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Wide Open Spaces on Wilmer

60 Wilmer Street

If you've been living in the suburbs and are now thinking of trying city living, but are a little hesitant because you love your big yard, this may be just the house for you. Located in the Oxford Square/Park Avenue area, this house occupies a landscaped half-acre lot that is surrounded by a handsome board fence. Next to the large open yard is a fenced area with an in-ground pool, terrace, and perennial gardens. The original two-story brick carriage house in the rear features a brick floor and is accessed by a long paved driveway.

The frame house, built around 1900, is equally spacious with a total of 2,837 square feet of living space. The house exhibits elements of the Queen Anne style of architecture, popular in America between 1880 and 1900, with a steeply pitched roof, a dominant front-facing gable, and a cross-gable behind it. The asymmetrical façade features a projecting colonnaded front porch with a stone block foundation. The glazed wooden front door opens into a vestibule and front hall with a decorative parquet floor, which continues throughout much of the first floor. The handsome staircase features oak paneling, delicately turned spindles on the balustrade, and a leaded and stained-glass window. To the left of the front hall is the dining room with built-in shelving; glazed pocket doors lead to a three-season room with a fireplace and wood-burning stove insert. To the right is the

long, bright living room with window bays, a classical door surround, and a fireplace/wood stove with a distinctive mantel and tile surround. Among the upgrades in the house is the butlers' pantry/bar which has new cherry cupboards with wine holders, a sink, and a granite counter. The kitchen also contains new granite counters and tile floor.

The second floor is accessed by the front staircase as well as a carpeted back stairs. There are four light-filled bedrooms, each with plenty of closet space. The master bedroom is situated above the three-season room and contains a seating area with a brick fireplace/wood stove and windows overlooking the pool area, and a large closet. The full bath is notable for its glass-block wall providing both light and privacy. The back bedroom has been opened up and now serves as an office. Both the huge attic space as well as the second floor of the carriage house are unfinished and have potential for more living space. Wilmer Street is a quiet street between South Goodman and Oxford Streets with direct access to Monroe Avenue and its commercial amenities, while Park Avenue is just a pleasant walk away. This unique property is offered at \$314,900. Contact Kristin Parshall (585-350-5734) at RE/MAX Plus.

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