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Make your home in Maplewood

168 Kislingbury Street

The Maplewood neighborhood encompasses a large area in the northwest quadrant of the city that is rich with tree-lined streets and solid housing stock from late 19th and early 20th centuries. Just west of Dewey Avenue and north of and parallel to Lakeview Park is Kislingbury Street, a pleasant street likely named after a town in Northamptonshire, England. The street contains mostly early 20th century houses of the American Foursquare form—a box with hipped roof and a full-width porch. The handsome residence at number 168, built in 1917, is somewhat unlike its neighbors in that there is a dominant gable dormer projecting from the roof as well as a wide overhanging eave. Also unique is the gable-fronted porch, which has been made into a three-season room. The well-painted original wood clapboards on the first floor and shingles on the second floor are testament that the house has been well maintained over the years. In addition, the roof is only one and a half years old. A concrete walk crosses the spacious front lawn to the entrance porch.

Once inside, one has a choice: walk straight down the hall to the kitchen, take the staircase just to the left, or turn right and enter through a wide opening to the living and dining rooms, which are each separated by another wide opening. One can't help but notice the oak floors and the beautiful moldings that surround each window and door opening. The dining room also features

a lovely bay window. A solid butler's door leads to the kitchen, which contains butcher-block counters and laminate floors. On the wall above the eat-in area are two small arched display alcoves for those special decorative items. A rear entrance leads to a newly-laid stone terrace and partially fenced yard. A detached storage building—once used as a garage—is at the end of the paved driveway.

Return through a glazed butler's door to the front hall and up the staircase, with its solid oak banister and cutout slats, to the second floor. A front master bedroom contains a large walk-in closet. Two other bedrooms overlook the backyard. The full bath contains the original tile floor and walls. A staircase leads to the half-finished carpeted attic, which is well-lit by the front window.

The Maplewood Neighborhood Association is an active group that promotes its residential assets with an annual home tour, as well as its natural assets, including the nearby Genesee River and the Maplewood Rose Garden. The area offers many schools, houses of worship, as well as commercial services. This 1,431 square foot property has much to offer and is available at \$65,000. Contact Deborah Renna-Hynes (585-944-8580) at eXp Realty.

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