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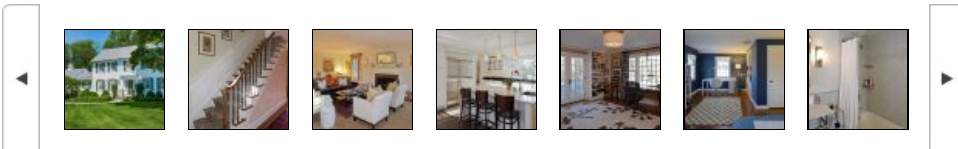
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The property at 3420 Congress St. is on the market for \$1,475,000. Photo: Contributed Photo



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Fairfield has its share of stunning houses that have caught the attention of Hollywood filmmakers looking for distinctive locations.

Part of an [Old Post Road house](#) was used for the 1976 made-for-television movie "Johnny, We Hardly [Knew Ye](#)," based on a best-selling book of the same name about [John F. Kennedy](#) before he became president. It starred [Tom Berenger](#), [Brian Dennehy](#) and [Burgess Meredith](#).

The in-ground swimming pool and pool house of a property on Congress Street were seen in the 1968 film "The Swimmer," starring Academy Award-

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ABOUT THIS HOUSE

TYPE: Colonial

ADDRESS: 3420 Congress St.

PRICE: \$1,475,000

NUMBER OF ROOMS: 10

FEATURES: 2.2-acre level partially fenced property, deer fencing, wet bar, large screened sun porch, proximity to Larsen Sanctuary and the Connecticut Audubon Center, walking distance to Greenfield Hill Congregational Church and Greenfield Hill Grange, convenient to the Patterson Club and Merritt Parkway, generator, integrated lighting and sound technology, wood deck, storm windows, insulated attic, professional landscaping, irrigation system, invisible pet containment fence, some window treatments, exercise room, zoned gas heat, one wood-burning fireplace, numerous closets and storage spaces, four bedrooms, three full and two half baths

SCHOOLS: Burr Elementary, Tomlinson Middle, Fairfield Warde High

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winning actor [Burt Lancaster](#), who swam in the pool.

Another Congress Street house had a cameo in the original 1975 "The Stepford Wives," starring [Katherine Ross](#), (as opposed the more-recent film of the same name, which featured [Nicole Kidman](#) and was also shot in Fairfield County).

That renovated Colonial at 3420 Congress St., which is now on the market, is in the Greenfield Hill section of town, an area listed on the [National Register of Historic Places](#) and known for its popular annual Dogwood Festival each spring. The [Greenfield Hill Congregational Church](#), which hosts the festival, is within walking distance of the house, as is the [Greenfield Hill Grange Hall](#) and the [Connecticut Audubon Society's](#) Larsen Sanctuary.

The house was built in 1959 and features 4,105 square feet of living space, which was updated in a way that blends classic Colonial elegance with modern style. The current owners have taken it from the lemon-yellow Formica kitchen that greeted them when they first moved in to a stylish gourmet kitchen with honed black granite counters and sizable Carrera marble center island as well as updated baths, two with radiant heated floors.

The house has a center hall entrance and the front door features four panes of bubble glass flanked by sidelights. This foyer and hallway features crown molding and wall paneling, and the steps of the staircase also have decorative molding.

The living room has a wood-burning fireplace and a door to the generously sized screened porch. The porch features slate flooring, a ceiling fan, and a door to the level, fenced backyard. The porch can also be accessed from the office or study, which has built-in cabinets and bookshelves, a custom wet bar with a beverage refrigerator, sea grass wall covering and French doors to a large wood deck. The formal dining room has chair railing.

The home's thoughtfully designed kitchen goes from the front to the back of the house. It contains top-of-the-line appliances including a Wolf six-burner range and GE Monogram refrigerator, dishwasher and warming drawer. It also has glass-front cabinets, a good size eat-in area with a built-in desk and door to the deck, two stainless sinks -- one on the center island -- and another beverage refrigerator which augments the entertainment

value of the house.

Off the kitchen is a mudroom with a built-in bench, organizers, a laundry area, and door to the deck. There are also stairs from the kitchen to the large bonus room above the two-car attached garage. This room has flexible use. The current family, which converted this space, uses it as a family room.

On the second floor there are four bedrooms, two en suite. These are the two baths that have radiant heated floors. The master suite has his-and-hers walk-in closets and its bath has a marble tile floor in a honeycomb pattern and gray marble subway tile backsplash.

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The lower level was renovated in 2013 and features numerous amenities including a guest area that could also be used as an exercise room, playroom and half bath. There is also an interior door to access the garage.

For more information or to set up an appointment to see the house, contact [Ellen Fusco](#) of Foran Fusco Properties, an affiliate of [William Pitt Sotheby's International Realty](#), at 203-257-7106 or email her at Efusco@williampitt.com.

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