednesday, saying

she brought in \$4,360 worth of antiques to be sold on consignment by Hickory Hill between September and October. She hasn't seen any money or the antiques since, police reports said.

Farmington police compiled the complaints and presented them to Oakland County prosecutor on Thursday. No criminal charges have been filed.

The McKenzies, who have been in business for two years in Northville, heard from dealers that Hickory Hill was having financial difficulties. He also learned the building itself might be for sale.

"The antique community is pretty tight," McKenzie said. "If something is happening at one

place, it's not long before you hear it at another place."

The problem at Hickory Hill was mainly between dealers and the owner, McKenzie said. In antique malls, owners rent space to dealers or sell heirlooms on a consignment basis.

As a result, McKenzie doesn't expect any negative impact of opening a new business at the location.

As he has been working at the Grand River spot, he has had people knock on the door to ask what happened to Hickory Hill. He tells them.

"I don't tell them I'm buying Hickory Hill," McKenzie said. "I tell them I'm buying the building where Hickory Hill used to operate."

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