

# Patchogue Events in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century

Headlines taken from the archives of the *Patchogue Advance* and the *Long Island Advance*, broken down decade by decade.

## 1900 – 1910

- The Patchogue Fire Department awarded a contract to Clarence H. Vrooman on July 5, 1904 to build a new firehouse on Lake Street for \$8,795. The building was finished in 1905.
- The Patchogue Electric Light Company extended their service to Blue Point in 1902.
- Patchogue library officials, operating for years out of rented spaces, applied for and received a \$10,000 grant from Andrew Carnegie for the construction of a new, permanent building. A second \$5,000 grant was received after cost overruns. The library was built on Lake Street on a lot donated by Edwin Bailey. The architect was John V. Von Pelt. The library was opened on March 8, 1908 to the public.
- Edwin Bailey built a large three-story brick building on West Main Street in 1905, which he sold to the Masonic Lodge at cost for \$15,000. The dedication of the Masonic Lodge was held January 10, 1906.
- The *Mascot*, one of Patchogue's oldest shoreline hotels, located at the foot of South Ocean Avenue, was moved by barge in 1905 several hundred feet to the east to serve as an oyster shed.
- Bailey's Lumber Mill continued to expand, now employing 150 people.
- School officials had to construct several new classrooms to accommodate an influx of additional students. Four new classrooms were added to the Maple Avenue School in 1904, while two more classrooms were added to the River Avenue School in 1906. The new Wilmot M. Smith School on Bay Avenue opened in 1908. It was the first Patchogue school building constructed of brick.
- Officials of the St. Francis de Sales Church, located on East Main Street, decided to move their church to the center of Patchogue, to a new location on South Ocean Avenue. The move started on December 8, 1906, and it took three months during a bitter cold winter to reach the new location. On March 7, 1907 the church was set on its new foundation.
- Another church was relocated in 1910. The Baptist Church on Academy Street was moved to North Ocean Avenue. It took six days for the move.