

6 Holly Drive, Chatham
Seller "Love Letter" to Prospective Buyer

Seven years ago we relocated from Northern Virginia to New Jersey. Our two daughters were starting high school and middle school. We needed a welcoming neighborhood, an easy commute into New York City and close proximity to an airport since my husband travels a lot. We narrowed our search down to the Rolling Hills section of Chatham for many reasons. We wanted a neighborhood feel, and could not have found a more perfect location. The Rolling Hills Association hosts progressive dinners, ladies nights, guys night out, Friday evening happy hours, a luminary display on Christmas eve, and book club meetings, just to name a few. We are very lucky to call 6 Holly Dr our home for the last seven years.

The home itself could not have been more perfect for us. We have a large extended family, and host a number of family birthdays and holidays. With the addition of a couple long tables in the living room we can comfortably sit 40 people for Thanksgiving dinner. The open floor plan of the kitchen and family room allowed us to cook, entertain and mingle without stepping on each other's toes. My Mother-in-law and Aunt cook their famous thanksgiving dishes assisted by all the young chefs in the house. Many fond memories have been created in this kitchen, my favorite place in the house.

My husband often works from home and my in-laws visit us during the summer months. So we have a full house most times. We needed a main level bedroom and bathroom so my in-laws could have the privacy and comfort for the months they stay with us. My husband's office is on the other end, so he has his space and peace to work. The extra rooms upstairs have also served us well, from guest rooms to play rooms to study rooms to an occasional second office. One other feature we loved was that the second pantry could house an elevator if we ever needed it for our older parents.

Our backyard is our sanctuary. We added the patio and landscaping 6 years ago. We love to sit outside and enjoy the privacy and the gorgeous colors of our mature trees. We have continuous summer color in the backyard. Spring brings blooms of iris's and peonies, early summer brings day lilies and roses and endless hydrangeas, late summer is filled with my limelight hydrangea blooms, which become the most adorable dried flower arrangement for my thanksgiving tables. The flowers draw many hummingbirds, blue jays and cardinals to the backyard. We have been lucky enough to have a deer or two walk through the backyard. Our backyard is east facing, so in the summer months we can sit outside in the afternoons and enjoy the shade. The different levels of the deck and patio allows us to host a crowd for many BBQs and family celebrations. And the fire pit has year round use for evening cocktails, smores and countless stories.

Best of all, we have been lucky to have the most amazing and helpful neighbors. Our neighbors on the left have lived in Chatham for a very long time and are the kindest folks you will ever meet. I like the fact that Holly is a small street, so no through traffic and is very private. We have many young kids on our street, so many babysitting jobs for our girls. We also enjoy the many hiking, biking, walking trails close to home.

We have loved and treasured 6 Holly Dr and the neighborhood, and hope that you, the new owners, will love it too.

Sincerely
Shilpa Gude