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Enjoy city living and a big backyard

66 Highland Avenue

A lovingly maintained, meticulously landscaped yard surrounds the cedar-shingled American Foursquare home at 66 Highland Avenue. Within the last year, the owners did extensive renovations, opening up spaces, adding a few modern touches, but keeping the historic charm.

Downstairs, a wall separating the dining room and kitchen came down, combining the dining and cooking spaces into one open space. The updated kitchen includes stainless steel appliances, white cabinets, a white tile backsplash, and granite countertops.

A large picture window at the rear of the kitchen, ideal for a breakfast table, looks out on a deep backyard, meticulously maintained with a variety of plantings. There are several raised beds, for your flowers or maybe a small vegetable garden, a garden shed and a small patio; plenty of ways to enjoy the spacious backyard. It's clear that this outdoor space was well-loved by the previous owners; a large second story balcony provides another way to savor the view.

There's also a spacious 27-foot deep garage, with enough room for three cars. And, there's a sky-lighted workshop along the side.

Enjoy the front yard from an enclosed front porch, or through the windows of the living room, while getting cozy by the fireplace.

In revamping the home, the owners were careful to keep intact the original trim and the hardwood floors, which cover most of the first and second floors, the exceptions being the full bath on the second floor, which includes a clawfoot tub, and the half bath on the first floor.

A small office on the second floor has been converted into a spacious walk-in closet for the front bedroom. Two other spacious bedrooms on the second floor have smaller, built-in closets.

A fully-finished attic is ideal for a master suite, or perhaps as a home office.

Built in 1913, the 2,229 square foot home is right around the corner from Highland Park and Mount Hope Cemetery. Enjoy the benefits of being in the Highland Park Neighborhood with an eclectic variety of restaurants a few minutes away in College Town or on South Ave. in the South Wedge.

The unique property is listed at \$219,900 by James "Bob" Blaine of Nothnagle Realtors. Call 585-698-2040 for more information.

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This week's homework is a rerun of the 12/14 column. An incorrect photo ran that week.