

Rockaways Newest Fire Station Protects Homes And Important Military Facilities



Newest of the five firehouses in the Rockaways, put in operation a year ago, is located at 402 Beach 169th street, Neponsit, and if current plans go through it will become the first station in the area to number a special type fireboat among its equipment.

The city spent a total of \$331,000 on the Neponsit fire station building itself costing \$216,000. The site, on the northwest corner of Riis Park, opposite Fort Tilden, was acquired from the Park Department by the Fire Department.

The area protected by the station includes an Army missile base, a Coast Guard Life Boat Station and Microwave relay station, a Navy airfield and transport facility, a home for the aged, as well as all types of residences, from summer bungalows to luxury homes.

Location of the station also enables prompt response to Floyd Bennett Field and the Flatbush areas of Brooklyn. The area covered by the station is considered a conflagration hazard.

The station has two units. Engine Co. 52, a ladder Co. 171. These two units are part of the eleven which comprise

the 47th battalion. The engine company has a Ward La France 750-gallon pumper, and the ladder company a four-wheel drive 75-foot aerial.

New equipment anticipated by the engine company is a 20-foot aluminum boat with a 14 inch draft. It has instant thrust in any direction by which means it can out-manuever virtually any other craft in water. It will be able to operate in 80 per cent mud and 40 per cent water, thus enabling it to get to otherwise inaccessible marshland. It is to be used primarily for the marsh areas around Floyd Bennett Field.

The two-storey Neponsit fire station, of fire-proof construction itself, has an exterior of ceramic brick, terra cotta tile and aluminum.

The main activity area is on the ground level and includes a housewatch desk, office, coat and boot room, hose driers and racks, kitchen and sitting room, all close to the apparatus room, thus ensuring prompt response to alarms. Locker rooms, showers and dormitories are located on the second floor.

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organizers of the Waverest Senior Citizen's Club and also the Waverest Youth Center.

"I really can't give time to all the things I'd like to do," Magalnick says.

Airman Tabb To Coach Rifle Team In Tripoli

Airman Howard J. Tabb, son of Mr. and Mrs. Julius Tabb of 507 Beach 67th street, Arverne, has been home on leave for the holidays from London, England, where he was stationed since April of 1962.

Tabb, a small arms instructor, will return to London Sunday, after which he will go to Tripoli, North Africa, where he will coach a rifle team.

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Hospital To Open Four New Clinics

Peninsula Hospital Will Have Total Of 18 And Others Are In Planning

Peninsula General Hospital will open 4 new clinics early in January, bringing its total to 18 clinics opened since January of last year.

Two additional clinics will be opened on January 9 and January 11. Previously announced by William A. Kozma, hospital administrator, was the opening of a Geriatric Clinic on January 4 and each Friday morning thereafter, and a Speech Therapy Clinic on January 5 which will be open every Saturday morning.

The new clinic to open January 9 will be devoted to Hematology, a medical specialty which deals with blood diseases. Dr. Milton H. Morris, director of medical services, has placed Dr. Sidney Breitman, of Far Rockaway, in charge of this clinic. Dr. Breitman has special post-graduate training in Hematology and the clinic will be in session every other week after its opening.

A Podiatry Clinic will open on January 11. Dr. Irving Gordon of Far Rockaway will initiate the first clinic session. Other podiatrists in the area have agreed to provide this essential health service for the area's needy.

Additional clinics in the planning stage are: Hypertension, Maxillo-facial and Tumor Clinics. In addition there is in progress the establishment of a Mental Health Clinic. The Rockaway Health Council has encouraged the establishment of such a clinic and hospital authorities are presently working with the Queensboro Mental Health Association towards the establishment of this important service to the community.

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Community Center Calls Its Initial Open Meeting

The first annual open meeting of the Arverne-Edgemere-Nordeck Community Center will be held tonight at 8:30 p.m. in the auditorium of the Community Center, 57-10 Beach Channel drive, Arverne.

Julius Klein, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the community center, announced that the purpose of the public meeting was to present to the membership and other interested persons a review of the first year of activity and to receive comments and proposals on how to make further improvements in the coming year.

Organized a year ago under joint sponsorship of the New York City Housing Authority and a voluntary group of Rockaway residents, the Arverne-Edgemere-Nordeck Community Center now is conducting a nursery school as well as specialized social, recreational, cultural and club programs for children, teenagers, adults, and senior citizens.

Although the Housing Authority has provided some personnel and a suite of rooms in Edgemere Houses, Klein said the community center needs further financial support from residents of the Rockaways.

A highlight of the meeting will be a report by Harry Alpert, executive director of the community center, on the program now in operation and plans for the future. There will be a "question and answer" period followed by refreshments.

Membership subscription in the community center for the coming year is now open with special membership plans for families, teen-agers, and senior citizens.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE LECTURE ON 'GOD'

Man's inseparable relationship to his creator will be emphasized at Christian Science church services Sunday. Subject of the Lesson-Sermon is "God."

Golden Text: "Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God" (Rev. 21:3).

Readings will include passages from "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy (p. 3).

Issues Thanks On Party

Sam Rosenblum, Grand Noble of Waverest Lodge 7, I.O.O.F., announced he wishes to thank the 150 children who attended the annual holiday party recently at the Waverest Gardens Community Hall. He said he also wished to thank Santa Claus and the professional puppeteer for putting on a splendid show.

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More than 150 children attended the annual Christmas party of Beach Channel Post 6191, VFW, at the Blarney Castle, 214 Beach 90th street recently. Each boy or girl attending received a gift. Refreshments of ice cream, soda, cake and candy were served.

A special prize for girls, a doll and doll carriage, was won by Julie Haynes, 82-03 Hammels boulevard; a phonograph and records by Mary Patrick Troy, 324 Beach 90th street.

The special awards for boys, a bicycle, was won by Billy Bright, 787 Crotona Park North, the Bronx; trains, by Richard Lund, 480 Beach 43rd street, Edgemere.

Dolls were awarded to Valerie, Emma Mae, Linda Cooper, Rose Prayser, Marcus, Mercedes Vacques, all from Collage Hall, Annex Home in Arverne. Others were Theresa Gillespie, Margaret Mary Fitch, Margaret Palmer, Beth Ann Snyder, Agnes O'Connor, Lillian Crapser, Kathleen Goss, and Elizabeth Haynes.

Skates were won by Chris Gillespie, John Gillespie, James O'Connor, George Gaines, Ronald Rich, Richie Miller, Bobby Boylan, George Miller, Tommy Britton and John Hayes.

Milton Jacobowitz and Jack Braunstein, gave special donations to the girls from Collage Hall Annex Home. Santa Claus arrived about 2:30 p.m. and remained until after 5 p.m.

Bob Fittor was the general chairman, assisted by Mrs. Mary Byrne, auxiliary president, and members of the post and auxiliary who helped make the party one of the best parties held by the post.

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