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Steady Stewards

63 Edgeland Street

The Homestead Heights Neighborhood in northeast Rochester was developed during the first half of the 20th century. It's a quiet, well-maintained residential neighborhood, bordered by commercial corridors on Clifford Ave., Goodman St., Bay St., and Culver Rd. Within walking distance on these commercial streets are some of the city's most iconic local eateries—Savoia Pastry Shoppe, Donuts Delite, and James Brown's Place. The neighborhood's sweet spot was home to Mayor Thomas Ryan when he served Rochester from 1974-1994.

Around the corner from Mayor Ryan's home, Edgeland Street is still stately with sidewalks, street lights, and mature trees. Number 63 is a wood frame American Foursquare, whose owners were also good stewards: they have eschewed commercial and decorative fads to preserve original hallmarks of 1926 construction.

A friendly front porch presents to the street, yet the house is situated sideways, with its formal entrance at the driveway, where a gabled entry with Doric columns welcomes visitors. Overhead, the roofline features well-vented, deep soffits, adding grace while fighting ice dams.

Inside the front door, an enclosed foyer is a veritable time machine, where gumwood and leaded glass surround the original white mosaic tile floor. A full-length beveled mirror on the coat closet door adds sparkle to this heat-efficient entry.

In the ample front hall, a center-entrance layout presents the natural wood stairway ahead, an-

chored by a square-cut newel post resembling a giant chess game king piece. Overhead, an Arts and Crafts style ceiling light illuminates the unspoiled woodwork in every direction.

To the right, the living room crosses the full front of the house, with leaded glass French doors offering private entry to the porch. Signature Arts and Crafts leaded windows flank a decorative brick fireplace and bookcase.

To the left of the front hall, a big bay window brightens the dining room. The adjoining eat-in kitchen is tastefully current with high-functioning layout, today's appliances, and cherry cabinets complementing the house-wide woodwork.

Upstairs, the generous landing offers more vintage elements. Paneled gumwood doors open to three bedrooms, linen closet, and a walk-up unfinished attic. The master bedroom spans the front of the house, with ceiling fan and two windowed closets. In the full bath, bead board walls and original pedestal sink trim out a white mosaic tile floor echoing the downstairs foyer.

Out back, a partially fenced yard, border garden, and two-car garage offer privacy with minimal maintenance on a .10 acre lot, allowing owners to savor the heritage within this 1,323 square foot home.

Nothnagle's Sam Morreale, 585-506-7820, lists this home at \$79,900 with \$3,000 taxes.

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