



# Gumwood Galore in Homestead Heights

## 21 Lawndale Terrace

In the cold and snowy days of late March, a house just south of the Irondequoit border shines brightly while sunlight bounces off gumwood from every angle and in almost every room. Built in 1920, 21 Lawndale Terrace in Homestead Heights is a charming combination of extensive woodwork, sunlit rooms, affordable heating, and lovely 1920s period detail.

Coming in from the street, be sure to check out the intricate arched stained glass window insert on the outside door. This arch motif is repeated twice more in the downstairs of the house. Just inside the door, notice the foyer's original decorative hexagonal tile with its colorful triple striped border—another example of the house's arts and craftsmanship.

It is only fitting that the foyer be the visitor's first glimpse of the rich, thick gumwood doors that can be found throughout the house with their original glass knobs. These doors not only provide entrance but also aid in heating efficiency as they shut off any cold air from the outside.

Glancing to the right and entering the living room, notice the many colors in this room—from the reds of the original brick gas fireplace with its ceramic inlay, to the buttery hardwood floor, to the ceiling's reddish brown gumwood trim.

An eastern facing heated sleeping porch/den with gumwood trimmed pocket windows; dining room with wide gumwood border and original hardwood floor; and kitchen with its arched 1920s breakfast nook complete the downstairs.

With three bedrooms, a heated west-facing sleeping porch, and tiled bathroom, the upstairs of 21 Lawndale also exhibits the many colors and textures of woodwork that are found in the rooms below. The toasty tones of each bedroom's gumwood trim and doors perfectly echo the luxury of forced air heat. In the hallway, a large linen closet gleams with its striking mahogany-colored hues.

Raised garden beds in the fenced backyard herald further possibilities for decorative color.

Located within walking distance of the Thomas P. Ryan Jr. Community Center, Sully Branch Library, Audubon School No. 33 complex, Lawndale Terrace is in a tree-lined enclave of streets where children play basketball outside and parents pull their children in little red wagons. Neighbors pride themselves on the fact that community advocate and former mayor, Thomas P. Ryan Jr., resided on central Rocket Street for many years. The Homestead Heights neighborhood's pride in its history can also be found in the continued flourishing of longtime businesses, such as Savoia Pastry Shoppe and Fioravanti Florist.

Within easy driving distance of I-590 and at 1,468 square feet, 21 Lawndale Terrace is listed at the new price of \$79,900 by Tara Morgan of RealtyUSA, 585-329-7809.

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