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# Grand farmhouse offers a casual yet elegant lifestyle in Bethel

By Pamela Brown

Home is where the heart is and you'll be enamored by the natural beauty of this colonial farmhouse. Complete with two master bedrooms suites and a heated in-ground pool, this custom-built home will be your everyday escape from the busyness of life.

"There is loving attention to detail throughout this home," said listing agent Kim Gifford with William Pitt Sotheby's International Realty's Northern Fairfield County Brokerage. "The owner-builder built this property for his family with high quality details and materials. Architectural design and elegance is what will come to mind when entering."

The home features an open floor plan with spacious rooms, 9-foot ceilings throughout and lots of windows. Tile flooring, a travertine backsplash in the kitchen, and a combination of recessed and pendant lighting set the stage for this elegant home.

Built in 2000, the 4,838-square-foot, four-bedroom, two-level home is beautifully sited on 2.41 level, wooded, very private acres at 36 Aunt Patty's Lane West, a quiet cul-de-sac in Bethel.

"A gracious front porch welcomes you into the grand foyer where you'll be delighted by the calming color palette, crown molding, wainscoting and complementary cream and beige ceramic tile flooring with center hall accent design," said Gifford.

The gourmet eat-in kitchen will make any professional chef jealous.

"This luxurious room is the heart of the home, measuring a grand 36-by-18-feet," Gifford says.

This room has granite countertops, a travertine backsplash and decorative accents, a cream color palette with matching cream cabinetry, stainless steel appliances, including a dishwasher, a microwave, a refrigerator, a built-in microwave and a



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The kitchen at 36 Aunt Patty's Lane West features tile flooring, a travertine backsplash, granite countertops, a cream color palette with matching cream cabinetry and stainless steel appliances.

double wall oven, an island with gas cooktop, a pantry and a tile floor. A granite breakfast bar with seating for four offers a handy space for meal preparation and casual dining. Decorative pendant lights over the island and recessed lighting throughout the kitchen create a bright, open feeling.

"The spacious dining area, highlighted by a custom floor design, is conveniently located next to the sliding doors so you can enjoy the beautiful pool views and professional landscaping," she said.

Off the kitchen is a spacious family room that offers a comfortable space for relaxation. The room has crown molding, recessed lighting and wall-to-wall carpeting. A gas log fireplace keeps the home warm on cool nights. Glass sliders open to a rear deck.

The formal living room offers a stately yet inviting ambiance. The grand sitting and conversation area is accented by crown molding, wainscoting, a soft color palette and Brazilian lion hardwood floors. Beautiful windows bring in natural light and offer views of the pristine property. The living room's soft palette extends seamlessly into the formal dining room, where windows provide lovely views of the front yard.

"It's an entertainer's delight as it can comfortably seat a party of 10," said Gifford.

The home has two master bedroom suites with opulent en-suite bathrooms. The master on the main level, currently being used as an office, is a peaceful refuge. It features a walk-in closet, wall-to-wall carpeting and a full, private, en-suite bathroom featuring cream and tan ceramic

tile flooring with accent tile, granite double vanities, crown molding, a jetted bathtub with decorative surround and a custom ceramic tiled shower.

An artistic wood staircase leads to the upper level. Here, you'll find the second master bedroom with a walk-in closet, wall-to-wall carpeting and a sitting area. The luxurious private en-suite bathroom mirrors the main level featuring cream and tan ceramic tile flooring with accent tile, granite double vanities, crown molding, a jetted bathtub with decorative surround and a custom ceramic tiled shower.

Three additional bedrooms and two full bathrooms are located on the upper level. All have wall-to-wall carpeting and two have a vaulted ceiling. A bonus room has potential for any type of use.

Additional amenities include a main level laundry room, central air conditioning, a security system, propane heat, insulated windows, a walk-up attic with storage, a full, unfinished basement with even more storage and a three-car garage with a new driveway. The property is equipped with an invisible fence.

The professionally landscaped property offers handsome exterior lines and outstanding curb appeal. The yard is meticulously adorned with ornamental grasses, flowering perennials, hydrangeas, ornamental evergreens, and split leaf maples. A stone wall softened by a tree and other shrubbery adds natural beauty to the front yard.

The piece de resistance of the property is its granite, in-ground, heated, salt water pool surrounded by a stone patio. Designed and installed by AquaScapes, the pool has a custom free-form design, colored lighting of choice and a pool depth ranging from 3.5 feet to 10 feet. Stone steps lead to the pool area and a stone seating wall with two water spouts that recirculate back into the pool. An expansive fenced-in rear yard is ideal for outdoor recreation. A rear wood deck extends the entertaining space. Although very private, the home is located on the Bethel-Redding line, just off Route 58, and it offers an excellent commuting location for down county commuters. In addition, hiking enthusiasts will appreciate its close proximity to Huntington State Park.

"It blends luxury and comfort to make this home the ultimate for entertaining indoors and out," said Gifford. "All the desired amenities are here. You couldn't ask for more."

The home is offered at \$789,900. To view the virtual tour, visit [www.WilliamPitt.com](http://www.WilliamPitt.com), MLS#99921010.

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