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Terrific Time Capsule

323 Corwin Road

Astute readers will note that this week's column features a listing in the same neighborhood as last week's, something we generally avoid. What, you might ask, would compel us to break with convention? Only a very special house.

At first glance, 323 Corwin Road appears to be a typical mid-20th century, Colonial Revival style house. And, indeed, it is just that. What makes this home so special is that the interior is an unadulterated mid-century time capsule. Listed at \$174,900, it also happens to be a great deal.

To be sure, a mid-century time capsule is not for everyone. But if it happens to be right up your alley, this home will delight you. The first floor layout resembles most center-entrance Colonials—den/study to the left, living room to the right, stairway straight ahead, and kitchen and dining room straight back. The spacious living room boasts a wood-burning fireplace. It opens to the dining room, which features a picture window overlooking the backyard. The adjoining three season porch is a treat, with original wood paneling and southern exposure.

The eat-in kitchen is in original condition, with lots of storage, a rounded counter peninsula, and an original olive green oven and range.

Off the kitchen is the attached two-car garage and side entrance hall, which leads to the basement, a closet, an original pink-tiled powder room (complete with whimsical, shiny butterfly patterned wallpaper—do not miss it),

and, in this writer's humble opinion, the pièce de résistance of the home: the den/study. The entirety of the room is wrapped in gorgeous knotty pine, making you feel like it's giving you a big, warm hug. A built-in desk and shelves are tucked into one corner. You can imagine yourself settling into a padded armchair with a good book on a frosty Rochester evening.

Upstairs are three bedrooms. The hallway landing has two linen closets. The full bathroom, like the powder room, is also a mid-century marvel with original yellow tile floors, walls, and vanity.

The basement is dry and spacious. If the retro bathrooms and kitchen don't suit your fancy, 323 Corwin is a quality home, with classic details and hardwood floors throughout, waiting for you to put your own stylistic spin on it. The house has been in the same family for 51 years and has clearly been well maintained.

Located in the Browncroft neighborhood, the home has easy access to Ellison, Tryon, and Lucien Morin Parks as well as I-590. The amenities of N. Winton Rd. are within easy walking distance. This 1,868 square foot home is listed with Todd M. Enright of RE/MAX Realty. Contact Todd at 585-248-0250 to snag this mid-century time capsule and move one step closer to living out your Mad Men fantasies.

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