



And they're off! Kids scramble for candy at the Jaycees' Easter Egg Hunt last Saturday. The Jaycees scattered 1,800 plastic bags filled with Easter treats.



Here hugs: The Easter bunny put in an appearance after the hunt and helped the Jaycees raffle off Easter baskets.

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## Easter Egg Hunt offers a bit of tradition, a bit of new

This year's annual Farmington Area Jaycees Easter Egg Hunt featured something traditional and something new.

During the event, Saturday at Heritage Park, the Easter bunny — as usual — made a grand entrance on board a Farmington Hills Fire Department truck,

driven by Assistant Chief Bob

Robley. And there was plenty of fun, which is always the case for the event. About 182 children of all ages came out and had "a great time" looking for goodies that were spread all over the main pavilion area, said June Farrell

March 21.

Children looked in three areas, those corresponding with ages 3 and under, 4-6 and 7 and above, Farrell explained.

"We kept some (candy) aside for kids who didn't get any," she said.

Local merchants also con-

tributed, donating Easter baskets and other prizes for the raffle.

According to Farrell, many parents who accompanied the youngsters filled out surveys, wanting to know more about what the Jaycees are about.

She said the Jaycees are a

leadership organization, for people ages 21-39. Among endeavors are various community events and projects and personal growth opportunities.

For more information about the Farmington Area Jaycees, please call (248) 624-0341.

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in progress, with the board acting on recommendations made in long-range "visioning" efforts.

"They've done a good job," Trzcinski said. "But it's good to have more merchants involved

in the DDA."

Judy Downey, executive director of the DDA, said the board "welcomes (Trzcinski's) many years of retail experience."

With Trzcinski's appointment,

the DDA now has a desirable mix of retailers and those from the service industry, Downey said. Among other board members are an attorney, bank president and insurance agents.

Trzcinski joked about taking a coffee break on the sidewalk in front of her business, chatting up DDA matters with Susan Dubin — another board member who runs an optometric clinic next door to Trzcinski.

Among likely talk topics? When, or if, the retail space now occupied by the 99 Cent Store is taken over by Great Harvest Bread Company; whether a new tenant is found for the vacant Farmer Jack, just across the parking lot from Trzcinski and Dubin.

"The fact that I'm here (in the downtown center), I'll see more of what's going on," Trzcinski

said. She defined the ultimate goal of the DDA as making downtown "people friendly, to (encourage) people to come down here and window shop, eat..."

Trzcinski is married to Rick. They have a 14-year-old daughter, Maria, who attends Power Middle School.

With Trzcinski's appointment, the DDA board is at full capacity. At the end of 1998, Frank Clappison was appointed to fill a vacancy left open when Greg Hohler resigned. Clappison will serve until February 2003.

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