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Relaxing Danbury estate features pool, tennis court

By Pamela Brown

Luxuriate in a fabulous lifestyle in one of Danbury's finest homes. "This home is a unique country gem — a sun-drenched, sprawling four-acre estate featuring an in-ground swimming pool, a pond, and a tennis court. You'll feel like you're living in the English countryside," said Kristie Perry, Realtor with William Pitt Sotheby's International Realty's Northern Fairfield County Brokerage.

The three-level, 5,450-square-foot home is located on 4.12 park-like acres at 80 King St. in Danbury. The immense property will astound you with its beauty and notable details.

"While this home has estate-like features, its grandeur is humble and understated, setting it apart from the typical cookie-cutter McMansions. It offers comfort, warmth, and romance," said the owners. "This one-of-a-kind home is an elegant mix of old and new, an expanded '50s cape uniquely designed and updated by a local architect to add style, space, practicality, and to leverage every opportunity for sunlight."

The spacious home offers an excellent open flow for entertaining.

"Once you enter the front or back door, one room flows into another then spills out from there," Perry said. "From the living room or kitchen slider you can step out to the oversized sun-drenched deck and look out over the pond, dine al fresco, or take a swim. Or you can exit the kitchen doors where you're greeted by a row of evergreens, an oversized sugar maple with an expansive canopy and the tennis court."

The sophisticated home features oak hardwood floors throughout the kitchen, great room, dining room and master bedroom.

A gourmet chef's kitchen has granite-topped counters, a center island with a four-burner cooktop, 16 large stainless steel sinks, decorative tile, recessed lighting, plenty of cabinetry, a built-in sound system and top-of-the-line stainless steel appliances, including a dishwasher, a microwave, an oversized refrigerator, and a wall oven. Enjoy casual dining in the sun-filled breakfast nook where atrium windows flood the room with sunlight. A glass slider opens to the deck and provides views of the manicured acreage.

The expansive great room with a balcony has a neutral color palette. It includes white trim, two large windows and recessed and track lighting. A huge cathedral ceiling with half-moon skylights adds depth and dimension. Double French doors open to a rear deck.

Classic decorative columns define the formal dining room that has a soft color palette and white trim. The dining room is open to the formal living room where natural tones create a cozy environment. The living room has wall-to-wall carpeting, recessed lighting with dimmers, and a wood-burning fireplace. A highlight is a turret-shaped sitting area surrounded by windows and a domed ceiling with whimsical painting and bordered lighting.

A staircase leads to the upper level and a large master bedroom wing. "Once you close the door, you'll feel immediately transported into your own world. It's a very special space for retreating after a long day," said the owners. The room features an angled ceiling, classic white trim, a large walk-in closet and windows offering 180-degree picturesque views. French doors open to an exterior balcony that overlooks the lower deck and swimming pool and provides aerial views of the property.

"Star watching from the deck or any balcony is a real treat on a clear night," said the owners. Step into the large, private, master bathroom for added luxury, where you can lounge in an oversized sunken bathtub. The room has marble floors and counters, radiant-heated floors, a neutral color palette with a subtle romantic border accentuating the ceiling, a vanity with mirror, ample cabinetry and a separate shower. Appreciate quiet time in the cozy sitting room. This quiet area has several windows that bring in natural light.

Two additional bedrooms and two full bathrooms are located on the upper level. One bedroom (currently used as an office) has a private exterior balcony facing west that overlooks the tennis court, a row of evergreens, and the sugar maple. A third bedroom has an interior balcony overlooking the great room with doors that can be closed for privacy or opened for a view of the pond through a half-moon window located above the great room.

A partially-finished lower level has a generously-sized family room with wall-to-wall carpeting, recessed lighting and French doors to a lower-level patio. Also on this level is a full bathroom. The unfinished space offers ample storage and room for an au-pair or in-law apartment.

There is a main level laundry room with a newer eco-friendly front-loading washer and dryer, a sink, cabinetry and a work space.

Additional amenities include central air conditioning, a security system, zoned hot air heat and a three-car attached garage. Energy features include storm doors and windows and a whole-house fan. All window treatments are included.

The sprawling professionally-landscaped property features mature shade trees and gorgeous vistas.

"There's a romance and elegance to the property," noted Perry. Stately sugar maples, a copper beech and evergreens pay homage to the property's centerpiece — a spring-fed pond that's a natural habitat for many local wildlife and birds.

A huge, brand-new weather-proof deck offers warm weather enjoyment. An in-ground pool is surrounded by a stone patio and a lush expanse of lawn. A full, regulation-size tennis court with basketball hoops ensures hours of outdoor fun. Beyond is a stone walkway and huge pond that adds to the home's park-like setting.

"It's the perfect space for meditation, relaxation, birdwatching and listening to nature's sounds," said the owners. "The neighborhood is highly desirable not only for its location and wonderful neighbors but because it's the last vestige of historic farm life in the Northwest corner of Fairfield County," said the owners.

The house is close to the train station, highways, and 20 minutes to New York City. "The quiet, especially in winter, instills a sense of peace and serenity rarely experienced in a town so close to everything. Sunshine, peace and tranquility are what made us fall in love with this house, in addition to the picturesque property," said the owners.

The home is offered at \$1,550,000.00. To view the virtual tour, please go to www.WilliamPitt.com, ML69767272.

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The living room at 80 King St. in Danbury has access to the home's oversized deck.