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The property at 4570 Black Rock Turnpike is on the market for \$1,249,000.

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Contemporary offers eclectic style, extra space

By Meg Barone

The contemporary-style house at 4570 Black Rock Turnpike in Fairfield had a different footprint when the current residents first moved in. The owners envisioned a larger house with an open floor plan and high vaulted ceilings. They expanded in two directions to increase living space.

The house now has 5,313 square feet of living space on three levels. One of the additions gave the house a billiard or play room with a vaulted ceiling and wall-to-wall carpeting, and a home theater underneath it in the walk-out lower level.

There is also a wine cellar. The second addition gave the house a couple more rooms and the non-traditional style that they aimed for. As one of the owners put it, she's not a "cookie-cutter" girl, so she didn't want a cookie-cutter Colonial house.

Speaking of cookies, the kitchen is designed in a way that optimizes cooking and baking. The family can attest to its culinary amenities and ease of flow, as one of the daughters is a long-time baker who started her own successful baking business when she was just a teenager. Now she is studying her craft at a renowned culinary school.

The house was built in 1977 on 2.1 acres. It sits on a hill, but the front and rear yards around the house are level. Some of the property is wooded, giving it privacy without the feeling of being secluded. The house is only minutes from the Merritt Parkway. There is an in-ground swimming pool and stone wall in the backyard.

Every room is spacious, including the foyer, which provides access to an office, living room and a first-floor guest bedroom with a full bath in the hall. A utility room contains a laundry

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Skylights brighten the kitchen, which features high-end appliances.

ABOUT THIS HOUSE

TYPE: Contemporary style
ADDRESS: 4570 Black Rock Turnpike

PRICE: \$1,249,000

NUMBER OF ROOMS: 11

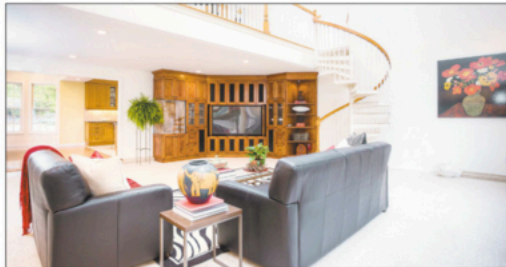
FEATURES: heated in-ground swimming pool with a slide, patio, home theater, very private property with quick access to the Merritt Parkway, skylights, master bedroom suite with fireplace, wine cellar, audio system, ceiling fans, Thermopane windows, cedar closet, three-car attached garage, attic, five bedrooms, four full baths

SCHOOLS: Burr Elementary, Fairfield Woods Middle, Fairfield Waste High

ASSESSMENT: \$82,100

TAX RATE: 24.79 mills

TAXES: \$20,300



The family room, with loft above.

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The home theater.

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area and sink and a door to the pool area, making it ideal as an informal cabana. The living room has a floor-to-ceiling red brick fireplace.

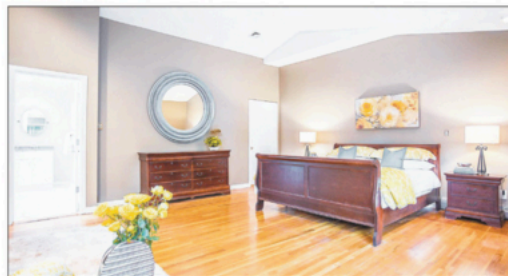
The family room has wall-to-wall carpeting, three side-by-side Palladium windows, a skylight and a circular staircase to a large loft, which is currently used as a second office but could be a play area, library or art studio. The dining room has French doors to the yard by the pool.

In the kitchen there are two skylights to illuminate the granite counters and tumblined marble backsplash, glass front cabinets with decorative leaded glass and

the long center island, which houses the Thermador four-burner range top and has a breakfast bar for two. Appliances include Thermador double wall ovens and a built-in Miele espresso machine.

On the second floor are four bedrooms. The master suite is extra large and has a tall vaulted ceiling, a floor-to-ceiling red brick fireplace with a wood mantel and raised brick hearth and a dressing room. The master bath has marble flooring, a double vanity topped in granite, a large soaking tub and two skylights.

For information or to set up an appointment to see the house, contact Nicole Foreman of William Pitt Sotheby's International Realty at 707-961-4520 or email her at nforeman@spainc.com.



The master bedroom suite has a vaulted ceiling and fireplace.