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Cape Cod Charm in Charlotte

63 Elmtree Road

Cape Cod houses have been part of the American landscape since the early 18th century. And it's easy to see why. Cape Cods are warm and cozy with little wasted space, and they happily exist at the seashore, in a rural setting, or on an urban street like the one at 63 Elmtree Road. Two latticed porches flank the steep front gable of this charming completely renovated 1935 house—one is the front entrance and the other a shady yet private retreat. The stunning custom wooden gate that spans the driveway hints at the design delights awaiting you inside.

Three front-facing leaded glass windows, hardwood floors, crown moldings, and a wood-burning fireplace with an embossed hood accent the living room. A unique peaked archway, one of many on the first floor, opens to the adjacent dining room that has the same neutral décor and hardwood floors. The spacious sunny yellow eat-in kitchen is the “heart of the home.” White cabinetry, appliances, and under-cabinet windows keep the space light and bright. A large island provides ample workspace for all the family cooks. A dining area overlooks the deck and backyard. Custom bookshelves and cabinets make the den an inviting spot to curl up with a good book. A half bath with mosaic floor tile completes the first floor.

The same attention to detail evident on the first floor continues in the three bedrooms upstairs—each with lots of storage. The

cathedral ceiling, skylight, and steel gray accent wall add light and drama to the master bedroom. The focal point of the second bedroom is its dormer with a colorful stained glass window. The third bedroom, adjacent to attic storage space, is painted a fresh green and doubles as a home office. A tiled full bath and a linen closet complete the second floor. The basement has plenty of space for the house's mechanics, the laundry, and a workshop. Outside, a brick walk leads from the side entrance past a colorful island garden to the one-car garage. More colorful gardens surround the fully-fenced backyard making it a serene spot to spend a summer afternoon.

Located in the Charlotte neighborhood, this lovely cape is close to the Port of Rochester and Ontario Beach Park where you can catch a ride on the 1905 Dentzel Carousel and then stop for ice cream at Abbott's. For history buffs the 1822 Charlotte-Genesee Lighthouse is open for tours. Restaurants abound on Lake Avenue, the neighborhood's main thoroughfare, and many houses of worship are nearby.

The 1,924 square foot house is listed at \$155,900 with taxes of \$3,844. Call Sandy Maluta of Howard Hanna Real Estate Services at 752-0921 for a tour.

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