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Cozy Colonial Revival Cottage

37 Leander Road

Nestled between Lake Avenue, Turning Point Park, the Genesee River gorge, and Holy Sepulchre Cemetery is the Lakedale neighborhood. In 1920, the Buyahome Corporation, a local development business, set about responding to the need for affordable well-built city housing by creating a neighborhood on curving, tree lined streets filled with modest, charming homes designed by architect Leander McCord Jr. McCord's effect is palpable in the complimentary well-proportioned facades as well as a non-coincidental street name.

This Dutch Colonial Revival style cottage with its flower box, shutters, clapboard and shingle siding, and gambrel roof greets you much as it did for Fred and Katherine Schutt in 1921 when they were one of the first residents of Lakedale. Fred was a pharmacist and the Schutts stayed in their home into the late 1950s. Stepping up through the screen door, the distinctive sunroom with original paneled railing, wood ceiling, and walls of windows welcomes you before proceeding through a gumwood and glass door into the generous, well-lit living room. Unpainted woodwork, quartersawn oak floors, and the original six-over-one double-hung windows are common throughout the first floor. An elegant archway on the far wall of the living room frames the staircase to the second floor with a closet to its side. Turning right into the dining room the views to the backyard and natural light from the windows are reflected off of a sleek mid-century mirrored wall. The

mid-century kitchen is clean and bright with plentiful counter space and storage, as well as access to the side entry and full basement with laundry and utility space.

The staircase to the second floor has never been painted and glows in the sunlight from the two separate landing windows. A glass paneled door at the top of the stair provides added privacy. Efficiently surrounding a central hall, there are three bedrooms each with two sides of exposure graced by large windows, good-sized closets, and a sloped inset corner from the gambrel roof outside. The shared bathroom is spacious and was recently renovated, retaining the original deep free-standing tub, perfect for soaking. An additional hall door reveals the walk-up attic, which is open and lit by graceful arched gable windows.

The backyard is fenced and has a small, but original gambrel roof garage. The Schutts and many others purchased the scores of houses that comprise Lakedale in the 1920s for their quality design and construction, proximity to it all, and idyllic surrounding, qualities that have only increased with time. Contact Erica Walther Schlaefer of Keller Williams Realty at 585-285-4418 for more information and make this quaint abode yours for \$94,900.

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