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Quaint Cottage by Kodak

942 Ridge Road West

The geological history of the Rochester region is etched into the landscape around us. Some of these features, like the Finger Lakes, Pinnacle Range, and High Falls, are prominent, while others are more subtle, such as the long former shoreline of Lake Ontario, most often referred to as Ridge Road. Stretching 121 miles east from the Niagara River, this former Native American trail is lined by structures that stand as witness to the development of Upstate New York through the years.

During the city's rapid expansion in the 1920s, the Eastman Kodak Company developed several tracts and neighborhoods of houses intended for sale to their employees. Mr. Eastman insisted that the homes be well designed and constructed. Prominent architects who specialized in residential design were often hired, as was the case in 1927 when Rowland Hunter from New York City designed this home. The original owner, Louis J. McManus, a longtime manager at Kodak, lived in this undeniably Tudor Revival house with its asymmetrical composition of gables, stucco, and half-timbering until 1955.

A stepped walk through the mature landscaped yard leads to the front door beneath an arbor. The small tiled vestibule has two leaded glass doors leading to the living room or the south facing sunroom. The interior beyond is replete with gleaming oak hardwood floors, plentiful wood trim, original leaded glass windows, and gumwood doors. Entering the

central living room there is a broad wood-burning fireplace next to French doors to the sunroom to your the left, an open staircase at rear, and an archway leading to the light-filled dining room at right. Passing through the dining room, the kitchen impresses with its sleek 1950s Youngstown enameled steel cabinetry, and has clear view of the backyard with access to the side entry and basement stair.

The second floor has three generous bedrooms, each with windows on at least two walls, closets, and overhead lights. The large shared bathroom has been recently updated and has a built-in linen closet. Access to the open, insulated walk-up attic is provided off of the hallway.

The basement is open and includes a recently upgraded furnace and water heater, built-in storage, and a half bath. The backyard is fenced and includes a small patio and the detached garage. The garage matches the house with its Tudor style details, features a finished vehicle bay and workshop with electric, water, and a small half bath. You can live large in this 1,472 square foot well-built architect designed home that is filled with light. Contact realtor Jeff Scofield of RE/MAX Plus at 585-279-8050 and make it yours for \$94,900.

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