

Founders Festival on TV
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The 2005 Farmington Area Founders Festival has come and gone. But, if the rain kept you away you have a chance to relive it all on T.V! SWOCC Studios was on hand throughout the entire festival with lots of coverage including a booth, Kids Day in the Park, and the entire parade!

At the booth this year, visitors were able to talk with SWOCC staff, and answer fun questions on camera for local TV. Be sure to catch the fun responses in a short segment on INFO TV-12, and Farmington 15.

To round out the festival, the annual parade was held Saturday morning. Even though the rain didn't hold off, it didn't stop SWOCC Studios from participating in the parade and the taping it to run on TV.

Thanks to those who volunteered to participate this year, passing out flyers and promoting SWOCC Studios: access volunteers, Bob & Brandon Tubek, Janine Miner, Linda Burke, Marty Mongeau, Eric Borregard, Arwen Begnoche, Jay & Sue Miller and SWOCC Interns, Kaitlyn Rich and Claire Korejsza.

On the intersection of Grand River and Farmington Road, former Farmington Mayor Bill Harstock and Founders Festival Committee Members acted as commentators with special guests who gave the inside scoop on the festivities. Guests included Councilman, Jim Mitchell, Farmington Mayor, Arnie Campbell, and Farmington Hills Mayor, Vicki Barnett, and The Farmington/Farmington Hills Chamber President, Ara Topouzian.

All in all it was another successful year at the Founders Festival. And if you want to relive all the excitement of the parade, be sure to tune into Farmington's Channel 15, Farmington Hills Channel 8 and INFO TV-12 at these dates and times:

On Farmington, Channel 15, Tuesdays & Thursday 3 p.m. & Sundays at 2 p.m.

On INFO TV-12, Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays at 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays at 8 a.m.

On Farmington Hills, channel 8, Saturdays at 10:30 p.m. and Tuesdays at 10:30 p.m.

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