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There are also many items that were changed over the years, and many of those will be replaced with pieces from the 1940s. Currently, the City of Phoenix is working to procure and restore a stove and refrigerator from the 1940s to add to the kitchen.

Exterior changes will also occur, including the addition of an entrance from Encanto and the deletion of the entrance from 7th Avenue. The parking lot behind the building will have four or five parking spaces to accommodate visits from retirees or people from the neighborhood.

Once the restoration is complete, Broughton said they hope to have the walls filled with historic memorabilia,

and the bay that once housed the fire engine will contain a restored firechief's car from the 1960s.

When the restoration is finished, the facility will be open Monday through Friday, and neighbors are encouraged to stop by and enjoy a glimpse of the past.

The station will also have a small conference room that would be available to the neighborhood for small meetings, such as Willo Board subcommittee meetings, if they are scheduled in advance.

Since September 11, the budget has nearly disappeared for this restoration project; however Broughton is still optimistic that their goals will be accomplished.

He believes that through private donations and city funds, old station #8 will find its way back to its original greatness. 📷

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