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Timeless on Trafalgar

235 Trafalgar Street

This solid American Foursquare home is typical of the housing stock common in many early 20th century residential neighborhoods in the city of Rochester, particularly the 19th Ward where this house is located. Built in 1925, the house has all the characteristics of this popular form: square massing, hipped roof punctuated with dormers, symmetrical fenestration, and a wide front porch stretching across the front façade and supported by paired columns. The porch is accessed through a pair of glazed doors off the front living room, which makes it a perfect private place to enjoy the outdoors and communicate with your neighbors. The main entrance is located on the east side of the house, off the driveway, which leads to a one-car garage in the rear.

Protected by an attractive hooded entry supported by wood columns, the glazed wood entrance door opens into a small vestibule with its original tiled floor that leads up a few steps to the main hallway. To the right and facing the front of the house is the spacious living room. Light pours through the pair of French doors leading to the front porch as well as windows flanking the doors. At one end of the room is a brick fireplace with a wood stove insert; the molded wood mantel is part of a handsome cabinet unit that includes open built-in bookcases that flank the fireplace. Above the shelving are attractive square windows with leaded-glass in diamond-shaped patterns. The

pleasant dining room features a large bay of four windows with a cushioned bench and storage compartment. The utilitarian kitchen has laminate counters and wood cabinets, as well as an eat-in area, which is brightly lit by sliding glass doors that open to the backyard. A powder room is located off the kitchen.

The second floor has a central hall with built-in storage units, three bedrooms and a full bath. The large master bedroom has an alcove/open closet that could serve as a nursery. One of the back bedrooms has access to a small enclosed sitting porch. Throughout the upstairs is gumwood trim and oak flooring.

The 19th Ward Community Association, celebrating its 50th anniversary, is an active group that hosts numerous events throughout the year. In addition, homeowners in the neighborhood may qualify for state tax credits for renovation due to the recent listing of the Sibley Tract in the National Register of Historic Places. Area amenities also include the Arnett Library, Genesee Valley Park, Westside Farmer's Market, and easy access to downtown and nearby restaurants. This attractive house contains 1,834 square feet of living space and is offered at \$106,500. Contact Adrienne Kilc at RE/MAX Realty Group at 585-218-6812.

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