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## HOT PROPERTY

## Fairfield landmark steeped in history, architectural beauty

By Jennifer Bonnett

A historic landmark in Fairfield, deemed one of the most interesting homes, architecturally, in the area, this 1940s French Normandy Tudor known locally as the Gingerbread House, has been beautifully renovated with key updates of today while keeping the vintage detail of this historic home.

With only three owners in its time, it has been lovingly cared for and maintained.

Living in the Greenfield Hill area and specifically in her home, seller Susan Holzner feels it is one of the top places to reside and raise a healthy and happy family because they are surrounded by natural beauty and wonderful, creative neighbors, she said.

"The beauty comes from the sounds of the running water in the back yard to smells and enjoyment from our private wooded lot," she said. "The beauty of the home is inside and out with updates and great natural light inside along with a beautiful English garden surrounded by charming stone walls. This combination surrounded by the area is a top place to spend your life."

Sitting on 2 acres, this home overlooks scenic views of a brook and a former mill pond. The property is lined with stone walls and natural tree lines.

Inside, it boasts an open-flow layout, architectural moldings, four fireplaces and hardwood floors.

A gracious foyer welcomes you into the main floor with a stunning brand new kitchen with marble counters, center island with marble waterfall, custom made cabinetry, custom back-splash and all new stainless steel appliances including a custom range hood. The formal dining room offers a fireplace and French doors to the outside patio, while the cozy living room has an additional fireplace and wonderful additional living space. The spacious family room has yet another fireplace.

There are three bedrooms,



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**Above:** The 1940s Tudor-style home in Greenfield Hill has been beautifully renovated while maintaining the original vintage detail. **Below:** The master bedroom features a fireplace and custom-built closets and drawers lining both walls.

## Details

**Address:** 1060 Hillside Road, Fairfield

**Price:** \$1.063 million

**Rooms:** 11

**Features:** This historical landmark has been both beautifully maintained and updated, boasting a stunning new kitchen and third-floor suite.

**Schools:** Dwight Elementary, Roger Ludlowe Middle, Fairfield Ludlowe High



including the master bedroom, on the second floor. A wonderful room delineates the space between the master bedroom and the two other bedrooms, according to listing agent Erika Portanova Songer of William Pitt Sotheby's International Realty.

This special room offers endless possibilities such as a wonderful sitting area, exercise room or home office, she said.

Also, this location is a hub for healthy activities such as great cycling, running or simply a won-

derful walk with many historical buildings to see and observe along the way, Holzner said.

"One to name is the beautiful 300 year old Greenfield Congregational Church," she said. "There is a wonderful feeling of an era gone by and a calmness which descends when wondering the grounds."

The sellers have also easily walked to the great Dogwood Festival held every year in May.

The home has significant history attached to it, and Holzner has

carried the tradition on keeping up with updates, as needed.

It was originally started in 1941 and completed a little more than a year later. Designed by Edward Kottsieper, he collaborated on the design with Cameron Clark, a well-known architect in his time.

The house is a Normandy type building, similar to the homes built in Germany and Denmark, with similar slate roofs, according to a letter written by Kottsieper in 1966. (A house very similar to this home is located in

Hastings, England, built in the year 1100 by William the Conqueror.)

The house is built out of solid Chestnut beams. All jambs are mortised and steel pegged from the inside. The squares are filled with brick and the outside stucco is a special English formula which will always stay white and is very hard. The inside trim and doors are special made. The roof tiles are fastened with solid copper nails to make it more permanent, and the foundation contains 64 yards of concrete and was poured in one day, according to the letter.

"We are very fortunate to have lived in this house and this neighborhood," Holzner said. "If a family is looking for enjoyment of the great outdoors, appreciate a beautiful environments, and wishes to be close to beaches and the city — then this house is for them."

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