

FROM THE OWNERS OF 192 SUMMIT

House hunting in the fall of 2001, when I was pregnant with twins, we wanted to move back to Summit from Park Slope, Brooklyn. The sense of community we knew here made Summit the perfect place to raise our family. We saw a lot of “family” houses, but this one stood out because it was so welcoming and homey. The previous owners had gut renovated it, keeping all the original details they could while restoring those that had gone missing. You could tell that it had been their passion project. It reminded us of the brownstone apartment where we had been living, complete with a walkable commute.

We moved in about a month before our kids were born. They loved growing up here, from sledding down the driveway to playing football in the backyard, to curling up on the window seat in the dining room to read. We walked them to and from elementary school, before they got big enough to ride bikes there by themselves. They also biked to the middle school. High school was a combination of walking or biking, and they loved being able to get around without having to depend on us. Sometimes people think that there aren't a lot of families on this block, but we have 7 graduating seniors this year and lots of younger kids.

We enjoyed being able to walk downtown for date nights, movies on the green, and community parades. If we stay home, we have several outdoor spots to choose from. Sometimes it's up high on the roof deck, or in our backyard, where you feel a world away.

I know I'm not the only one to think my house is special. One of my friends told me that walking into it is like getting a big hug. Now we're relocating to take care of relatives, and we hope that another family will love this house as much as we have.