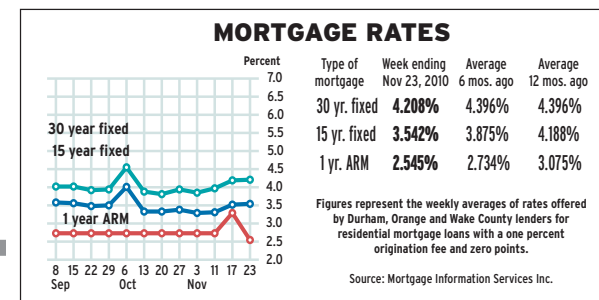


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## Mix of old and new highlight Pershing Street home



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Located in the heart of the acclaimed Watts Hillandale neighborhood, 2121 Pershing Street is a shining star in this National Historic District just west of Downtown Durham. From its painted brick exterior, outdoor living spaces and lush surrounding gardens, throughout every inch of its 3,018 heated square feet, 2121 Pershing is spectacular.

"2121 Pershing Street is just an amazing home," says Welsford Artz, Prudential York Simpson Underwood real estate broker. "It was built in 1930, in the midst of the American Arts and Crafts era. Character

abounds here, inside and out. Its bones were wonderful from the start. With the enhancements made by the current owners, it's just outstanding!"

What makes 2121 Pershing so special? Let's start with its exterior. Near Oval Park, Ninth Street, Downtown Durham and Duke University/Medical Center, 2121 Pershing is positioned on a custom-designed homesite that includes a walled garden with fish ponds, a diverse array of kitchen herbs and perennial plantings, rain barrels, a compost area and stacked stone garden walls. A meandering walkway beginning at the charming wrought iron entry gate and leading to

the front door comprises aged bricks recycled from a schoolhouse built in Wilson in the early 1900s. Another garden path was created with recycled, mostly green, crushed glass that glistens when wet. Decorative wrought iron elements are found throughout the garden in fencing, gates and an outdoor hearth. The rocking chair front porch has been re-surfaced and stained in a charcoal hue; a screened porch on the lower level in the back of the home is perfect for rainy day relaxation and recreation; and a three-level deck with a built-in hot tub and a 1,000-square-foot patio overlooks the landscaped back yard

and regulation horseshoe pits. A computerized, organic mosquito misting system keeps mosquitoes away, yet doesn't harm plants or animals of the two- or four-legged variety.

Greeting guests upon entering this extraordinary dwelling is a custom front door with artistic cut glass panels and side lights, opening into a spacious living room with a gas log fireplace and recessed cove for a 48-inch TV. The home's original red oak hardwood floors combine with crown molding and freshly painted walls in soothing colors; these features continue throughout the home's interior. A large dining room includes a lovely

candelabra chandelier and French doors lead to the decks. The kitchen is a cook's delight with a granite island, bar seating, a smooth top range, a warming drawer, stainless appliances, stainless hood vent, large pantry, recessed lighting and several corner windows overlooking the outdoor oasis. A stacked washer and dryer, conveniently located in the kitchen closet, convey with the home. An office/study, a luxury master suite, a dressing room, a guest room and a full bath complete the main level. The master suite includes remote-controlled gas logs, a retro corner tub, a bidet and a fabulous granite-topped vanity that was once a wine cabinet. The dressing room provides plenty of space for storing clothes and dressing as well as sitting. Visitors are charmed by the black marble flooring, marble shower, and antique crystal light fixture in the guest bath. Upstairs houses an additional two bedrooms, yet another lavish full bath with a large soaker/garden tub, and a

special room with heart of pine paneling that can be utilized as a bonus room, a study, a recreation room, or a fifth bedroom, with its walk-in closet and extra storage. In addition to all of this, walk-in attic storage is also found upstairs.

Rounding out this elegant home are a garage with space for a workshop, two water heaters, a whole house fan, a dual zone HVAC system, a gas furnace, and an alarm system. Priced at \$519,900, 2121 Pershing offers tremendous value.

"My husband and I have loved living here," says current owner Kathryn Washburn. "We entertain quite a bit, and everyone always wants a tour. It's been a great joy over the past nine years for us to transform what was already a very nice house into a unique, welcoming home, where family and friends enjoy gathering."

An open house is planned for today from 1 to 5 p.m. at 2121 Pershing Street. The home is listed with Welsford and Sarah Artz of Prudential York Simpson Underwood for \$519,900.

