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# Stately colonial with guest cottage has astounding features

By Pamela Brown

Get ready to be awed by this unbelievably amazing home.

"Welcome to 8 Dittmar Road — a stunning blend of elegance and comfort in a quiet, private setting," said Kim Gifford, Realtor with William Pitt Sotheby's International Realty's Northern Fairfield County Brokerage.

The stately, four-bedroom colonial was completely renovated in 2004 to include a separate, two-bedroom, 900-square-foot guest house with a basement. The classic three level brick colonial is located on 2.36 level acres in a wonderful neighborhood in Bethel.

"It's a professional neighborhood that's very quiet. The neighbors on this street are wonderful," said Gifford.

The home was built in 1963 by the owner's uncle for her grandparents.

"My grandparents spared no expense when they built it. The stone walls were originally built by my grandfather, a stone mason, and professionally re-done in 2011," said the owner.

The home incorporates every detail you could ever ask for, including master-sized rooms and a butler's staircase. The home has beautiful red oak floors throughout the main and upper levels.

"It has a royal flair that makes it look like a governor's manor," said the owner.

A bright, spacious entry is the perfect invite to the home. A mild yellow palette with pristine white trim and an oak hardwood floor presents a classic ambiance.

"Today, the color yellow signifies warmth and happiness and that's why you see it throughout the home," said the owner.

A large closet is conveniently located off to the side. The white trim and soft palette continues seamlessly into the formal living room where a brick wood-burning fireplace with a country white mantel creates a sense of warmth and comfort. The living room has wrought iron ballusters, white beadboard walls and windows that provide views of the proper-



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The home at 8 Dittmar Road in Bethel features a decorative iron gate, a sweeping belgian block-lined driveway and a sprawling front yard dotted with various fruit trees.

ty. French doors open to a rear deck.

A large, custom-designed, eat-in kitchen is well-appointed with ample cabinetry, a rustic Pottery Barn all-wood center island, granite countertops, travertine tile, recessed lighting and a tiled floor. High-end stainless steel appliances include a dishwasher, a refrigerator and a double wall oven. The owner noted the kitchen offers plenty of work space for food preparation. Sliders open to a rear deck.

Peace and quiet is found in the library. Numerous wood built-ins and shelving was designed and constructed by the owner's husband to provide plenty of space for books and reference materials. The room has two large windows that bring in natural light.

A regal dining room is awash in a convivial palette complemented by white panel molding, white trim and pillars. Large windows with custom treatments look out on the yard and fill the

room with sunshine.

"It's an elegant room with lots of colonial color. The light royal blue walls pop above the crisp white chair rail/wainscoting," said Gifford.

The den is affectionately called the 'saloon' by the owner because it has a western theme.

"Prior to listing the house, we had many pictures of Ronnie Van Zant and our friends from Lynyrd Skynyrd and other country musicians," confided the owner.

Two wood staircases, one with a balcony overlooking the foyer, offers access to the upper level and an exquisite master bedroom suite. The expansive room embraces you in luxury with its exceptional details, including a dressing room with a glass front, a walk-in his-and-her closet, a small sitting room, a vaulted tray ceiling, a green palette, white trim, recessed lighting and plenty of windows.

"Enjoy peace and solitude in the brand new master bathroom

that was specially designed in 2016 with luxurious decor and details," said Gifford. You'll appreciate the double vanity with granite countertops, a jetted tub and a separate shower with seamless shower doors and custom tile design. The room has an entire wall of closets built by Ken Frey and trimmed out with the same trim used to complete journalist/newscaster Paula Zahn's home.

Three additional bedrooms with recessed lighting are located on the upper level. Two have red oak hardwood floors; one has wall-to-wall carpeting.

Additional amenities include an upper level laundry room, a security system, a central vacuum, an attic with pull-down stairs, a half-finished basement used as a game room and a two-car garage with direct access to the basement. A new furnace was recently installed.

The property is one-of-a-kind. "The approach is breathtaking,

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*Seller of 8 Dittmar Road in Bethel*

with a beautiful stone wall and decorative iron gate, sweeping belgian block-lined driveway, a sprawling front yard dotted with various fruit trees, and level, wooded backyard," said Gifford.

The owner concurs.

"It's a spectacular country setting for someone who wants to be close to New York City but live in a country setting," she said. The owner said the fence going up the road was designed by her husband, who is British, to reflect Buckingham Palace, and the stately gate to the home was purchased from a theme park twelve years ago. "It adds to the property's charm," she said. Entertain on a multi-tiered wood deck overlooking the backyard.

A highlight of the property is a lovely two bedroom, 900-square foot, ranch-style cottage located behind the main home.

"It's adorable, and it's an easy walk from the driveway," said Gifford. The cottage has a living room, kitchen, two bedrooms, a full bathroom, and a full basement for storage.

"This home is a dream. The second story added in 2004 along with the rest of the updates offers a stunning blend of elegance and comfort," said Gifford. "The area sports the best of all seasons with fall foliage, bright sunny days, and a quiet luminous yard with fresh glistening snow in winter. The surroundings are perfect for anyone — a family, a working couple or anyone who wants to enjoy peace in the country."

The home is offered at \$599,000. To view the virtual tour, please go to [www.WilliamPitt.com](http://www.WilliamPitt.com), MLS#99159780

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