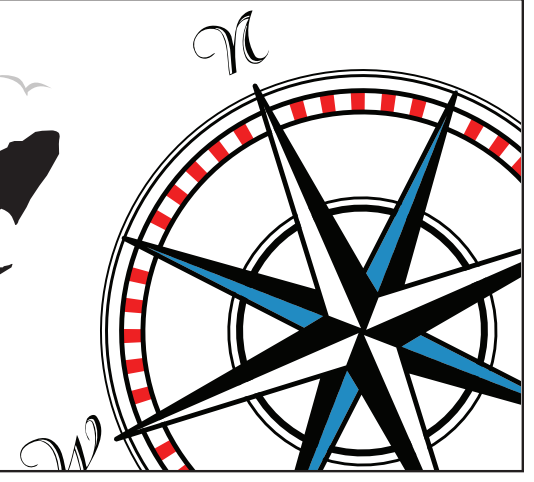


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HOUSE OF THE WEEK



The extraordinary property at 207 Congress Place was built in 1878 and has been completely updated. The home features seven bedrooms, updated kitchen, three-zone air conditioning, ocean view and is steps away from the beach and the Washington Street Mall. Above right, the expansive, fully fenced garden area.

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Modern convenience in a historic treasure

CAPE MAY – Did you ever dream of living in the elegance and style of former time, while keeping the conveniences of modern life? Do you love Victorian style, but also WiFi?

The extraordinary property at 207 Congress Place may fulfill those dreams.

“If you want summer life as it was – for the lucky few – in Victorian Cape May, this is the place to be,” reads a statement on the property.

It’s not every day that a property like this comes on the

market. Fact is, there aren’t that many places like it in existence. Built in 1878 and completely updated, with a garden view in the rear and ocean views from the front, the property is known as the “Joseph Evans Cottage,” according to the files on the house in the Library of Congress.

According to the owner, it’s one of a handful of Cape May’s grand Victorian cottages to have survived as a single-family home, rather than becoming a bed and breakfast or otherwise divided up.

“High ceilings — original gilt mirrors — massive period furniture — much of it built for the house—large, airy rooms—an expansive, fully-fenced garden—off-street parking for four cars — and a whole lot more — make this house truly unique,” the statement continues.

The dramatic façade offers a glimpse of old Cape May, set back with enough green to give the house some privacy. The beach, the Washington Street Mall, the promenade and more are in easy walking distance, and off-

street parking offers an unusual amenity for the downtown.

“The location is perfect for access to all that Cape May has to offer, and it is easy to park your cars and walk or ride bicycles everywhere,” the owner said.

Starting from the front porch, a rocking chair view takes in a sweep of blue ocean between Congress Hall and the Regent Beach Condominiums. Half the porch is screened in for summer evenings, with French doors leading from the main floor living room.

Another porch overlooks an exceptionally large L-shaped backyard, which includes a gazebo, a shaded dining area and more. The owner says the backyard offers plenty of room for badminton, croquet or other games. There is a sprinkler system fed by well water, a cheaper alternative to the municipal water. “There are plenty of places – indoors, on the porches, and in the garden – for informal hanging out. It works for people with very different tastes,” reads the owner’s statement.

The house opens to catch the breezes from either side. On the side of the house is a charming playhouse for children. On those rare days when there is no breeze off the ocean, there is also a three-zone central air

conditioning system.

“The elegant living and dining rooms were made for entertaining,” reads a statement from the owner. The huge formal dining room has an elaborate chandelier over the table, one of several chandeliers throughout the house.

Dramatic fireplaces in the dining and living rooms are decorative, rather than functional, but the heating for the building comes through them downstairs.

The kitchen is downstairs from the main floor. It’s just slightly below grade, but don’t picture a Victorian scullery from a costume drama. The inviting kitchen has been updated with contemporary cabinets, new countertops, and state-of-the-art appliances, including a high-speed Bosch cooktop, twin GE Monogram wall ovens, a GE Monogram refrigerator, and a second refrigerator in the adjacent laundry room. It is fully equipped with a brand-new KitchenAid dishwasher, disposal, and more. Next to the kitchen are a large laundry room and a very large pantry.

Downstairs is one of the least formal rooms in the house, a long rectangular playroom under the

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