

FROM THE OWNERS OF 7 MANOR HILL ROAD

House hunting in the winter of 2009 from the SF Bay Area, our family of four was looking for a nice community to land and put down roots, with great schools, and a family-friendly vibe. Having grown up in NJ, I was familiar with the town of Summit, and its charming downtown shops and restaurants.

We found our sweet spot on Manor Hill Road, the perfect location for our family: a short street with eclectic homes and a nice mix of friendly families as well as empty nesters. Taking our children to Brayton Elementary School was a short and easy “stroll down the hill,” and trips to the library or workouts at the YMCA were a quick walk or bike ride. My husband and I also loved that Memorial Field, just one block from home, was where we could run the track or play tennis while our children played with friends on the playground. As a Brayton mom, it made me happy to often hear the laughter of the elementary school children playing at recess from my front door.

We thoroughly enjoyed our ten years here and making our house a home. Our family spent most of our time together in our open plan kitchen, eating nook, and family room with its abundant northern exposure light. There was nothing better than spilling out from our family room’s sliding doors to our secluded backyard patio and lawn for impromptu soccer matches and games of tag. Because of the bedroom configuration on two levels, it was easy to have family and friends stay with us and to feel that they had their own private spaces-- something our children enjoyed as well--as they entered their teens. We easily turned one of the bedrooms into a work-from-home office.

Highlights of our time here include Summit’s Fourth of July daylong celebration, centered right on Memorial Field. By day, our children loved operating their lucrative lemonade stand from the driveway, and by night we pulled lawn chairs to our front yard to enjoy the spectacular fireworks display. We also loved the not-to-be missed annual Manor Hill Block party, catching up with neighbors over shared food and spirits, and ending the evening with the much anticipated (and always lively) end of the evening race down the hill by kids both young and old on all manner of wheeled-apparatus.

We decided to return to live in the SF Bay Area, but we will also look back fondly on the many happy memories we had living in our beautiful home. Our sincere hope is that any prospective buyer will also find the same joy, peace, and sense of community living here.