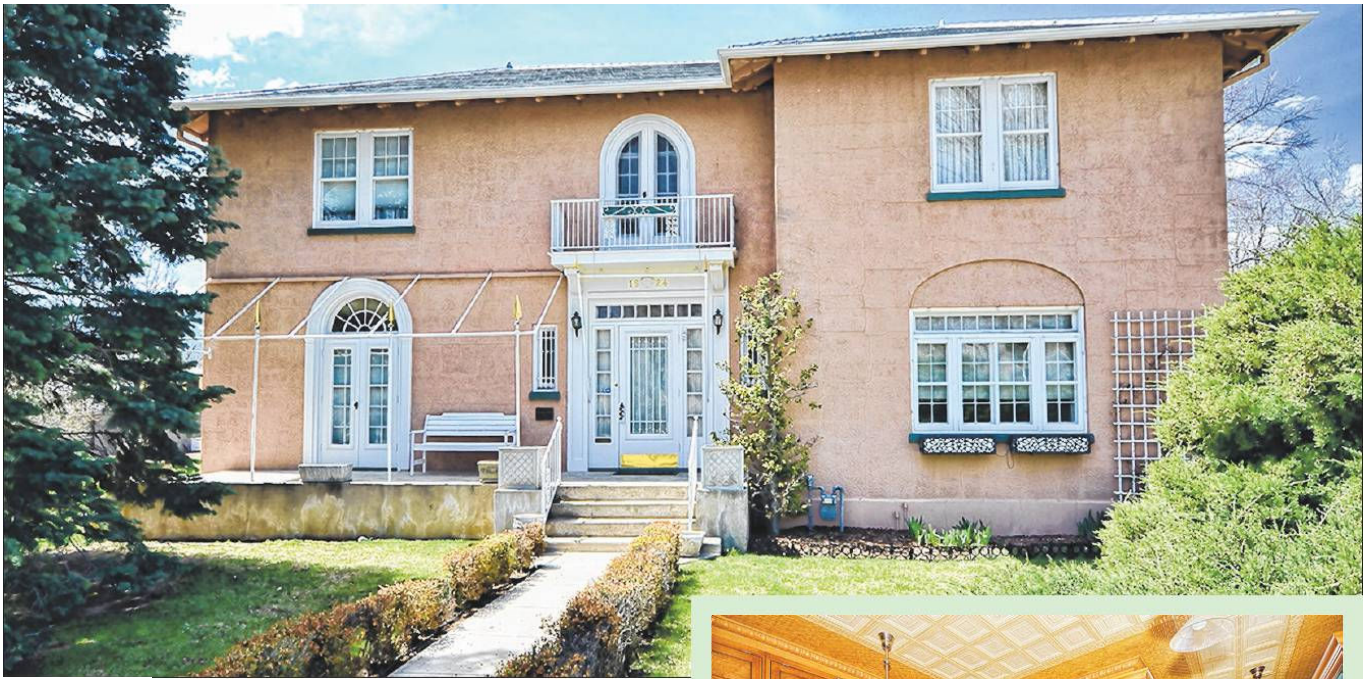


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Historical charm mingled with modern living

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Settled in the historic Old North End, this 1920s villa is exceptional for having only three owners in its lifetime. Lovingly preserved, the home sits on a large, sheltered double lot surrounded by alluring trees, shrubbery and flowers.

Bestowing over 4,400 square feet with four bedrooms, three bathrooms and a detached two-car garage, Anne Marie Flynn, listing agent with Team One from

The Platinum Group Realtors, has the home offered at \$775,000.

"This is such a special neighborhood," said Flynn. "Being located on the Old North End offers homeowners the best of both worlds."

A shrub-lined path leads to the two-story stucco home where a considerable front porch invites leisure and permits plenty of sunlight along with appropriate shade from an overhead awning.

Stepping inside the front door, the impression of times gone by has been sustained in the grand foyer. "There is no work to be done in this home," Flynn said. "The owners have always made certain it was kept up and any problems were directly resolved."

From the foyers, a dignified flight of stairs curves up to the second floor with a formal living room situated to the left. An abundance of sunlight brightens

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the living room and French doors open to the front patio while a delightful fireplace provides a friendly backdrop. Two doorways on the opposite end open to an enticing sun room overlooking the back yard and a cozy office space with a great deal of built-ins.

Right of the foyer, an expansive dining room is ideal for small, intimate dinners as well as elegant gatherings with a large group. Lying between the dining room and kitchen, a convenient butler's pantry with cabinetry, counter space, refrigerator and a sink allows for additional preparation space and storage.

A modern and efficient gourmet kitchen reflects the spirit of its original design while supplying state-of-the-art appliances including a commercial grade Dynasty gas stove, double ovens, Thermador Hood and Sub-Zero refrigerator. Attractive cabinetry is complimented by granite counters and embellished ceiling. Loads of pantry space along with a doorway leading to a small enclosed patio, add the finishing touch.

Loads of closet and storage space is spread throughout the home. "There is a great amount of storage throughout the home," said Flynn, "you can't run out."

In the backyard, the lot is skillfully cared for presenting a tempting setting surrounded by towering trees and a lush, manicured lawn as well as custom pergola and a custom shed. Maintaining the flourishing landscaping is a breeze with the private well. The ideal spot to unwind after a long day is found on the back patio where an awning is also available whenever shade is needed.

Atop the curved staircase, the second-level presents a graceful master bedroom with doors opening into a private sitting room. The spacious three-quarter master bath boasts a beautiful vintage impression of its earliest days while still granting contemporary



features.

Doorways and walls along the upstairs hallway are skillfully painted to portray a variety of patterns and designs. "All of the finishes on the second level were custom painted by the seller's brother who is an artist," noted Flynn.

Three additional bedrooms are positioned on the second-level in addition to a full-bath with striking marble flooring and walls. A second set of stairs nearby allows additional access

to the first level, near the kitchen.

A large basement with over 1,400 square feet is well suited for a wide assortment of possibilities. A full darkroom is located in one small space while other rooms (including one with a fireplace) have unlimited potential for a workshop, exercise space, games room, home theater or additional bedrooms, among other prospects.

Along with capturing its historical character in a modern, practical style, the home is filled with thoughtful



finishes and details that truly create a warm energy. Suitable for a large family

or a small one, this house embraces the prospect of an elegant lifestyle. ■