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Well-preserved and comfortable in Maplewood

39 Parkdale Terrace

Beautiful leaded glass windows; original interior wood trim; an ornate mantelpiece and tile hearth framing a vintage gas fireplace... we expect these charms in the historic homes on and off East Avenue. But the dignified homes in the city's northwest Maplewood neighborhood, developed around the turn of the 19th into the 20th century as nearby Kodak Park flourished, have these sort of historic graces in abundance, too, giving the active Maplewood Neighborhood Association ample specimens for their annual Historic Home Tour (this year held on September 16th; visit www.maplewood.org for more information). Indeed, just off Lake Avenue, and with quick access to the area's parks, schools, and the Kodak Center for Performing Arts now anchoring the old Kodak Park, this early 1920s Colonial Revival house exemplifies the comfortable and distinctive blend of old and new in Maplewood's homes.

Entering the front door off a cozy porch that affords a pleasant view of the tree-lined street running down to Maplewood Park with its Rose Garden and Genesee Riverway Trail, you find yourself in a handsome parlor, currently furnished with a grand piano and lit by a bay window with original leaded glass and wood trim. The spacious kitchen, balancing modern updates with older details, lies beyond; in one corner, a sleek dishwasher shares wall-space with built-in glass cabinetry. With this profusion of storage space, one does not miss the ground floor closet that was converted to a convenient

half-bathroom, complete with a charming vintage porcelain corner sink. The adjoining dining room is graced with wood floors, which continue through French doors into the living room, complete with the original gas fireplace and leaded glass windows.

A large carved-wood pillar stands sentinel to the stairs and the second floor. Abundant architectural comforts characterize the three second floor bedrooms that open on to the landing: the walk-in closet in the children's bedroom thoughtfully includes an ample built-in toy chest, and both the large master bedroom and sunlit second bedroom contain walk-in closets as well.

Even beyond the living areas, an accessible attic space, basement, and a fenced backyard afford ample space for comfortable living.

Listed at \$69,900, this 1,600 square foot house, and others like it in the historic Maplewood neighborhood, will not be on the market long. Contact Nothnagle / Howard Hanna realtor Steve Jones at 362-1498 for more information.

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