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## Curb appeal abounds

### 27 Dunbar Street

The 19th Ward is Rochester's largest neighborhood. Annexed by the City of Rochester from the Town of Gates in 1902, the original settlement called Castle Town emerged in the early 1800s because of its location on the Genesee River. Dubbed a "streetcar suburb," by the early 20th century the 19th Ward became home for many of Rochester's working professionals. Like many of the homes in the neighborhood, the American Foursquare at 27 Dunbar Street was built between 1880 and 1940, and like many of these homes, its original charm blends seamlessly with its updated features.

Located on a corner lot on one of the neighborhood's tree-lined residential streets, this 1922 Foursquare has a charming exterior. The paint color is pale green and the trim is sunny yellow. Shutters and a third floor dormer accent the front and a flowering crabapple tree shades the columned front porch that retains its original wood ceiling. A low hedge at the home's foundation adds curb appeal and welcomes you.

Inside, the vestibule has impressive original details—dentil moldings, mosaic floor tile, and a French door opening to the spacious living room that has a fresh coat of robin's egg blue paint and a gleaming hardwood floor. The spacious dining room, with a wall of windows enhanced by a lovely window seat and more gleaming hardwoods, is the perfect spot for large dinner parties or small family gatherings. The kitchen beyond has been impressively updated with oak cabinets, stainless appliances, glass tile backsplash, and

tile flooring. A modern laundry room and half bath complete the first floor.

Upstairs are three bedrooms—two with original hardwood floors. The third is updated with bright paint colors, carpeting, and built-in storage—a great child's room. The full bath has its original medicine cabinet. The original linen cabinet and laundry chute in the hall complete the second floor. The unfinished third floor provides additional storage space and the home's mechanics are in the finished basement.

Outside, the garage has space for two cars and the backyard is serene and private. Surrounded by a high hedge, roses and hydrangeas are the stars here. A lovely pedimented side entrance porch, lined with pretty pink blooms, allows access to the backyard.

This period home is close to modern conveniences. The main thoroughfares of Thurston Road, Genesee Street, and Chili Avenue have restaurants and shopping opportunities. The neighborhood is a short drive from the University of Rochester and Strong Memorial Hospital. Genesee Valley Park, designed by renowned landscape architect Frederick Law Olmsted, offers plenty of recreational options.

This 1,160 square foot home is listed at \$74,900 with taxes of \$2,478. Call Lee Eichas of Nothnagle Realtors at 349-6027 for a tour.

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