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Information from sellers about 1401 Laurel St, Iowa City, IA:

About

Located less than a mile from downtown and campus
2 blocks from a city bus stop
Easy access to city trails
Native plants: coneflower, purple milkweed, bee balm, wild geraniums, hairy beardtongue, orange milkweed
Plants: Ferns, bleeding hearts, Amaryllis belladonna, liatris, hostas, lilies, hops, lavender, feather reed grass
Peach tree
Beautiful hardwood floors

Maintainance

Vent cleaned - 1/10/2025, Harris Boyz Heating and Cooling
New water heater - April 2024
New dishwasher - October 2022
New kitchen stove (air fryer feature) - November 2024

Furnace maintenance - Harris Boyz cleaned and serviced the system in February of 2025.
Bi-Annual maintenance performed by the homeowner to clean the system and oil the blower pump. The thermostat sends reminders for the services.
Air conditioner unit - cleaned out twice a summer by owner

Additional House Information

Whole house fan

Garage is finished with its own utilities. It has heat and an attic. Garage opener has remote wireless connectivity through MyQ app. The wifi gateway for this is connected to the internet inside the home

Owner ran conduit from the house to the garage in 2017. Runs from the NW corner of the house to the NW corner of the garage. The conduit has both networking cable to add a wifi access point in the garage and the coax cable for the antennas in the garage.

Networking cable (Cat5E) ran to upstairs bedrooms and living room, pulled to the central location in the basement.

A smart thermostat was installed in 2016 from Ecobee. It goes with the home. It has remote sensors throughout the house (in the bedrooms on the south and the basement) that help it manage the overall temperature. It is on the wifi and also has an app.

Ring cameras at front door, back door, garage, and front corner of the house; an additional camera purchased but not installed will be left.

Surround sound wiring in place. Set up for 7.1 sound; the wiring all runs back to the central living room wall.

Fun Information

The Church In Iowa City, located at 2040 Keokuk St, originally started here in this home. Their website http://churchiniowacity.org/history/index.html discusses the history in some detail You can see in the garage the outline of the original pad, and then the garage was expanded south and west to create the larger structure you see today. It has it's own power feed from Mid American, electric baseboard heating, and an attic.

Wildlife

Even though we're in town, we regularly see Cooper's Hawks, deer, possums, cardinals, and hummingbirds

Deer are a daily presence in the summer, grazing on the apple tree in the early morning hours. The driveway ring picks them up frequently between June and August

With the proximity to the river, there's a plethora of other wildlife. Raccoons and possums have been regular visitors to the property.