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A Truly American House

107 Amsterdam Road

After World War I, American homebuilders turned to simpler architectural styles. Gone were the towers and turrets of the Victorian era, replaced by modest Craftsman bungalows and Prairie style houses. The American Foursquare, which can be found in a variety of architectural styles, was probably the most popular house form of the early 20th century. With a comfortable layout, efficient use of space, and a symmetrical shape—four rooms upstairs and four downstairs—the American Foursquare was constructed in rural areas as well as on city lots throughout the country.

With its hipped roof, third story dormer, and overhanging eaves, the house at 107 Amsterdam Road in North Winton Village is a fine example of this typically American house form. The exterior is classic white with black trim and shutters. A pedimented front porch borrowed from the Colonial Revival style welcomes you in.

Inside this 1930 house you notice its stunning original details—gleaming pine floors, gumwood trim, and black and white tile in the vestibule. A leaded glass door opens to the living room—spacious enough to host a large gathering or just a cozy place to spend a quiet afternoon. An archway leads to the equally spacious dining room—another great entertaining space—with its French doors that open to a deck and the patio. Beyond the dining room the efficient well-equipped kitchen overlooks the backyard, making it a pleasant place for meal preparation. A

half bath, side entrance, and stairs to the basement complete the first floor.

A stairway from the vestibule leads to the house's second floor where you find three bedrooms all with gumwood trim, pine floors, and ample closet space. While the bathroom is updated, it retains its original laundry chute and linen closet. Another stairway leads to the finished third floor that could be used as a fourth bedroom, office, or gym. The basement houses the mechanics and laundry as well as a workshop. Outside, the low-maintenance backyard is fully fenced and the garage has space for one car and additional storage.

While this period house is close to the modern shops and restaurants of Winton and Culver Roads and the Winton Branch Library of the Monroe County Library system, the crown jewel of the neighborhood is Tryon Park, 82 picturesque undeveloped acres that are favorites of hikers, bikers, and birders. And both the North Winton Village Neighborhood Association and North East Area Development, Inc. work diligently to improve the quality of life for residents of the North Winton Village neighborhood.

The 1,646 square foot house is listed at \$114,900 with taxes of \$4,182. Call Elizabeth Sarkis of Nothnagle Realtors at 585-317-1731 for a tour.

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