

outfitted with a smart (internet-ready) television, projection screen, conference phones, and other equipment for meetings. Long a favorite spot for summer weddings, Eisenhower House now offers an extended wedding season. The views of Newport Harbor and Narragansett Bay are breathtaking throughout the year.

“It is important that Rhode Island utilize its historic and scenic resources to help grow our state’s economy,” stated Carole Cornelison, Director of the Division of Capital Asset Management & Maintenance at the R.I. Department of Administration. “This project not only restored a beautiful, historic building, but made it a viable year-round facility for conferences, weddings, and corporate events. Governor Raimondo has been laser-focused on putting the Ocean State on the radar for tourists considering their next trip and for businesses looking to grow. Now that it has undergone a state-of-the art renovation, the Eisenhower House will certainly be a destination for tourists and Rhode Islanders alike.”

Designed by Newport architect George C. Mason & Son, the house was built in 1873 to serve as the Commanding Officer’s Quarters at Fort Adams. President Dwight D. Eisenhower vacationed here in the summers of 1958 and 1960, and the property has been known as Eisenhower House ever since. In 1964, the U.S. Navy transferred Fort Adams to the State of Rhode Island for use as a state park, and the State has operated Eisenhower House as a special events venue for two decades.

“Restoring historic Eisenhower House preserved Rhode Island’s heritage and is an investment in a first-class hospitality site. Newport is a premier destination for historic preservation and tourism, and Eisenhower House is part of both.” said Edward F. Sanderson, Executive Director of the R.I. Historical Preservation & Heritage Commission.

Though unable to attend the event, President of the Senate Teresa Paiva-Weed provided the following comment: “The State has made significant investments in Fort Adams to attract world-class events while improving access for Rhode Islanders and visitors alike. The preservation and updating of Eisenhower House into an accessible, state of the art facility that is able to accommodate events throughout the year will enable this stunning cultural resource to be more fully utilized.”

For more information about rates and availability, visit www.eisenhowerhouse.com, or contact Site Manager Joan Kelly at (401)847-6740.

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