



# SCARSDALE OFFICIAL Village Newsletter

## Scarsdale Celebrates Independence Day!

The Arthur Manor Neighborhood Association held its 97th Annual July 4th parade and picnic on Friday. The first Arthur Manor July 4th parade and celebration was held in 1928.

Parade participants met at Bell and Sprague Roads at 9:15 a.m. to compete in many categories, including most patriotic costume, tricycles, strollers, pets and floats, which are built from the ground up by several families in Arthur Manor.

Promptly at 9:45 a.m., Scarsdale Volunteer Fire Company No. 1, which was founded on Sprague Road in 1893, led the group of marchers, including Scarsdale Mayor Justin Arest, Deputy Mayor Dara Gruenberg and Village Trustees Jeremy Wise and Ken Mazur, down Sprague Road to Lyons Road onto Grand Boulevard, then into Davis Park as the New York State Patriotic Marching Band played patriotic marching music.

Marchers arrived in Davis Park and the traditional 4th of July ceremony began with the flag raising by Scarsdale Volun-



teer Fire Company No. 1's color guard. The crowd also observed a moment of silence in honor of all of the men and women in the U.S. military who have served and sacrificed their lives to preserve democracy in the United States. Arthur Manor resident Christina Semple beautifully sang "The Star-Spangled Banner."

Mayor Arest spoke about the holiday and the significance to the local community in Scarsdale. Former Arthur Manor President Al Stuart then presented the awards for parade participants.

Following the ceremony, traditional field events such as the parent-child relay race, the three-legged race, wheel-barrow rac-



es, potato sack and the legendary egg toss, which first appeared in 1944, took center stage. The egg toss was won by Kiely and Chris Piekarski, with Gianni Porco and Sean Cover taking second, Patrick Hagerty and Johan Schuerlein third.

Arthur Manor's event was made possible by many volunteers from the neighbor-

hood, local merchants, the Village Board of Trustees, Village Hall staff and the Public Works, Highway, Fire and Police departments.

Over 200 neighbors came together for the Greenacres Neighborhood Association's annual July 4th festivities, a beloved tradition that continues to grow each year thanks to



an incredible board and volunteers.

The morning kicked off with a community breakfast, followed by spirited relay races for all ages, including classic favorites like the dash, sack race, and three-legged race, plus the debut of our new crowd-pleaser, the Beach Ball Bash!

A heartwarming patriotic program

brought neighbors together in honor of the day, and the festivities concluded with the always anticipated Greenacres Gallop, made possible by the Scarsdale Fire Department. Mayor Arest, Deputy Mayor Gruenberg, Westchester County Executive Ken Jenkins and Assemblymember Amy Paulin shared in the festivities.

