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Classic Craftsman Along Culver

530 Hazelwood Terrace

Culver Road is one of Rochester's oldest streets and, although few of the nineteenth century farmhouses remain from when it was once the city line, the homes and businesses that line the road tell the story of our rapid growth during the twentieth century. Following the City's annexation of parts of Brighton and Irondequoit, several former farm and nursery properties along Culver Road began to be developed in the 1910s for residential real estate. One of these nurserymen was George W. Olver, founder of Fairview Nurseries, who responded to the demand for housing by building several modest homes in the vicinity of Culver and Merchants Roads, as well as his own distinctive home in 1915 just a block from his former nursery office.

Commanding your attention from its corner lot, this distinctive Craftsman style bungalow with its broad gently curved roof eaves, plethora of windows, half-timbered stucco façade, and wrap-around front porch beckons your entry. Passing through the substantial oak and glass paneled doors at the vestibule, the large living room stretches before you with its quarter-sawn oak floors embellished with mahogany inlays, Roman brick hearth, and continuous wall frieze framed by oversized oak moldings.

A pair of French doors at left lead to the enclosed sunroom section of the porch. At the far end of the living room, at one time framed by a wood colonnade, is the ravishing dining room with full-height quarter-sawn oak wall paneling, countless double-hung windows, beamed

ceiling, and a coveted original built-in sideboard complete with art glass cabinet doors. At the left of the sideboard is the entry to the kitchen; to the right is the door to the main hall where the elaborate wood floors continue. Off of the hall are two well-proportioned bedrooms and a shared bathroom. The kitchen is large with plentiful counter space provided by the recent clean, white cabinetry. Two doors provide access to the rear entry and basement stairs, as well as a large first floor laundry room.

The second floor is accessed from a quaint rear entry vestibule and stair and contains two apartments, which this author suspects to be original. A compact studio has a charming bathroom with period tile. The large one bedroom apartment has an arched reading nook and large enclosed porch off of its living area.

The basement is large and unfinished with utility and laundry spaces as well as storage rooms. The original two-car garage is graced with the same elegant curved roofline and still retains the original ceramic tile shingles. With its stunning Craftsman style design and income potential, this prominent residence along Culver Road is listed at \$185,000 and surely will not last long. For more information contact Alexandra Cope of Keller Williams Realty at 585-734-4720.

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