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## On the market: Many facets to hidden gem

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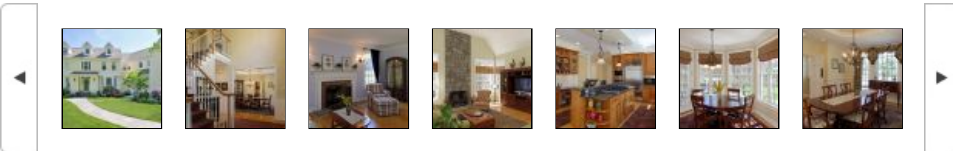
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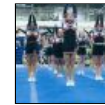
The property 3791 Congress St. is on the market for \$2,295,000. Photo: Contributed Photos



Real estate experts talk about the value of curb appeal and how important it is to enhance a house's appearance as seen from the street because first impressions are lasting. It can affect the sale of a house.

That's all well and good for houses visible from the street, but in the case of the yellow clapboard house at 3791 Congress St., the curious will either have to take the homeowners' word that their classic colonial has loads of curb appeal or make an appointment to see it for themselves.

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**ABOUT THIS HOUSE**

STYLE: Colonial  
 ADDRESS: 3791 Congress St.  
 PRICE: \$2,295,000  
 ROOMS: 12  
 FEATURES: Gunite heated in-ground swimming pool, pool house with kitchen, 2.28-acre level property, pergola, bluestone patio, mahogany deck, long stone walls, specimen gardens, landscape lighting, wet bar, three fireplaces, central vacuum system, some window treatments, heated and partially finished walk-up attic, two laundry rooms, walk to the annual Dogwood Festival, walking distance to Greenfield Farm and Greenfield Grange Hall, front and rear staircases, five bedrooms, four full and two half baths  
 SCHOOLS: Dwight Elementary, Roger Ludlowe Middle, Fairfield Ludlowe High  
 ASSESSMENT: \$1,259,510  
 MILL RATE: 24.4 mills  
 TAXES: \$30,732

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vanity. Three additional bedrooms are located on the second floor, all with updated baths.

This 6,500-square-foot house, built in 1997, is definitely one of Fairfield's hidden gems. Only those who have reason to travel down the long, cherry tree-lined driveway are able to witness its curb appeal. And if they think that's a sight to behold wait until they get to the backyard of this 2.28-acre estate located in the Greenfield Hill neighborhood, a community that is listed on the [National Register of Historic Places](#). This rural section of town has a 2-acre minimum for lots under zoning regulations.

It has an elongated oval Gunite in-ground swimming pool and spa, pergola, bluestone patio, mahogany deck, stone walls, and a white picket fence. The well-maintained landscape includes lighting, and perennial and specimen gardens with irises, allium, holly, rhododendrons, peonies, azaleas and a host of flowering plants.

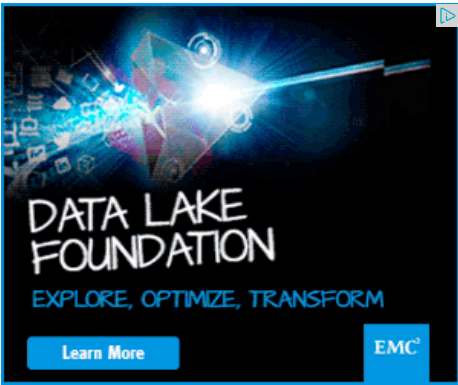
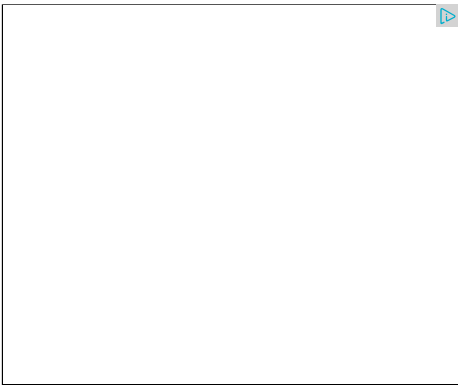
The property also boasts a pool house with a bamboo floor, full kitchen, dressing room, full bath, laundry closet, built-in hair dryer by the double vanity and sliding door to the patio — an ideal set up for entertaining.

The location of the property coupled with the fact that it is surrounded by protected open space provides an abundance of privacy, and yet, the house is not completely isolated. It is walking distance to the center of Greenfield Hill and the town's annual Dogwood Festival as well as the [Greenfield Hill Grange](#) hall and Greenfield Farm.

Stop by the farm on the way home from work for fresh produce to prepare in the chef's kitchen, which features a tumbled marble backsplash, granite counters, Viking Professional six-burner range top in the long center island, built-in desk area and glass-front cabinets. The island is two-tiered and creates a breakfast bar for four. There is also a bay window in the eat-in area, where there is a door to the mahogany deck.

Throughout the house there are upgrades to the moldings and floors of the formal living and dining rooms, which have double borders of inlaid mahogany wood. The family room has a floor-to-ceiling stone fireplace, 8-foot windows, a vaulted ceiling and French doors to the deck. In the butler's pantry there are granite counters and a built-in wine rack. The office has a pocket door separating it from the mudroom.

The third floor was finished to create a fifth bedroom, where there is a window seat and built-in desk. On the second floor a bonus room over the three-car attached garage contains a wet bar. The second level also has a luxurious master suite with a double deep tray ceiling, sitting room, fireplace and large walk-in closet. The master bath has a marble floor and black granite counters on the long double



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