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Stained Glass Meets Jacuzzi

18 Greenwood Street

Nestled on the banks of the Genesee River, the Corn Hill neighborhood has received many nicknames over the years—"The Third Ward," the "Ruffled Shirt District" and "Rochester's Broadway" to name a few. But to the historic house hunter, Corn Hill is best known as the oldest residential neighborhood in the city. Settled shortly after the Erie Canal was built, Corn Hill is where updated 19th century homes mix with stylish townhouses, quiet green spaces and an ornate gazebo.

In the heart of Corn Hill lies the Corn Hill Preservation District, established in 1977, where architectural gems remain in abundance. Stately street posts and brick sidewalk pavers announce crossways such as Greenwood Street. Head up the street to 18 Greenwood and you will find inside a delightful combination of historic house elements, inventive recent upgrades and expansive rooms primed for further development. Coming up the front steps into this 1887 home, notice the decorative star design on the gable above the open porch. Rich Queen Anne detailing is further found on the intricately carved original pine doors with stained glass insets. Just inside the door, try out the original working turn doorbell.

Follow the light from the front stained glass to the illuminated new kitchen, complete with brand new appliances, including a five burner gas stove and dishwasher. Three tall casement windows further showcase not only the lovely brick backsplash of the kitchen, but also the eastern light coming from the fenced backyard.

More light can be found in the expansive unfinished double room with its many windows and wood burning stove, backed by original brick. Close your eyes and imagine the sunny living and dining room possibilities. More flexible rooming is available upstairs.

Upon arriving on the second floor, soak in the luxurious detailing of the brand new master bathroom with its six foot Jacuzzi tub with tile surround and a walk-in two header shower just a few feet away. Enjoy the treetop view from the large master bedroom. Inside, take in the double storage spaces that could be converted into his and her closets. A second bedroom down the hall also exhibits inventive living potential with its enticing stained-glass adorned adjoining space, perfect for a sitting room, nursery or office.

In addition to the brand new kitchen and bathroom, recent upgrades at 18 Greenwood Street include new wiring, plumbing, lighting, furnace and air conditioning, plus a 2010 tear-off roof. Listed at \$143,000 by Dean Popoli of RE/MAX Plus, 585-738-0021, this 1,552 square foot home is within walking distance of Nathaniel Rochester Community School No. 3, Corn Hill Landing, Phillis Wheatley Community Library, Ralph Avery Mall and Clarissa Street and in close proximity to Interstate 490 and downtown.

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