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A fabulous Foursquare in Maplewood

58 Albemarle Street

The Foursquare is one of America's architectural icons. Borne of the Arts and Crafts movement, the Foursquare became the form of choice for new houses built at the turn of the 20th century. The towers and turrets of the Victorian era were replaced with the simpler lines of this comfortable, cozy, all-American house. Foursquares were constructed in rural areas and on small city lots like the house at 58 Albemarle Street. With its hipped roof, overhanging eaves, and wide front porch, this house in the venerable Maplewood neighborhood is a fine example of an American classic.

Located on one of the neighborhood's tree-lined residential streets, this 1910 house has a charming front facade. The exterior is soft gray trimmed with white. Black shutters and an interesting oval window accent the front. But the most stunning exterior feature is the lovely front privacy porch that is accessed only from the interior—a great space to spend a summer day. A side porch that mirrors the front porch welcomes you in.

The spacious living room is a modern shade of green and is enhanced with hardwood floors and cherry floor moldings. Built-in bookcases topped with transom windows flank the tiled gas fireplace—the perfect spot to relax with a good book on a winter day. French doors open to the front porch. An elegant chandelier is the centerpiece of the equally spacious dining room. The eat-in kitchen has updated

cabinetry and a huge walk-in pantry lined with tons of shelf space—an unexpected feature in a 1910 house. A half bath completes the first floor.

Four bedrooms, a full bath, and a linen closet are upstairs. But the crown jewel of the second floor is a private enclosed porch—another unexpected feature. The unfinished third floor has ample room for storage or could be used for future expansion space. The house's mechanics, laundry, and home gym are in the basement. Outside, the deck overlooks the fenced backyard where flowerbeds are patiently waiting for spring.

The Maplewood neighborhood is alive with community spirit. The neighborhood association sponsors an annual festival in the Maplewood Rose Garden with arts and crafts and, of course, roses. The neighborhood is close to the High Falls area of downtown and the Seneca Park Zoo to the north. It is served by the Rochester City School District and Nazareth Elementary School and Aquinas Institute are nearby.

This 2,198 square foot fabulous Foursquare was listed for \$123,900 with taxes of \$3,750. At the time of print, the house was under contract, but call John Baron of Tim Borshoff Realty at 474-6024 for inquiries.

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