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Classic colonial includes custom-built in-law apartment

By Pamela Brown

This classic colonial with an elegant presence and impeccable landscaping commands attention with its overall beauty while also offering the bonus of a charming accessory apartment.

"This is a magnificent home in an excellent neighborhood with the rare opportunity to own a hard-to-find legal in-law apartment or possible rental income property with a separate entrance and separate utilities," said Becky Hood, Realtor with William Pitt Sotheby's International Realty's Northern Fairfield County Brokerage.

Built in 1993, the 4,800-square foot, five-bedroom colonial is located on 1.78 acres at 533 Bagley Road, a cul-de-sac in the highly sought-after Forest Park neighborhood in Southbury.

"It's a quiet and very family-friendly neighborhood with great access to I-84 for commuting, which was developed between 1993 and 1995. People moved here for an opportunity for new construction homes in a cohesive neighborhood near great schools," Hood said.

Recently updated and well-appointed with impeccably cared for honey oak hardwood floors on the main level, new carpeting throughout and updated bathrooms, the home has a spacious open floor plan that begins with a large, warm and welcoming foyer. The entry is beautifully detailed with custom white trim, custom raised panel molding, crown molding, a soft green palette and raised panels that extend through the second level.

An inviting blue palette adds bright color to the eat-in kitchen.

"It's set up very smartly with an L-shaped granite countertop design that can accommodate three stools in addition to a huge island with white tiled backsplash. There's a tremendous amount of counter space for endless cooking and food preparation and plenty of room to serve food for entertaining," Hood said.

The room has oak cabinetry, some with glass fronts and shelving for cookbooks, along with a huge pantry section. Appliances include a stainless steel refrigerator, a gas



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The home at 533 Bagley Road in Southbury includes a bluestone walkway leading from the Belgium block-lined driveway to the front door.

oven/range, an additional second wall oven, a dishwasher and a wine fridge. The casual dining area is also spacious and located near glass sliders that open to a rear upper deck, making it a cheerful and sunny spot. At the end of the kitchen is a half-bathroom with white trim and a granite countertop vanity. Further down the hall is a laundry room, with another large pantry and sink.

The kitchen conveniently opens to a cozy family room.

"It's a very warm room and tastefully decorated," Hood said.

A brick propane fireplace with ornate custom mantel and slate hearth is a highlight of the room, which has a vaulted ceiling with white beams, track lighting and a ceiling fan. Windows make the room bright and airy.

The formal dining room is a spacious, pleasant space, ideal for entertaining. A warm yellow palette and dental crown molding add lovely style while large windows bring in sunlight.

"The room flows right from the oversized kitchen, making it a great entertaining space," Hood said.

Relax with family or friends in the formal living room. This wide open space is adorned with a plethora of custom trim work and a wall of built-in bookshelves. Windows provide pretty views of the meticu-

lously landscaped property.

"There is plenty of space for large furniture," Hood said.

Completing the main level is a charming, custom-built in-law apartment. The combined kitchen/dining room has a center island and white cabinetry. In addition, the space has a furnace, an oil tank, a hot water heater, central air conditioning, central vacuum, baseboard heating and an electrical meter all separate from the main home. A master bedroom has a walk-in closet and a full bathroom with a double sink vanity. Additionally, there's a mudroom with its own washer/dryer.

"It's an independent living space, which is on level with the first floor living space but private to the main home. The apartment has a private entrance from either the back outdoor staircase that leads to a deck and door into kitchen or from a private staircase from the garage," Hood said.

The apartment blends seamlessly into the home and has its own deck with built-in flower planters.

In the main house, an elegant wood staircase leads to the upper level and a spacious landing adorned with a large Palladium window that basks the space in voluminous sunlight. Down the hall is an updated master bedroom

suite that encompasses the entire left side of the house. Tranquil and private, the room is adorned with a generously-sized walk-in closet and classic white trim. A newly updated master bathroom has a walk-in tiled shower, a Jacuzzi, a soothing gray tile floor and a skylight that keeps the room bright and sunny.

Three additional bedrooms are located on the upper level. All are ample-sized and have access to a full bathroom with a double sink vanity.

Enjoy downtime in the fully finished lower level recreation room. Measuring more than 1,000 square feet, the expansive space also has a functional tiled floor and recessed lighting. A mechanical room houses the two furnaces, two oil tanks, and all the duct work for central A/C for both the main home and the apartment. Glass sliders offer access to a fantastic ground level patio.

"It was professionally transformed into office space, great for working from home, and a recreational room with plenty of space for a theater room," Hood said.

Additional amenities include a security system, central vacuum, a three-car garage, a water softener system, an audio system and insulated windows. Some window treatments are included. A walk-up attic with dormers creates the po-

tential for a fourth-level expansion, Hood noted.

Curb appeal begins with a bluestone walkway leading from the Belgium block-lined driveway to the front door. Flowering azalea bushes, rhododendrons, hosta, irises, hydrangea and an abundance of evergreens, including shapely boxwoods, and wooded space on both sides and rear of the home, offer nature's burst of color and greenery to the property. An elegant lamppost stands guard at the end of the driveway to softly light up the landscape.

"The house is set back nicely from the road and has a huge side yard with a slope. The homeowners had many great sledding parties on the sloped yard and there is a treehouse in the back woods for hours of fun for kids," Hood said.

Two decks offer an abundant of space for outdoor enjoyment. The 20-by-12-foot upper deck has built-in planters filled with colorful flowers that soften the space. A massive 29-by-27-foot ground level patio is the hub of entertainment. It's enhanced with a large hot tub, an outdoor propane fireplace, more built-in planters, and an area for summer and early autumn grilling. Both decks are wired with outdoor speakers.

"This home has everything a homeowner is looking for. It's convenient to Hartford and Stamford, and only 90 minutes to New York City. It's also less than one mile to I-84, grocery shopping, town parks, upscale retail establishments, and a great variety of restaurants," she said. "It's an awesome house in mint condition with a separate apartment, that's priced to sell, located in a fantastic neighborhood, a great town, and in a safe, central location. I'd say the home and its location in Southbury is just about perfect."

The home is offered at \$569,000. To view the virtual tour, please go to www.WilliamPitt.com.

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