

Kennywood Hosts Fall Fantasy Parades with More Than 130 Bands and Grand Marshall Billy Gardell

Pittsburgh's Favorite Annual Parade Event Will Celebrate Kenny Kangaroo's 50th Birthday With \$29.99 Single-Day Tickets And Discounted Admission After 4p.m.

WEST MIFFLIN, PA: August 8, 2024 – [Kennywood](#), Pittsburgh's Thrill and Entertainment Destination, continues one of its grandest traditions this August with the annual entertainment extravaganza, **Fall Fantasy Parades**. The 74th rendition of the **Fall Fantasy Parades**, running daily through August 18, will celebrate half a century with the park's lovable mascot. **Kenny's 50th Birthday on Parade** boasts over 130 bands from local high schools, colleges and universities, featuring local legend, Billy Gardell as Grand Marshall on Sunday, August 11.

The **Fall Fantasy Parades** will honor *Kenny Kangaroo* and his five delightful decades of bringing joy, excitement and entertainment to Kennywood guests. This enduring custom showcases the musically inclined youth from the Southwestern Pennsylvania, West Virginia and Ohio regions. Parkgoers can expect thrilling performances and beautifully decorated floats to fill Kennywood's midways with parades nightly at 6:30 p.m.

"This season's **Fall Fantasy Parades** will be one of the biggest birthday bashes to ever hit the midways, with Swissvale-born celebrity, Billy Gardell, and over 130 marching bands," says General Manager Rick Spicuzza. "Kennywood is very committed to our community and is proud to welcome youth locally and from around the region, to join in this cherished tradition."

The parade procession honoring *Kenny Kangaroo's* big 5-0 will represent Kennywood's full year lineup and its sister parks with floats themed to the park's seasonal events, Idlewild & SoakZone and Sandcastle. The golden jubilee wouldn't be complete without all of *Kenny's* friends. The mascot motorcade will include Idlewild's *Ricky Raccoon*, Sandcastle's *Duke the Dragon*, Kennywood's *Parker* and *Jeeters*.

Fall Fantasy Parades began at Kennywood in 1950 to celebrate local students and their talents right before the school year began. Throughout the past seven decades, the parades have grown into an exciting spectacle and must-do for local marching bands and their fans throughout Greater Pittsburgh and neighboring regions.

[Single-day tickets](#) are available as low as \$29.99 to visit during **Fall Fantasy Parades**. Guests can also purchase discounted admission for just \$19.99 when they buy at the gate for the parades after 4 p.m. Kennywood is open daily through Wednesday, August 21, then weekends, plus Labor Day, through September 14 for the summer season.

For more information on Fall Fantasy Parades, to purchase tickets and to view operating hours, visit www.kennywood.com.

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About Kennywood:

Kennywood is Pittsburgh's Destination for Family Fun and Entertainment! The Pittsburgh-area park, founded in 1898 offers a unique mix of modern thrills and classic rides, including seven roller coasters, a 12-ride Kiddieland, and several attractions that cannot be found anywhere else