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Regal Manor on King Street

11 King Street

As I drove to the Susan B. Anthony neighborhood to see this gem of a house I pictured a quiet residential neighborhood and was pleasantly surprised as I drove down a bustling stretch of West Main Street. On a rainy Friday afternoon there was a fair amount of pedestrian traffic and a variety of brightly lit storefronts and businesses including Nick Tahoo's in the historic train depot. When you pull on to the broad stretch of King Street lined by stately, brightly painted Victorian-era homes the noise and bustle melts away and you feel transported to another era. Not only does the breadth of King St. add to its drama, it also allows residents and visitors to enjoy a notable absence of alternate side parking.

The house at 11 King St. has a very handsome but unimposing and approachable façade, belying its stately scale. Inside the substantial front door, a gracefully curving and delicate balustrade greets you. The owner has stripped a lower portion of the rail to expose the original buttery finish that could (and should) be restored by you, the new owner. The drama of this elevated piece of carpentry is mirrored by the towering floor to ceiling windows, which are generously peppered throughout the first floor. The rooms are also generous in size, adding to the stately feel of the house.

The first floor features large living and dining rooms, an updated bathroom, and a bright and airy kitchen. Off the kitchen is an unheated room that exudes potential as a three season porch or mudroom. Beautiful gardens and a

mural of the Susan B. Anthony house grace the backyard, lending it a courtyard-like feel.

When the owner converted the home from a double back to a single family home she discovered a previously hidden servant's staircase off of the kitchen as well as suffragette paraphernalia and other hidden historical treasures. Upstairs are three bedrooms and a full bathroom. The handsome moldings and carpentry found on the first floor continue throughout the second.

As I stepped out from the warm comfortable manor into the chilly, gray Rochester evening the green expanse of Susan B. Anthony Square beckoned from down the street. Stately homes surround the Square, with its gently curving paths, handsome trees and an iconic bronze statue by Rochester-based artist Pepsy Kettavong at its center. The home and its environs at 11 King Street evoke the pleasures of a slower time when a stroll through the park and a cup of tea with some lively, potentially revolutionary, conversation was the perfect way to spend your afternoon...and maybe it still is.

For just \$85,000, you can enjoy all that this 2,037 square foot home and the Susan B. Anthony neighborhood have to offer. Contact Marjorie Bergesen with RE/MAX Realty at 585-389-1059.

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