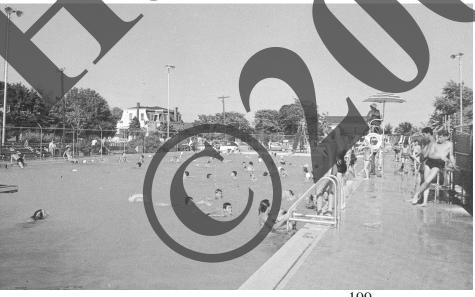


The 125 by 50 foot Patchogue Municipal Pool was opened in August 1953. The opening of the pool was rushed to salvage some of the season and the final touches were completed in 1954.



In the first few years the pool had a 6 foot diving board, where divers could demonstrate their expertise, and also a 8 foot high waterslide on the shallow end of the pool. These were later removed for safety reasons.



1955 was the first year with a full season for the pool, when 31,226 paid admissions and 2,400 free admissions were registered.