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A Family Street with Lions and Elephants Next Door

272 Versailles Road

From the front porch at 272 Versailles Rd., take the stroller and turn right. Cross St. Paul Street, looking both ways, and enter Frederick Law Olmsted's historic Seneca Park, home of the Seneca Park Zoo. Wear out the children, and retrace your steps. Such is life among the charming streets off St. Paul, just south of the Irondequoit line.

Built in 1928, 272 Versailles is a cozy, sturdy starter home eager to house another young family. Three bedrooms and a large unfinished attic provide growth potential on a quiet, tree lined street. The exterior is welcoming, with mature dogwoods, Rose of Sharon, butterfly bush, a fruit-bearing pear tree and, if you hurry to visit, a lilac that is infusing the dining room with a wonderful scent.

Many original elements add character here. The original tile floor in the foyer, original glass doorknobs, milk box, multi-paned glass doors, narrow plank "Rochester" oak floors, and crown molding all speak of 1928, while an updated kitchen says 21st century. A working wood-burning fireplace awaits, as does the three-season enclosed porch that faces south for winter warmth. The original wood siding is visible on the porch walls.

The house feels larger than its 1,238 square feet. The living room is a generous size, and leads into the formal dining room. A partial

wall was removed between the kitchen and dining room to create a brighter, larger space. The kitchen has newer cabinets, glass tile backsplash, good linoleum floor and gas stove. From the kitchen are stairs to a clean, dry basement with washer/dryer and one of those funny toilet rooms frequently found in older homes. Another door leads to the fully fenced backyard and two-car detached garage. The property measures 0.14 acre.

The three bedrooms and full bath on the second floor feature lovely unpainted gumwood trim. The rooms are large, bright and fitted with closets large for the period. The bath was likely renovated in the 1970s, and is fully functional as is. A hall linen closet completes the second floor.

The peace of the neighborhood is interrupted only by the sound of lawnmowers. School 50 is within walking distance, as are stores and restaurants along Ridge Road. Versailles Road is 10 minutes from Frontier Field, the Genesee Brew House, the Strong Museum of Play, and the soccer stadium. The best of all worlds.

The property is listed by Brian Callahan of RE/MAX Plus, 585-414-7767, for \$84,900.

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