

Iconic Mid-Century Architecture

5900 Olinger Boulevard is a classic California mid-century modern home on a pond in Edina. Architecturally inspired by the west coast Eichler homes of the same era, this post and beam home with a center atrium was built by Lundgren for his own family in 1966. The home features 4 bedrooms on one level, 3 bathrooms, 3 fireplaces, and a 3 stall garage.

The welcoming and understated lines of an iconic mid-century home are noticed immediately; but it is upon entry through the double doors to the center atrium that the unusual integration of indoor and outdoor space becomes apparent. Walls of glass enclose each side of the 720 sq. ft. atrium, offering unobstructed views through the main level of the home. The atrium is anchored by a mature magnolia tree, and affords ample living space for dining, lounging, and gracious entertaining.

The main level of the home is defined by post and beam construction, an open plan of kitchen, dining, and living space, and additional walls of glass oriented to a 700 sq. ft. deck overlooking the pond. Ebony-stained oak floors flow throughout the main living areas. The master bedroom with en suite bathroom also walks out to the rear deck. A gallery hallway leads to three additional bedrooms and an additional bathroom.

The lower level also features walls of glass, and plenty of leisure and lounge space with natural daylight. The lower level walks out to additional covered terrace space with a large spa, an architecturally landscaped perennial garden, and the pond. The pond is home to wood ducks, herons, turtles, and a muskrat; it is also a terrific ice skating rink for winter entertainment.

Modern Upgrades & Amenities

This home features a new modernist kitchen with custom-poured terrazzo countertops, gloss blue cabinetry and high-end appliances. Appliances include a pair of Sub-Zero refrigeration and freezer units, Gaggenau cooktop and wall oven, Bosch dishwasher, and a high-efficiency Italian-design vent hood. The terrazzo countertops are a blend of river rock and crushed mirror; they have a prism effect on the ceiling in the morning with the direct sun, as well as a reflective quality in the evening with directional lighting.

Each bathroom was upgraded with glass mosaic tile, Toto low-flow toilets, concrete or solid-surface counters, and fresh modern fixtures.

All twelve sets of sliding patio doors were replaced in 2007 with Milgard thermally-improved aluminum doors, and the three large picture windows to the atrium were upgraded to dual-pane, argon filled windows in 2008.

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Popcorn-covered drywall was removed from all main level ceilings; all interior surfaces (ceiling and walls) refinished and painted.

Ebony-stained oak hardwood floors installed on main level, new carpet installed in main level bedrooms and modular commercial carpet tile installed on lower level

New light fixtures throughout the home, including a George Nelson pendant in the dining room.

The wet bar on the lower level features new cabinetry, concrete countertops, and a Monogram refrigerator with ice maker.

Both the atrium and the rear yard have been extensively landscaped. The perforated metal platforms and atrium decking were installed in 2006. All turf was removed from the rear yard and replaced by decorative grasses and perennials chosen for low water consumption. The blue lyme grasses on the west side of the yard grow to 5 ft. tall by the end of the summer, and the middle portion of the yard is filled with echinacea. Feather reed grasses line the pond edge.

Other:

New concrete driveway in 2007

New hot water heater in 2007

New water softener in 2007

Underdecking and gutters installed 2007

Exterior of home painted 2006

New lower level cabinetry in living areas and laundry room installed 2006

The Location

5900 Olinger Boulevard is situated in a neighborhood that is in high demand for its proximity to top-notch parks, excellent schools, and quick freeway access to both local Edina shopping and downtown Minneapolis.

This Countryside neighborhood location in Edina is literally sandwiched between parks less than a block away in each direction. Immediately to the west is Bredesen Park, a 206-acre park with walking & biking trails as well as a nature preserve. To the east is Countryside Park, with tennis, ice skating, basketball, baseball, and all the kid-friendly amenities of an Edina park.