

The Carnegie House



Overview and History

The Carnegie House was the first house built on Carnegie Street. The home along with the entire street was owned by Dee Carnegie, a woman who was known well throughout the town during the 1920's-1980's. Even people to this day remember her and will recall interesting stories of her life on Carnegie Rd.

The original house was built in 1925 with a small footprint. It's walls and foundation were built with rocks from the local quarry. Unfortunately, much of the original rock was knocked down to make way for additions. These additions were not well thought out nor constructed in a way befitting of a house with such character. Eventually, the lack of maintenance caused the home to become severely dilapidated.

In 2008 the home was purchased by another resident of Carnegie Rd, The Youngleson Family, and a long and arduous development started to take place. It was discovered that the foundation of the add-ons were unstable and the water and terminate damage consumed most of the structure.

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Restoration Efforts by the Youngleson Family

Youngleson was against the idea of tearing down the home but was also faced with a predicament. His intention was to raise a family in the home it was a requirement that the house be healthy and safe. He started by repairing the foundation with a novel approach.

The home was excavated while still standing, and the crawlspace of 14” was turned into a 9ft basement. Foundation walls were solid poured at a thickness of 12-14’. Almost twice the thickness and strength of most residential foundations. A 14” steel I-Beam was craned in to support the center mass of the home. The first floor was reframed with 2x6 construction (vs. the standard 2x4 residential construction) for added strength and insulation.

Youngleson was able to reuse some, albeit not much, of the original lumber in framing the roof truss’s – this lumber is thicker and stronger than the lumber you can buy today. The rock that stands in the front of the home as well as the sunken patio is the rock from the original structure; it was mined in the local quarry over 100 years ago and each piece weights 50-100lbs.

As with any modernly constructed home, the electrical, plumbing, water line, sewer, internet, windows, and natural gas are new. As the home was demolished and rebuilt in parallel, the GIS details of the home shows a 1925 construction date. The County plans to update the construction date to 2023, the year the final permit was closed. As the new owner, you’ll have the choice to proceed with this or leave it as a 1925 home.

Recent Developments and Property Options

In 2020 the owners of the adjacent lot (135 Carnegie Rd) passed away and willed the lot be sold to Mr. Youngleson as they had enjoyed watching the rebirth of The Youngleson house throughout the 15 years of construction. The home on 135, a garage apartment, was demolished and is where the shed stands today.

Buyers have the option to purchase the entire .55 acres comprised of two buildable lots or a single lot with the home. If buyers choose a single lot, the sellers will pay to have both lots re-surveyed into two rectangular lots instead of the Tetris shapes they are now. Essentially, from the mailbox back to the shed resulting in 141 Carnegie Rd and the house sitting on a .35ac lot. The second lot (135 Carnegie) accounting for .20ac would be kept in the Youngleson family for the immediate future.

Property Features and Amenities

The home features a large sunken patio that extends into a large TREX deck that is sure to last decades without maintenance. The Hardie board siding should provide you with an insurance break as it is considered fire-retardant. The home features three HVAC units including the Mini-split for the basement bedroom/flex room. On-demand gas water heater, fireplace gas logs, and gas stove provide the ability to live comfortably in the rare event of a power outage. The kitchen is a cooks delight, featuring fully custom ¾” real wood custom cabinetry.

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The master bedroom (on-suite) features two large his-&-hers cupboards, a custom floating double vanity, two shower controls, jetted tub, and a large “double curved” walk-in dressing room. The downstairs guest bedroom (on-suite) includes custom cabinetry and built-ins. The upstairs bedrooms are set up as a Jack & Jill joined together with a play/meditation room.

Future Potential and Development Opportunities

All utilities are underground, and a second sewer drain, and water line are available at the back of the lot in preparation for a possible ADU. Each lot can have one house and one ADU, resulting in the total possibility of four living structures. Or, keep it as the tranquil oasis it is.

Vegetation has been designed and planted to attract pollinators and birds. Watch Blue Jays and Cardinals court each other from your window while reading a book in the play/meditation room.



Unique Architectural Details

The custom staircase features hickory stair treads, frames in with a floating glass wall, finished with a custom-made floating metal handrail. You’ll also find a signature double curved wall that leads you into the living room.

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