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Prime location adds to the allure of Victorian-era home

By Pamela Brown

Imagine living in a lovely Victorian-era home on a prestigious street in Danbury. Your dream life will begin as soon as you see this beautiful home.

"This is a Deer Hill Avenue dream that gives you the lifestyle you have always wanted," said Mary Foley and Pat Kelly, Realtors with William Pitt Sotheby's International Realty's Northern Fairfield County Brokerage. "Authentic to the era, this vintage Victorian has the quality you don't often see in a home, such as pristine mahogany woodwork, solid wood doors, special trim, high ceilings, three fireplaces and stunning curb appeal. The home has been updated but retains its original feeling of yesteryear."

Built in 1883, the three level, 14-room, 3,047-square-foot home is located on 0.53 acres at 118 Deer Hill Ave. in Danbury.

"Deer Hill Avenue, a local landmark, has been historically known as THE street in Danbury and is still considered a very desirable location, with its tree-lined street, rolling lawns, sidewalks, and street lamps for evening strolls. Today, it boasts one magnificent home after another," said Foley and Kelly.

"The way of life then was quite different. Carriages were housed in carriage houses, and these stately homes were detailed with sweeping verandas and hand-hewn decorative work, mostly mahogany, embraced the interiors. These styles have been maintained and carried over to today."

The main level of this home is open to several rooms, including a reception area, a kitchen space, a bathroom, and a utility room, that are currently being used as professional office space. A bathroom is also conveniently located on this level.

"The new owner can conduct a professional business and live comfortably in the home while doing so," noted Foley and Kelly. A special highlight of the main level is a bright, airy sunporch. This room is glass-enclosed on three sides and with southern



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exposure and offers views of the property and the streetscape. Doors from the sunporch open to a fenced-in stone patio.

A curved Mahogany staircase leads to the upper level that comprises the private living area. This space has richly stained oak and fir hardwood floors. Here, you'll find a spacious living room with an original wood mantel fireplace, an updated kitchen, an elegant dining room, two bedrooms and a bathroom. The formal dining room is a wonderful space for entertaining.

"It's enhanced by an original imported crystal chandelier and such period details as a window seat," said the realtors. "The kitchen is large, bright, very efficient space," said Foley and Kelly.

Some of its details include custom solid oak cabinets with excess storage and color-coordinated countertops, a generously-sized pantry, a large center island with seating and modern track lighting. Stainless steel appliances include a wall oven, a refrigerator, a dishwasher, and a stove. The master bathroom has been modernized

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with a Jacuzzi soaking tub, a separate glass-enclosed shower, and Italian marble floors.

Three additional guest bedrooms are ample sized and have plenty of closet space, hardwood floors, and windows that bring in natural light. The third level has a room that can be used as a nanny's room or for a live-in housekeeper.

Additional amenities include a 1,322-square-foot attic with pull down stairs; partial air conditioning; and city sewer and water system; plenty of parking. A partially-finished portion of the 1,358-square-foot basement offers the potential for an in-law apartment with separate entry.

The property is ideally sited as the prominent home on the entire corner of Deer Hill Avenue and West Wooster Street. "The home is situated so that it faces the main thoroughfare and is easily seen from both sides, lending itself to the utilization of a professional," the realtors pointed out. An ample sized parking area is located in the

rear.

The home has an abundance of curb appeal. The professionally landscaped property is adorned with a variety of flourishing perennials intermingled with flowering shrubs and lined with stone blocks.

"This creates a colorful backdrop against the exterior of the home," they said. "A highlight is the home's exterior façade that combines siding with stucco which gives it a hint of Tudor-style yet blends well with the Victorian. The street reflects a variety of both Victorian and colonial homes all well maintained with impeccable landscaping," the realtors said.

In addition, a separate three bay original 1800 carriage house has a second story wired for electricity that can be used as a studio area or for additional storage.

Located near the center of town, the home is convenient to the public library, two new coffee houses, shopping areas, and more. "Tarrywile Park and mansion is

at the end of the street which serves the community with a children's garden, hiking trails, and the original mansion that's used for social gatherings of all kinds. Tarrywile Lake is also available to the public for fishing and motorless water sports," said Foley and Reilly.

This is a very unique Victorian-era home beautifully nestled on the corner of prestigious Deer Hill Avenue.

"It has been lovingly care for and well maintained. It has quality construction, beautiful moldings and trim, and attention to detail," said Foley and Kelly. "It has many special features and a warmth that emphasizes its overall charm and character."

The home is offered at \$750,000. There will be an open house on June 10, 12 - 3 p.m. To view the virtual tour, visit www.WilliamPitt.com; MLS#170091318.

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