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A Gem in Historic Maplewood

585 Seneca Parkway

Seneca Parkway epitomizes “Historic Maplewood.” The half-mile long street is divided by a broad median full of flowering trees and lawn. And on each side is stately home after stately home, built after the turn of the 20th century for Rochester’s new corporate executives.

You can see the Maplewood Neighborhood yourself on Saturday, September 17 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. when five historic homes are featured on the Maplewood Home Tour. Visit www.facebook.com/MaplewoodHomeTour for ticketing details.

Built in 1920, 585 Seneca Pkwy. has a craftsmanship and scale typical of Seneca Parkway residences. It appears massive from the street, thanks to former porches that were enclosed with a five-sided wall of windows.

A brick walkway leads to the covered front porch, inviting you to enter through the original door with its leaded glass window. In the foyer, a wide staircase features a handsome newel post and unique spindles.

The current owners invested \$30,000 in improvements including a new roof, renovated powder room and two full baths, and a very large and lovely kitchen. The oak floors were refinished to perfection on the first and second levels. Most of the restoration work has been accomplished, but the next owners will still find spaces to leave their mark, including the huge unfinished attic complete with maid’s quarters and sink.

Sunlight fills the entire house, especially the living room with its six windows and the

adjacent reclaimed porch with five more. Crown molding meets at the corners with unusual cornices that lend great character. The wood-burning fireplace has a simple, large wood mantle, flanked by lovely crystal sconces.

In the dining room, a leaded-glass cupboard door provides storage/display space. Through a swinging door, the pantry leads to the kitchen—perfect for serving at a party.

The kitchen is newly remodeled, yet remains in character with the home. Cherry cabinets, granite counters, stainless steel appliances, modern pendant lights over the eating-island, double sink – it has it all. Plus lots of windows overlooking the backyard, and access to a rear staircase.

The three bedrooms are large and quite separate from each other. There was no cutting corners when it came to the second floor: the oak floors, crown molding, and built-in drawers and cabinets in the hall. The master bedroom is anyone’s dream; it is huge, has an attached full bath and a sitting/dressing room full of light.

The fully-fenced rear yard features a weeping willow tree and several pines, yet has room for a paved patio and the potential for a large garden. The two-car detached garage is adjacent.

This 2,464 square foot house is listed for \$148,000 through Helga Das of Keller Williams Realty GR, 585-746-5737.

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