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A Unique View

212 River Street

In the early twentieth century, Rochester's River Street bustled with commercial activity, but it was also a residential community of diverse families, many of whom worked for the Coast Guard. The home at 212 River Street has a rich history, which is evidenced by the unique and charming view from the home's upper bedrooms and spacious fenced-in backyard. The home is less than a five minute walk to Charlotte Beach and the many businesses and establishments that make Charlotte a popular destination for people of all ages.

Built in 1925, the sturdy American Foursquare at 212 River Street is perched on a ridge overlooking the Genesee River. From the large backyard, you can enjoy a spectacular view of the Genesee Riverway Trail, various boats and marinas, and the Colonel Patrick O'Rorke Memorial Bridge, which is named for a Civil War officer who grew up in Rochester and died at the battle of Gettysburg in 1863. The vista that serves as backdrop for this unique home is only available via a handful of properties situated in this particular section of River Street. The location allows for an experience that is distinctly natural, yet at the same time historical—harkening back to a time when the Genesee River was a major thoroughfare for commercial and recreational endeavors.

The home itself retains much of the original craftsmanship and historic details that characterize Foursquares of the 1920s. The front entryway features the original ceramic

tile floor and doorway. The living room, dining room, and hallways all boast original hardwood floors, un-painted gumwood trim, and original hardware and knobs on the doors. In the dining room, a coffered ceiling adds a touch of elegance. Although it could use a complete renovation, the kitchen does feature wider plank-wood floors and a small butler's pantry.

The three bedrooms on the second floor are cozy and well lit. One bedroom opens up to a sleeping porch, which overlooks the Genesee River. The porch is a cool and relaxing space that allows you to enjoy the breeze coming off the river while listening to the sounds of the water and the many birds that nest in the surrounding flora. All three bedrooms have generously sized closets and hardwood floors. The upstairs bathroom also features the home's original clawfoot tub—and there is a lovely built-in linen closet in the hallway.

A unique home in a close-knit residential neighborhood, 212 River Street is listed at \$105,000. The 1,371 square foot home has a detached one-car garage. To learn more about 212 River Street or to schedule a visit, contact Terry Wolak with Keller Williams Realty at 585-248-0250 or Mark Picaretto or Bugra "Bobby" Gul at List-Assist Real Estate 585-314-4219.

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