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55 Huntington Park

There are many large houses with columned porches on Huntington Park but none stand out like number fifty-five. Built in 1916, four iconic, white, fluted columns rise two stories to frame the entrance double door, set with beveled glass panels. Wide marble steps lead up to a red-tiled porch, which is enclosed by a half wall. Visions of a comfortable chair and an iced drink on the porch complete the picture.

Inside, a small vestibule leads to a hallway which runs the length of the house and divides it. The first things to notice are the gloriously high ceilings and the amount of natural light that comes through the many windows, giving the house an expansive feel. To the left, are two very large rooms connected by an archway. The first is a living room, which boasts a beautiful set of glass paneled pocket doors, a window seat, and built-in bookcases next to the fireplace. The second room also has a built-in window seat, wainscoting and decorative glass panels. The house retains its original hardwood floors, varnished wood trim, wainscoting, doors, and door hardware. At the end of the center hallway is a half bath.

On the right side of the hall is the parlor, which would make a good office. A few steps down to the right is a small bedroom with closet. The main staircase to the second floor is one of the unique features of the house.

It has a gracefully curved bottom and wood trim accents along its length. At the first landing, there are three windows set at the second story height, which pour light onto a space large enough to be a room itself. The possibilities for this area are endless.

Beyond the staircase is the entrance to the full basement, a second staircase, and at the back right of the house is the kitchen. From the kitchen there is access to an unheated, enclosed back porch. With the alignment of the dining room, kitchen, half bath and the small bedroom for a coat room, the first floor is made for entertaining.

At 3,815 square feet and six bedrooms, this house is ideal for a large, or multi-generational family or someone who uses their home as an office. Five good-sized bedrooms and a full bath are upstairs. Off one bedroom at the back right, there is a large, enclosed sleeping porch.

While the property needs investment and care, the many assets to work with provide an opportunity for personal choices that will make this house a unique home. 55 Huntington Park is currently listed at \$64,900. For more information contact Donna Cornell with Re/Max Plus at 585-279-8200.

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