

Love Letter about 23 Huron Drive

We moved into this house when my kids were little. My youngest son was barely three years old. This house has been a serene and nurturing place for raising our family over the past 25 years. The neighborhood is very kid friendly. These streets are where my kids learned to ride their bicycles. It is where they would spend hours at each other's houses and yards playing tag until dark; holding lemonade stands; building forts in the backyard and playing pirates. Both kids spent hours in the backyard playing with friends. This house has hosted multiple sleep overs; and two high school and college graduations. My daughter babysat for most of the young kids in the neighborhood. It is the type of neighborhood where my neighbor's kids felt comfortable walking over when they ran out of flour or eggs! We would all love to see the house pass onto a family who would love and enjoy the house as much as we have.

The house feels like it is nestled in the tree tops and very private, only 25 miles from NYC. The kitchen is the heart of our home for formal and informal gatherings with family and friends... the kitchen flows easily into the family room and breakfast area, with expansive views, which in turn opens onto the deck and the garden. The house also has many rooms where we can scatter for personal time. My favorite refuge is of course the sitting room off the master bedroom, which seems to sit on top of the trees and in the clouds. Here, I can read or daydream to recharge my batteries after a busy week commuting to the City. My husband loves the media room in the lower level for watching sports and gathering with his friends for some guy time. The office also provides him a refuge. There are two home office spaces, one on the first floor right next to the kitchen/family room area and the other in the lower level. This lower level opens into the back yard with two bluestone patios where our kids used to love to roam and play. The house is located on a quiet street up on a ridge where peace and quiet reigns.

The neighborhood remains very kid friendly and during the spring and fall you'll see kids riding up and down the streets on their bikes and scooters. For adults there is a neighborhood book group, spring and winter socials, family BBQs and of course the requisite block party in September. Living in the Chathams is further enhanced by an excellent public-school system and many bucolic walking, hiking, biking and riding trails at the Great Swamp and Loantaka Brook Reservation. We also have access to multiple swim, tennis and golf clubs. We have spent a very happy and successful 25 years here and wish you the same.