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Owners: Ashu and Parbhat Ahluwalia pose near a water garden in their eatery.

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Parbhat Ahluwalia added that they also chose Farmington Hills because "it's a very nice area."

Since opening June 20, the owners are already seeing promising results with comments about the "cozy" atmosphere of the restaurant and telephone calls from Indian cuisine lovers who discover their favorite dishes are on the menu, Ashu Ahluwalia said.

Some of the restaurants more popular items include Vaatika Platter, an assortment of Indian appetizers, Onion

Naan and Garlic Naan, specialty Indian breads and Chicken Masala, boneless chunks of chicken cooked in thick tomato, onion and butter sauce. The restaurant will also feature South Indian specialties.

Vaatika, whose name is translated "little flower garden," is open for lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. daily and for dinner 5-9 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and 5-10 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays.

For more information, call Vaatika at (248) 477-7427.

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screen and use tempered glass windows. The initial developer since sold the lots to another builder.

The new developer will have to oblige by the previous agreement, which still has nearby residents concerned that screens will detract from the scenery.

Some alternatives could include putting in tall evergreen trees or other type of aesthetically pleasing landscaping.

"We're sensitive to their concerns and we'll revisit the entire issue," said Dale Countegan, Farmington Hills city planner.

Screens or tall trees, though, cannot always protect residents from erratic golfers.

"It's difficult to ensure there wouldn't be any errant golf balls," Countegan said. "There's no full-proof measure. . . After all, these houses are on a golf course."

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from paying customers in piracy cases.

"We can only go after the ones we know about," Dinsmore said. "If you were to ask me, 'Is there only one person doing this in Farmington Hills?' I'd say no."

"When we find those people, we will seek to have them prosecuted."

Aside from criminal charges, cable companies are suing those

involved for damages and attorneys fees in civil court. Time Warner has four such cases pending in federal court, Dinsmore said.

Added Dinsmore: "People who are stealing cable would never think of walking into Sears Roebuck and take something off the shelf without paying for it. A lot of usually honest don't think twice about (stealing cable). It's really a shame."

2 more teens get 3-year probation in golf case

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As Farmington Hills police continue to investigate at least four more suspects in the spring vandalism of San Marino Golf Course, two more defendants were sentenced to three years probation and ordered to pay court costs and restitution.

Oakland County Circuit Judge Nanci Grant sentenced Robert Jahn III, an 18-year-old Farmington Hills resident, and Ryan Nicholas Hubbard, 19, of Livonia Tuesday afternoon. The two, along with three others, pleaded guilty to two counts of malicious destruction of property over \$100, a felony which carries a maximum sentence of four years in prison, and one count of illegal entry, a misdemeanor which carries a maximum sentence of 90 days in jail. Jahn and Hubbard are forbidden to consume alcohol or use controlled substances during their probation and will have to attend substance abuse counseling and submit to random substance abuse testing during the 3-year period.

The two, along with William Zima, 17, Stephen John Munro, 19, and Michael Paul Tomey, 18, Farmington Hills teens who were sentenced to three years probation and ordered to pay court costs and restitution last week, had their petitions for the Youthful Trainee Act granted.

Zima and Munro also received 90 days in Oakland

County jail, which will be suspended when they complete Oakland County Sheriff's Boot Camp for youthful offenders.

All five cannot make contact with each other during the probationary period, must serve 100 hours of community service, and write 750-word essays to the judge explaining why what they did was wrong and how they would respond if someone had done that to their own property.

Court costs could range from hundreds to more than \$1,000. Farmington Hills is also seeking restitution for the \$50,000 worth of damages done to the course, and lost income resulting from the incident which caused damage to the course, a truck, golf carts, a shed and the sprinkler system. A probation hearing will be held to determine how the restitution will be divided among the five.

Farmington Hills police have said that at least nine people were involved in the April 2-3 incident, which began at a drinking party in a home near the golf course.

Oakland County Assistant Prosecutor Ken Frazee would not comment on possible future charges. "It is our desire that we hope to bring to justice everyone who was involved in the damage to San Marino Golf Course," he said.

Enright, Alex McGarry, defense attorney for Michael Tomey, said that all five teens agreed to testify in those cases.

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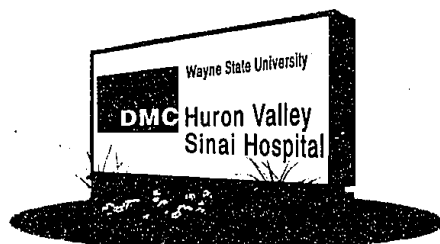
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