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Handsome in Highland

59 Oakland Street

There is a lot to love about the turn-of-the-century home at 59 Oakland Street in the Highland Park neighborhood. With practical mechanical updates, lovingly restored details, lots of living space, a lovely backyard, and a location in one of the most in-demand neighborhoods in the city, this property ticks most of boxes that any urban dweller could possibly be looking for. To start, Oakland St. is a quiet residential street, where you'll find an active and engaged citizenry that celebrates the community, walkability, and architecture of this historic urban neighborhood. Although a peaceful street, Oakland is also just a block off of South Avenue, where you can easily walk to restaurants, groceries, and local shops. Head a few blocks south and you'll be in another world at the Frederick Law Olmsted-designed Highland Park.

The house itself sits on a cozy urban lot with off-street parking for two cars, handsome front landscaping, a full width front porch, a side porch, and a fully fenced backyard with a patio that provides a lovely, private escape. Inside the house, the front door opens to a spacious living room and dining room that provide the feel of an open floorplan. Off these rooms is a brand new bath/laundry room combo with tile floors, subway tiled walls, and a clawfoot tub. Either a first floor bath or laundry room would be a rare find in an older home; to have both is a major win.

Proceeding past the dining room, the curved staircase is separated by a door and the kitchen is located at the rear of the home. The

kitchen, which still retains its wonderful pantry, is amazingly large for a home of this era. While it hasn't been fully updated, it remains functional and leaves future homeowners the option to customize the space to their tastes. One door leads out to the side porch where you can easily access the garbage and recycling. Another leads down to the basement and out to the fantastic backyard.

Upstairs, you'll find a large master bedroom, two modest-sized bedrooms, and a spacious updated bathroom with a large tiled shower with glass doors. The unfinished attic is large and offers plenty of potential for future upgrades.

Throughout the home, original wood doors, moldings, and hardwood floors give the spaces a warm, charming feel and make you feel instantly at-home. Recent updates include a new roof with a Cool Vent subroofing system, rewired electric, insulation, high efficiency combination condensing boiler and hot water heater, and in-floor radiant heating in the first floor bath and kitchen.

59 Oakland Street offers 1,925 square feet of living space and is listed at \$179,900. Contact Jeff Shuetz of Mitchell Pierson Jr., Inc. Realtors at 585-233-8588 to schedule a showing.

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