

- On July 12, 1955 the mill was sold to a Brooklyn engineer, Eugene F. Martin. The new company planned to rent spaces in the mill buildings.
- The Seton Hall School gym building on South Ocean Avenue was sold and became the YMCA in October 1955.
- The corner stone for the Brookhaven Memorial Hospital was laid on November 28, 1954,
- The new 120 space Terry Street parking lot opened January 16, 1955.
- The largest fire in Patchogue's history destroyed the Mills building complex on the southeast corner of Main Street and Ocean Avenue February 10, 1956. Eight stores were lost in this \$1 million fire.
- The new \$1 million Bee Hive building on East Main Street opened August 21, 1957.
- The Brookhaven Town Sandspit Park at the mouth of the Patchogue River opened June 29, 1956.
- The Brookhaven Memorial Hospital, or BMH, opened August 2, 1956. The 96 bed hospital cost \$1.3 million to complete. The money was raised through fund drives, spanning several years.
- The Four Sisters Recreation Center on South Ocean Avenue opened June 16, 1957 in the former New York Telephone Company building.
- The new 1,000 pupil Saxton Avenue Senior High School opened September 4, 1957. The cost of the building exceeded \$2.7 million. There were now 4,000 pupils in the Patchogue – Medford School District.
- The T&S Lumber Company on the corner of East Main Street and Grove Avenue became a total fire loss. Damages were estimated at \$250,000
- The Peoples National Bank opened the doors of its new bank building on February 15, 1958. The bank is located next to the Congregational Church.

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- Construction was started on the Patchogue to Shirley section of Sunrise Highway in 1959. This new section opened on January 7, 1960.
- Hills supermarket opened a new store on the site of the Old Oak Hotel on East Main Street in April 1960.
- A fire destroyed Felice's Restaurant on Waverly Avenue April 21, 1960, claiming the life of a woman.
- Hurricane *Donna* hit Long Island September 12, 1960 with 90 mph winds. Patchogue damage was limited to boats, trees and glass. The South Fork was hardest hit.
- The new telephone company building on North Ocean Avenue, north of Sunrise Highway, opened in September 1950, starting with 131 employees. This figure expanded gradually to 500 employees.