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### Something old, something new at 589 Oenoke Ridge Road

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The renovated estate at 589 Oenoke Ridge Road features living spaces and Southern-inspired verandas suited for entertaining inside and out.

Centrally located about 1.5 miles from the center of town, the home once served as a summer retreat destination for New Yorkers at the turn of the 20th century.

The property also has a history of notable residents, including two Olympians: Frank B. Jewett, Jr., a sailor in the 1936 Olympics, and Max Pacioretty, who played for the 2014 U.S. Olympic Men's Ice Hockey Team and is now a member of the NHL's Montreal Canadiens.

Current owners have renovated the home from top to bottom adding all of the bells and whistles of the 21st century. However, they were careful to preserve historical details, such as the unique miller's wheel on the front door, original woodwork and coffered ceilings in the living room, and well-laid brick walling hidden behind the walls of the dining room.

The front of the property features an English garden-inspired courtyard with sculpted shrubbery and perennials awash in color during the spring and summer months. Inside, a foyer offers a front-to-back view of the rear of the property, opening to each of the shared living spaces.

A step-down formal living room, left largely untouched during renovations, features three sets of French doors accessing the lower covered veranda, offering a spectacular entertaining space in warmer months.





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Surprising in size for an early 20th century-built home, the living room features original coffered ceilings, recessed lights and a wall of built-ins for displaying collections.

Just off the foyer, a traditional powder room features a ladies vanity and marble basketweave floors.

The original library was turned into an oversized dining room with a wood-burning fireplace and an exposed brick archway, offering architectural detail and a nod to the home's history. A cozy family room features French doors accessing the covered porch flanked by two walls of built-ins.

A gourmet kitchen is flooded with light on all sides and features honed Carrara marble counters, an iridescent mosaic backsplash and a curved center island. Appliances include a dual Thermador convection oven, six-burner Wolf range, SubZero refrigerator and a Marvel wine cooler. A great space for both entertaining and day-to-day living, the kitchen opens into a breakfast room with a floor-to- ceiling stone fireplace and two sets of French doors opening to a covered front porch.

A fully equipped butler's pantry just off the kitchen features plenty of cabinet space with butcher-block counters and a Carrara marble backsplash.

Between the main residences, a renovated guest house and renovated entertaining guest barn, the property has a total of seven bedrooms and five and a half baths.

The main residence houses five guest bedrooms on the second floor.

A master suite occupies its own special wing of the home featuring two walk-in dressing rooms with mirrored French doors and a classic Carrara marble master bath with a sunken tub, dual vanity and frameless glass step in shower.

Still, the best part of the master suite is not inside its four walls but on its second-story covered porch, overlooking the 2.62 acres of property.

The grounds offer a heated Shoreline pool and spa, stonewalls, English boxwood gardens and a new outdoor shower.

A detached two-car garage, formerly used as the caretaker's cottage, features two guest bedrooms, a full bath and a living area with an updated kitchen space.

In addition, an 800-square foot barn turned pool house offers even more entertaining space and features impeccable woodwork throughout, with a handmade wooden bar and wide plank hardwood floors. It features a living area on the lower level and a loft above that could be used for additional bedroom space if needed.

"This impressive offering combines historic character with modern living in the best way," said Rita Kirby, a realtor with William Pitt Sotheby's International Realty. "The exquisite expansion and gorgeous renovation retains the elegance of the past, and the surrounding park-like property is nothing short of spectacular. This property presents an exceptional opportunity for the discerning purchaser."

For more information or to set up an appointment to see the house, contact Rita Kirby at 203-984-7665 or Christine Williams at 203-856-7559.

ABOUT THIS HOUSE





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TYPE: Colonial

ADDRESS: 589 Oenoke Ridge

PRICE: \$3,650,000

ACREAGE: 2.62

YEAR BUILT: 1933

**SQUARE FOOTAGE: 6,700** 

NUMBER OF ROOMS: 14

BEDROOMS: 7

FULL BATH: 5

HALF BATH: 1

NOTABLE FEATURES: four car attached garage, two car detached garage, guest cottage, pool house, Shoreline pool, stonewalls, boxwood gardens, veranda,

SCHOOLS: West Elementary, Sax Middle School, New Canaan High School

ASSESSMENT: \$ 1,820,980

TAXES: \$28,298



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