

Capsule Summary

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3807 Rhode Island Avenue

Brentwood, Maryland 20722

Constructed: 1953

Access: Private

This detached, brick, one-story, five-bay commercial building is located on the south side of Rhode Island Avenue in Brentwood, Maryland. Constructed in 1953 on Lots 3-4 and Lots 17-23 in Block 7, and Lots 1-6 in Block 9 of the Wilen Heights subdivision, the property represents the commercialization of the Rhode Island Avenue corridor during the Post-War period. The subdivision was first platted in 1890 by the Home Investment Company. A house was first constructed on the property c. 1906 by Thomas and Ella Shomo, and this residence subsequently functioned as rental housing during the 1930s and 40s. The Metropolitan Life Insurance Company acquired the property in 1951, and constructed the current building on the property in 1953. In addition, the building was owned by Apex Plumbing Supply between 1972 and 2012.

The building's front elevation faces to the northwest, and the structure consists of two attached blocks. The main block, which fronts onto Rhode Island Avenue, is one story in height, trapezoid-shaped in plan, and is capped by a flat roof. Extending to the south from this main block is an attached two-story, rectangular-plan block that also features a flat roof. The building is faced in a combination of stretcher and six course common bond, and its front elevation has been significantly altered over the years. These alterations include the addition of an overhead-rolling metal access door, changes to the building's commercial storefront, and the elimination of three possible front elevation windows. Overall, the commercial building measures approximately 70 feet wide by 150 feet deep, and is constructed on a gently sloping 0.23 acre lot that increases in elevation from north to south.

The commercial building at 3807 Rhode Island Avenue is not eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. While the subject property is characteristic of suburban development in Brentwood, the building is not associated with a significant historic event that would provide eligibility under Criterion A. In addition, the property is not associated with significant figures within national or local history (Criterion B), nor does it currently reflect the defining characteristics of a specific architectural style, or the work of a well-known architect or master craftsman (Criterion C). This property was not evaluated under National Register Criterion D. Finally, the commercial building at 3807 Rhode Island Avenue has been altered, removing historic building fabric, and degrading its integrity of materials, workmanship, feeling, and association.



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NW elevation, looking SW

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SW elevation, looking NW

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NE elevation, looking S

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