MI Dream Home

Birmingham Tudor is a blast from the past

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he sale of a 96-year-old Tudor-style home in Birmingham that's a reallife trip to the past is pending. The two-story house is located at 951 Mohegan Avenue off of North Adams Road between Big Beaver and Maple roads.

Built in 1926, the more than 2,700square-foot home has four bedrooms and two bathrooms. The asking price is \$949,000 and the house is listed by Don Amalfitano, sales manager and managing broker with Coldwell Banker Weir Manuel in Birmingham.

Amalfitano said the home is desirable for many reasons and one of them is its location.

"This is a wonderful home located in a very special city," he said. "It rests in one of Birmingham's most desirable neighborhoods - Poppleton Park, which is well-known for diverse architecture, tree-lined sidewalk streets and a vibrant, active community with access to parks and great amenities."

Another reason: Its owners have lovingly improved and maintained the home since they bought it in 1998 and it sits in "impeccable turnkey condition," Amalfitano said.

Entering the home is a step into the past. There are hints of the dedication and diligence of the artisans who built it throughout, from the hardwood floors and plaster walls to the ceiling medallions, the broker said.

The family room is a prime example with its gorgeous judges paneling and impressive coffered ceiling, he added.

The room leads to a screened-in room with a marine varnished ceiling. The home's owner says his shoulders are still sore from painstakingly applying its many coats, the broker said. He also said the space allows gatherings to flow and makes great use of both interior and exterior spaces.

Amalfitano said the home is perfect for anyone who wants a house with one-of-akind character and charm as well as the craftsmanship of a bygone era. It would also make a great home for families with children since the community offers schools noted for their excellence in education, he said.

"It all begins with home — the sacred place where you make lifelong memories and shape your future," Amalfitano said. "(This home) is the perfect place to start your journey."

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The kitchen of the 96-year-old Tudor-style home in Birmingham.