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Beautiful Brick Abode

714 Seward Street

Don't you just love historic brick homes? There is something so majestic about them. They seem to retain the history and lives of the people who have lived there. I can truly feel the spirits of prior residents and visitors when I walk into a classic brick building. I know this is starting to sound pretty touchy feely but a lot of people do relate to preservation because of that emotional attachment to buildings. So if you feel like I do – have I got a home for you!

Coming in at 1,940 square feet, the 1910 beautiful brick abode on 714 Seward Street could be a perfect fit. You can tell when you walk in that this house has been well taken care of. The owner grew up in the house and it has been in his family since 1966. There are beautiful wooden floors in the living and dining rooms with the iconic narrow board Rochester floors. Since this part of the house has been used most recently as a daycare facility, it is very well maintained, meticulously clean, and there is an unusual design element.

When the bathroom was redone around three years ago, there was a bit of refiguring and a new door was installed to accommodate the expanded facility. So the original door was closed off and a full size chalk board was used to cover it. The day I was there was an open house and it read, "This could be your next home." It could be used to welcome guests or even to display

the menu for dinner parties. The bathroom, by the way, was modern, airy, and bright.

The same can be said for the new kitchen with plenty of counter space and beautiful new appliances that are negotiable with the sale. Upstairs, you have a room with a nice balcony that was added some years back. Technically, there are four bedrooms but the use of the rooms could vary as office, playroom, bedroom or, taking the cue of the current owner, one could be transformed into a spacious closet. The master bedroom is quite large with lovely wooden floors and a pressed tin ceiling. There is a large closet alcove, as well.

The attic and the large, dry basement have plenty of storage. Ceiling fans are throughout the home and the furnace, hot water heater, and central air are all relatively current. The fenced backyard offers room for parking with a tidy green space along the fence. The price is right at \$80,000 and the location is excellent in the PLEX neighborhood, close to Plymouth and Genesee Streets. Contact April Lewis with Hunt Realty, 585-355-9830, to schedule a showing of this brick home filled with memories and ripe for new dreams.

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