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Warm, inviting waterfront home in private community

By Pamela Brown

You will comfortably settle into this cottage-like home on the lake.

"Enjoy stunning lakefront views and a casual lifestyle at beautiful Candlewood Isle at Candlewood Lake in New Fairfield," said Angelina Valentini, Realtor with William Pitt Sotheby's International Realty's Northern Fairfield County Brokerage.

The 1,720-square-foot, three-bedroom, three full-bath home is located on 0.25 acres of waterfront property in a private community at 49 Lake Drive South. Life on the lake is a beautiful experience.

"It's a lovely waterfront setting with a private dock, and the added bonus is having stunning views from almost every room. You'll enjoy gorgeous sunrises every day," Valentini said. "Plus it's a great home for entertaining because it has a main level kitchen and living area for guests to mingle in addition to a lower level family room with gas fireplace. A bonus is the home's three decks overlooking the lake."

A lovely kitchen provides an ideal space for a home cook. The room has tile flooring, a large counter for meal preparation, warm oak cabinetry, recessed lighting, a pantry and white appliances, including a cooktop, a microwave, and a wall oven. Windows and glass sliders bring in abundant of natural light, making the crisp white room even brighter and airier. A breakfast nook, with wood floors, is set before walls of windows offering picturesque views of the lake and the natural environment beyond.

The kitchen opens into a tranquil living room where sliding doors to the deck present Candlewood Lake in all its magnificent glory. This room has neutral wall-to-wall carpeting, a ceiling fan and glass sliders with access to a rear deck. Completing the main level is a bedroom, featuring a neutral color palette with wall-to-wall carpeting and a full bathroom off the kitchen with a



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Above: The lower level family room at 49 Lake Drive South in New Fairfield features a gas fireplace and access to one of the decks overlooking the lake. **Below:** The property includes a dock.

hydro-tub, a stall shower and a tiled floor.

Stairs lead to the upper level and a private master bedroom. This serene room has neutral wall-to-wall carpeting, a large closet and a ceiling fan. A highlight of the room is a rooftop deck where you can sit and relax as you're awed by idyllic lake views. A full en-suite master bathroom with a stall shower and tiled floor continues the tranquil ambiance.

A spacious family room, located on the lower level, offers the right amount of space for entertaining or daily relaxation. A gas fireplace creates a cozy ambiance. Also, the room has white trim, oak hardwood floors, recessed lighting and ample windows that bring in natural light. Glass sliders open to a second rear deck that overlooks the lake and provides panoramic views. Also on the lower level is a bedroom and full bathroom with stall shower and tile floor.

Additional amenities include a laundry area, wall air condition-



ing units and a two-car detached garage with a paved driveway, parking and a paved path to the entry of the house.

"Not many homes at the lake have parking and garages," Valentini said.

This home is all about location where the backyard provides

quintessential New England views of Candlewood Lake and its surrounding natural scenery. The impeccably landscaped, tiered property is detailed with a grassy area for recreation, perennials, extensive stonework and stone walls softened by shrubbery, and rustic cobblestones that

meander through a level area leading to your very own private boat dock. A circular staircase on the exterior of the home offers access to the mid-level deck while steps lead to the level waterfront and dock.

"It's a beautiful setting for every season. You can enjoy starlit nights and lazy days by the lake or you can indulge in all kinds of water activities — swimming, boating, water skiing, fishing, kayaking, ice fishing and more," Valentini said. A shed offers convenient storage space for outdoor equipment.

"Along with the pretty grounds, you can enjoy access to the prestigious Candlewood Isle amenities that include security/guard house entry, a clubhouse, tennis, basketball, bocce, a private beach and marina, a playground, a sought-after summer camp for the kids and much more. It's a very active social community where there's always something going on," she said.

Commuters will appreciate the home's easy location on the southwestern part of the lake. Valentini noted there's no need to get onto Interstate 84 because the property is easily right off New York's 684 and Route 22 and ideal for driving to Westchester County and Manhattan. Additionally, the home is close to the Metro North train stations and minutes from the center of New Fairfield for shopping, schools and dining.

"This is a fabulous home for someone looking for a welcoming living and entertaining space, direct waterfront with a private dock, community amenities, a great commuting location into New York and close to everything you need. This is what I call waterfront living at its best."

The home is offered at \$629,000. To view the virtual tour, go to www.WilliamPitt.com, MLS#99093408

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