

# 180-degree water views in the heart of Norwalk

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The beachfront home at 2 Harbor View Ave. in Norwalk has expansive views of Peach Island and Long Island Sound from the second-floor deck and the glassed-in porch.



One of Norwalk's best-kept secrets, Harbor View was established as a private community in 1905 for New Yorkers to establish summer cottages on a virtual island where the Norwalk River joined the Long Island Sound.

One of Harbor View's signature homes is #2 Harbor View Ave., which is situated on its own private beach overlooking Peach Island.

The home, co-realtor Phil Crosland of Team Crosland, William Pitt Sotheby's International Realty, said, "has fantastic water views. It is amazing as you get an array of all the boat traffic coming in and out of Norwalk Harbor. There is also a wonderful view of Peach Island, which has a bird sanctuary and – then – off in the distance, you have an open view of Long Island across from Long Island Sound."

Crosland said the historic red-tiled roofed Mediterranean home has "been an admired landmark since before 1915."

The home – one of 109 homes on Harbor View – sits on .22-acres and is 2,284 square feet.

The home is all on one level, with the exception, Crosland said, of a cupola on the upstairs level.

Walk into the large foyer on the main level and it leads you into the kitchen, Crosland said.

The kitchen, he said, has modern appliances, nice countertop space and – he said – "over the sink is a window with views out to Long Island Sound. There are views of the Sound throughout the house."

To the right of the kitchen, Crosland said, you can access a brick patio that "is perfect for outdoor dining and barbecuing." Continue, he said, and there is a bedroom which is en suite and could be used as a master.

There are two more bedrooms and a hall bath located to the left of the kitchen, Crosland said.

The master, he said, offers a large walk-in closet and tub and shower in the bathroom.

Going straight from the kitchen toward the water is "a nice open living area. The dining room and living room all have 11-foot ceilings," Crosland said, "The living room has a Florida ceiling stone fireplace and French doors in both the dining and living rooms lead to a large glassed-in porch or sunroom."

The porch/sunroom, Crosland said, "is surrounded on three sides by Florida ceiling glass and its hurricane strength glass that was installed by the owner. It's a wonderful place to relax and observe the boat traffic, the birds and Peach Island." The porch/ sunroom, he said, also has two ceiling fans.

The glassed-in porch, Crosland said, extends across the width of the home providing unequalled views of the Norwalk Islands and Long Island Sound in the distance.

The glass-enclosed cupola, upstairs, Crosland said, "could be many things. It could be a library or a study or an office or exercise room."

The Harbor View community, Crosland said, is a unique waterfront community with clubhouse, docks, swim float, tennis courts, playground, basketball and ball fields.

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