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On the market: Net a great in-town home from tennis pro

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The property at 47 Crescent Road is on the market for \$799,000. Photo: Contributed Photo



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The house with a bit of Mediterranean flair at 47 Crescent Road was a suitable first home for a young, rising tennis star on the professional circuit in the early stages of his career.

This was the first house that pro tennis star James Blake purchased for himself, but as he moved up the ranks he moved into new digs, and while Fairfield will always hold a special place in his heart, it's time for him to let go of this hidden gem.

One could easily miss this house, which is almost hidden in plain sight. It sits on a nearly

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More Information**ABOUT THIS HOUSE**

STYLE: Colonial

ADDRESS: 47 Crescent Road

PRICE: \$799,000

ROOMS: 8

FEATURES: 0.47-acre level property, completely fenced and gated property, easy walking distance to downtown Fairfield and train station, walking distance to local beaches, convenient to Interstate 95, bluestone patio, one fireplace/wood stove, plaster ceilings, newly painted living room and bedrooms, walk-in pantry, gas heat, two-car detached garage with unfinished second floor attic space, four bedrooms, three full and one full baths

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ASSESSMENT: \$629,020

MILL RATE: 24.4 mills

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half-acre level and gated property marked by two pillars topped by lion statues. The pale yellow stucco house is nearly invisible from the street, and yet it's in a convenient location and easy walking distance from downtown and its shops, restaurants and train station. Local beaches also are an easy walk or bike ride away.

The ground floor of the house was built in 1930. A second floor was added decades later in 1997. The house encompasses 2,933 square feet of living space and lots of potential. The flexible use of space extends to the oversized two-car detached garage, which was transformed into an exercise room with a carpeted floor. It could continue as an exercise room or be returned to a garage. There is potential for an art studio or home office by renovating the space above the garage, which could also serve as storage, as there is no basement.

The long driveway and parking area provides ample room for multiple vehicles when entertaining guests. The exterior of the house has interesting millwork flourishes above and below each window with decorative circular

medallions topping each one. The same millwork is repeated on the garage windows, minus the medallions.

Enter the house from the covered front porch, which has two columns, into the two-story foyer, where the flooring is granite tile. Just off the foyer is a full bath with a marble floor, walls, vanity and patterned mosaic backsplash. There is also a first-floor bedroom.

In the spacious living room there is a red brick fireplace with a raised hearth. The fireplace sits on an angle in one corner and it currently houses a wood stove. The living and dining rooms are open to each other, separated only by two fluted columns. A sliding door leads to the enclosed backyard and a bluestone patio with a wide border of other stone slabs, some of them decorated with diamond-shaped inlaid stone.

Kitchen features include granite counters, a tumbled marble backsplash and double stainless sinks. The walk-in pantry has built-in shelves.

Some have jokingly referred to the family room as the man cave. It features a sauna, dry bar area and several built-in counters, which are ideal for guests to place drinks. Wainscoting covers the lower walls and there are built-in bookshelves.

On the second floor there are three more bedrooms. The master suite has two walk-in closets and master bath with a combo tub/shower and marble floor and backsplash. The other two bedrooms share a Jack-and-Jill-style bath.

For more information or to make an appointment to see the house, contact [Craig Oshrin](#) of [William Pitt Sotheby's International Realty](#) at 203-856-6851 or email him at coshrin@williampitt.com.

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