First Fourth of July Celebration after incorporation as a village, 1915.

July 4th Parade, circa 1917. The Scarsdale Police Reserve, headed by Captain Ben Ruggiero in the center, march up Popham Road from White Plains Road.

July 4th Parade, circa 1917. The parade is seen passing along Post Road opposite Drake Road. The school, which later became Village Hall, is in the background.
The United States entered World War I in 1917. Scarsdale responded with a more elaborate display of national pride on July 4th, with a parade and other events attended by around 700 people.
Independence Day Celebration at the Scarsdale High School in 1926. Four standing figures left to right: Judge Mercer, Ernest Costain, Eugene Costain, George Clifton.

World War II saw Scarsdale expressing patriotism with impressive grandeur. An estimated 25,000 turned out for the festivities at Butler Field in 1941. Scarsdale Inquirer - July 11th, 1941
Private July 4th parties were reported in the Scarsdale Inquirer as early as 1902. Prior to 1915 Scarsdale did not hold any public celebrations for Independence Day. Since then, celebrations have often been held by neighborhood associations.

The pool complex, opened in 1969, soon became a prime location for July 4th celebrations. At first the festivities were restricted to pool members. In 1976 the bicentennial celebration included a fireworks display, open to all residents, starting a tradition that continues today.
July 4th, 1970 - Uncle Sam leads children from Arthur Manor in their 4th of July parade.

DRAWN BY THE LURE of bombs bursting in air, like those above, an estimated 9000 were at the Scarsdale Pool Saturday evening, while 3000-3000 more watched the Bicentennial pyrotechnics from outside. Despite the unprecedented multitude all went smoothly except for the one hour traffic jam produced when the departing crowd all tried to drive out of the three parking lots in the area onto Mamaroneck Road at the same time. For more on how Scarsdale residents spent the weekend of America's 200th birthday, see page 4.

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