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19th century seven-bedroom home on market for \$3.9M

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With 4.5 acres of sweeping park-like acres, a tree-lined drive and guesthouse, the seven-bedroom property at 175 Brookside Road is an estate for generations.

As one of Darien's earliest-built homes, the early 19th century property has a storied history, once owned by [John L. Marion](#), a renowned luxury auctioneer serving as chairman of Sotheby's auction house in New York City.

Rare for its central location, the property is a



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ABOUT THIS HOUSE

TYPE: Colonial

ADDRESS: 175 Brookside Road

PRICE: \$ 3,995,000

SQUARE FOOTAGE: 6,264

ACREAGE: 4.55

YEAR BUILT: 1820

YEAR RENNOVATED: 2011

NUMBER OF ROOMS: 13

BEDROOMS: 7

FULL BATH: 4

HALF BATH: 2

NOTABLE FEATURES: four fireplaces, sunroom, seven bedrooms, four full bathrooms, two half bathrooms, mudroom, four car detached garage, guest house, free form pool and spa, outdoor cabana with sauna and shower, patio, covered porch, invisible fence, French doors, greenhouse

SCHOOLS: Ox Ridge, Middlesex Middle School,

Darien High School

ASSESSMENT: 2,529,800

TAX RATE: 15.35

TAXES: \$38,832

short stroll to Cherry Lawn Park, the downtown shopping district and train station.

Previous owners lovingly restored the homes inner-workings, including electrical and plumbing, which is no small feat for an 1820s home.

Inside, the home maintains the grandeur and craftsmanship of yesteryear.

A circular foyer large enough to be used as a sitting room that opens into a charming sunroom with two full walls of windows with a scalloped cornice adds plenty of character.

A large formal dining room features a stunning wood-burning fireplace with a white marble surround and floor-to-ceiling paneled mantle flanked by two sets of arched built-ins.

While the home does not offer the open-concept layout many newer construction properties boast, the rooms are surprisingly large with plenty of hard-to-come-by handcrafted detail.

A spacious sitting room featuring a wood-burning fireplace with a custom mantle opens into a grand step-down formal living room with a barrel vaulted ceiling, oversized wood - fireplace and two sets of French doors.

“This space is reminiscent of old-world entertaining,” said [Michelle Donzeiser](#), a realtor with [William Pitt Sotheby's International Realty](#).

A sun-filled kitchen features honed granite counters with a butcher-block center island, a six-burner Wolf range and double Shaw's Original Fireclay farmhouse sink.

A step-down breakfast room overlooks the property's guesthouse and pool area and a centralized homework area offers a convenient work space just off the kitchen.

A sunken great room features soaring cathedral ceilings with hand-planked wooden beams, a brick wood-burning fireplace and French doors leading to a stone terrace.

The second floor of the home features two guest bedrooms sharing Jack-and-Jill bath with a periwinkle-hued herringbone tile floor with a penny tile inlay in keeping with the period of the home.

A third guest bedroom lends itself as a nursery and a fourth includes its own marble bath.

The third floor offers two additional guest bedrooms and a full bath, rounding out at seven bedrooms and four full baths inside the main property.

A detached guesthouse includes two separate entrances, ideal for accommodating multiple guests at the same time and a greenhouse for the avid gardener.

The guesthouse features two bedrooms, a living area, full bath and kitchenette on one side and a bedroom, living room and full bath on the other.

A free-form pool and spa includes an outdoor cabana with a sauna and shower.

The master suite features a white marble wood-burning fireplace, his and hers closets and a master en suite with a dual vanity, sunken tub and step-in shower.

For more information or to see the property, contact [Michelle Donzeiser](#) or [William Pitt](#)

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