

## REAL ESTATE

### HOT PROPERTY

# Sun-soaked, handicapped accessible colonial in Darien

By Robert Storage

Elegantly accessible, this tan 54-year-old gem in northern Darien will be a prized possession for its next homeowners.

Its current homeowners, Arlene and Curtis Butler, not only love the colonial on 2.34 acres but they also made it special for their family. Their daughter is handicapped and the Butlers made the house completely accessible for her when they purchased it six years ago.

"It was important to find a house that had a level lot," Arlene Butler said. "We then put an addition on the house to include an elevator. We thought it was important for her to have access to all parts of the house. The backyard, for example, is flat and she can have access to that. She can easily transport into the garage, which is also ramped. The whole house is handicapped accessible."

People who have seen the home, though, Butler said, "are amazed at what we've done to it. It does not look like a house for a handicapped person. It just looks like a beautiful colonial."

The home — located on Stephen Mather Road — has a basement, main level and second level.

The basement is home to the storage room and mechanicals.

The main level, Butler said, has a lovely foyer and to the left of that foyer is the living room with a wood-burning fireplace. The living room also has three sides of windows, French doors that go to the bluestone patio outside and is home to a grand piano.

The nearby dining room, which is near the living room, has built-ins, shelves and cabinets. In addition, Butler said, "the whole back wall is all windows that look out onto the property. It's the best view in the house."

Take a right at the foyer, Butler said, and you have two French doors in a wainscoted office with two chairs and bookcases.

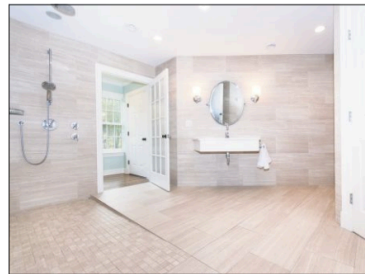
Lest not forget the huge, renovated eat-in kitchen.

The kitchen, Butler said, has all stainless steel appliances, a huge center island, granite countertops



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**Above:** The renovated eat-in kitchen has all stainless steel appliances, a huge center island, granite countertops and hardwood floors. **Below left:** The home includes five bedrooms and six bathrooms. **Below right:** The colonial at 106 Stephen Mather Road in Darien is on 2.34 acres.



and hardwood floors. The counter can sit four and the huge table at the kitchen can easily sit 10. There is also a walk-in pantry and wine refrigerator in the kitchen.

The first level also features a spacious mudroom that has two

closes with custom built-ins. The family room is next to the kitchen and has an ample closet. That sunny room also has a television and couches.

In the kitchen, Butler said, is a back staircase that goes to the second floor.

The second level, Butler said, has five bedrooms including the master suite. The master, she said, has a dressing room with two large built-in closets. It also has a double vanity and custom cabinetry. The bathroom, she noted, has Carrera marble and

### Details

**Address:** 106 Stephen Mather Road, Darien

**Price:** \$2.45 million

**Rooms:** 12

**Features:** Sunny and bright rooms throughout, this handicapped accessible colonial includes an elevator and a renovated eat-in kitchen.

**Schools:** Ox Ridge Elementary, Middlesex Middle, and Darien High School.

the shower is all glass.

The other four bedrooms, Butler said, are all nice-sized and there are two bathrooms for the four bedrooms.

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