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Heart-stopping estate in Candlewood Lake is now on the market

By Pamela Brown

Life is easygoing in this Candlewood Lake home. "This meticulously-maintained home sits beautifully in the sought after Candlewood Lake Club community on Connecticut's Candlewood Lake," said Stacie Nicholls and Celest Pearce, Realtors with William Pitt Sotheby's International Realty's Northern Fairfield County Brokerage.

Built in 2003, the 2,137-square foot three bedroom, 2.5 bathroom expanded cape is located on 0.38 acres at 7 Brookside Trail in New Milford. "The curb appeal of this home speaks volumes. The home was designed and built by the original owner, and then purchased in 2006 by the current owner, who is also a well-known local builder. No attention to detail has been spared," said Nicholls and Pearce. Some of the home's special features include crown and baseboard custom molding throughout; vaulted ceilings in the bedrooms; and lovely oak hardwood floors.

An expansive, two-story foyer is the perfect introduction to the home's unending beauty. This space is well-appointed with custom wainscoting and paneling; a warm color palette; a tile floor; and numerous windows that drench the entry with warm sunlight. Nearby is a closet and a private powder room. "Off to the left, step up to the living room/dining room area. The wood floors are gleaming and you'll notice a gas fireplace in the center of the room that allows for two seating areas," they said. "An open floor plan allows for easy entertaining and lifestyle living. There's just so much room to walk around and enjoy conversation and good friends."

The open floor plan comprises a spacious chef's kitchen. "This kitchen has enough work space to be very functional yet not so big that you feel isolated from family and friends in the family room," said Nicholls and Pearce. The room has Legacy custom cabinet-



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Gorgeous view of the home's front landscape and front walkway entrance.

ry; an island with a sink; recessed and pendant lighting; and oak hardwood floors. High-end stainless steel appliances include a Wolf range/oven; a sub-Zero refrigerator with two freezer drawers; a Fisher & Paykel double drawer dishwasher; and a Wolf built-in wine chiller. "The Absolute black granite counters, along with the bead-board backsplash, offer that perfect combination of country charm and suburban sophistication," they said. The kitchen also has direct access to the garage.

Elegant French doors from the kitchen lead to a bright, welcoming family room surrounded by windows providing views of the property. "While cooking or entertaining in the kitchen you still have sight of the family gathering in the light stained wood paneled family room," said Nicholls and Pearce. The epitome of carefree living, the room has wood walls; a wood ceiling; and a ceiling fan. A highlight of the room is its huge

built-in entertainment center with wood shelves that run along one wall. "A point of interest in this family room is the slate floor. This family room fills with light as it is southern facing and has many windows and a slider with transom windows." French doors open to a stone patio.

Entertain with comfortable elegance in the formal living room. This room has a white molding; a cheerful green color palette; oak hardwood floors; and a large window offering a view of the impeccable landscaping. A fireplace with a white mantel keeps the room cozy on chilly evenings. This space is open to a casual dining area.

A wood staircase that overlooks the entry leads to a large master bedroom suite and two additional bedrooms all connected by a beautiful walkway loft. The spacious master, featuring oak hardwood floors and a vaulted ceiling, is a quiet refuge. An ample-sized sitting area provides plenty of space

for resting or to use as a home office. Also, it has a huge walk-in closet with hardwood floors and custom cabinetry and shelving. A private master bathroom is a large space featuring a double vanity with mirrors; granite counters; an oversized frameless stand-up shower; a Jacuzzi; recessed lighting; white trim; and a tiled floor. Windows bring in warm sunlight.

The two additional bedrooms are nicely detailed. One has unique wainscoting while the other has an alcove for a desk or bed and vaulted ceilings. A full, private bathroom, located between the bedrooms, has Kohler fixtures; a black and white tiled floor; a shower/tub combination; and a black granite vanity.

Additional amenities include a security system; central air conditioning; an upper level laundry room; propane heat; a propane grill connected through the main line; and an oversized three car garage with space for three cars or two cars and a golf cart. "The

garage is also lined with cubbies. Below the garage is a full crawl space, perfect for storing lawn furniture and home maintenance items," said Nicholls and Pearce.

A beautiful flagstone walkway and covered entry welcome you to the home that has wood-shingle siding and interesting roof lines. The private, professionally landscaped yard is adorned with stone walls and abundant annuals and perennials. "This corner lot offers a variety of interesting terrain, with open space to the left and a beautiful private backyard." A stone patio, with three seating areas, is ideal for outdoor relaxation. A bonus is a convenient outdoor shower.

The Candlewood Lake Club offers numerous amenities, including a nine hole, par 30 golf course with an on-site USGA pro; four lighted tennis courts with an on-site USTA pro; a private beach and marina; miles of hiking trails for walking and biking; a clubhouse for year-round social activities for all ages; and a summer youth camp. Winter boat storage is also available.

This home is very versatile. "It's the perfect second home for city dwellers who want to get away for the weekend/summer and walk into beauty, but it can also work for a couple/family who wants to live in the Candlewood Lake Club full time," said Nicholls and Pearce. "Once you visit this lake community, you'll know this is the community for you and you'll see that this beautiful home is the right home for you as well. We know you'll love it here! Be settled in by the Spring's first flowers."

The home is offered at \$700,000. To view the virtual tour, visit www.WilliamPitt.com; MLS#170012584.

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