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3643 Lake Avenue

Charlotte bills itself as The Community That Cares and forty years of loving care and custom renovations has created a home where convenience, grace, and history come together in a stunning whole. Facing Lake Avenue but accessed by Grassmere Park, 3643 Lake Avenue is near Turning Point Park, the Charlotte Branch Library, and a bus line.

This Colonial Revival style house, built in 1920, has a wow factor right from the start. It must be seen to be fully appreciated. Entering from the front porch, the living room has high ceilings, a fireplace, and runs the entire front width of the house. On the left are beautiful glass paneled French doors that lead to a sun porch.

From the living room, through an open doorway, there is a hall with a half bath at one end and stairs to the side entrance, basement, and upper floors at the other. Two open doorways on this hall lead to the kitchen and the dining room. The dining room has a chandelier and fireplace and is connected to the kitchen by an open doorway. The kitchen is bright and airy in white with a glass paneled corner cabinet, a tiled floor, and the luxury of a first floor laundry under one counter.

The open doorways are all edged in white molding which gives each room a clean and elegant look. The large size of all the rooms, the high ceilings, floods of natural light, and the ease of movement on this first floor cannot fail to please.

Upstairs, there are two good sized bedrooms on the left, a full bath, and the master bedroom, which also runs the entire front width of the house. A finished attic, which has plenty of head room, is a huge space suitable for many possibilities—an entertainment center, office, teen suite—and is not included in the 2,156 square feet listed for the house and full basement.

Sliding glass doors off the kitchen lead to the back porch which is partially covered. The rest is open, though the current owners have put a screened tent and swing there, making it a lovely place to relax and view the backyard, ponds, and gardens.

A historic stone lighthouse, the site of many happy childhood memories, is reported to have once graced the banks of the Erie Canal and now stands guard over the smaller of two ponds. There is a bridge over the larger pond and a brick pathway leads from the house to the garage.

This charming property is in move-in condition and the perfect place to start making your own happy memories. It lists for \$120,000. For more information, please contact Kenneth Currie with Re/Max Realty Group at 764-2200.

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