



Taste the day: Kids of all ages are invited to dive right into the fun of Kids Day, which is Tuesday, July 8.

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The local police departments will be on hand to provide parents with a Polaroid picture and fingerprints of their children and to give safety talks to the kids. Local fire departments will also be there to perform fire safety demonstrations and to display their fire trucks.

"Herbie" the fire department mascot robot will entertain kids with songs and, if it's a hot day, some surprising squirts of water. The Farmington Hills Parks and Recreation mascot, "Parky the Panda," will also be there to greet kids.

Meanwhile, the Farmington Community

Library will host a display that includes face painting and bubble-making.

There will also be concession stands with pizza, hot dogs, pop and lemonade for hungry and thirsty visitors.

Admission to Kids Day in the Park is free for kids and their families. There are minimal charges for refreshments and rides. Limited parking is available around the park and across the street at Our Lady of Sorrows church. For more information, please call (248) 473-9570.

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it for good times and great memories," said Jon Grant, Farmington Hills city council member and longtime resident.

"The Festival brings people together. Lifelong relationships and friendships are either formed or renewed at the Festival," said Grant, who met his wife Deborah at a festival planning meeting in 1983.

"Even though I lived out-of-town for parts of my life, I always made it back to the Festival every year. It's a chance to get in touch with

my roots and see all the people I grew up with," said Deborah Grant.

"The festival meant so much to me when I was growing up. It has been a lifelong summer tradition. I wanted to make sure my kids would have the chance to enjoy it, too. I want them to grow up in this community having that same tradition," she said.

The Grants' children have since gone on to work and volunteer at the festival, thus beginning a new generation of memories.