

Letter to the buyer:

In 2003, My husband's employer relocated my family from the burbs of Boston to the NYC metro area. We needed to focus on towns that were commutable to the city so logically we focused on the town I grew up in, Westfield! I wanted my children to experience the same benefits I did by growing up in a community that has pride, a vibrant downtown, a top notch blue ribbon school system, and a train line to the New York City.

We knew the community was a perfect fit however the next challenge was finding the perfect home. We didn't realize it at the time but I hit the lottery when we found 25 Stoneleigh! It checked all of our boxes! .

Older home with character
Walk to town
Walk to the train
Old mature trees
Sidewalks
And a street "free" of parked cars

As it turns out, our move to 25 Stoneleigh Park was truly the best thing that ever happened to our family and living here was a dream come true! I couldn't believe we found a house in this exclusive neighborhood. It is 2 blocks from the train to NYC, 3 blocks from downtown and it is a quiet street with no traffic!

18 years later I am ready to pass this wonderful home onto a new family and I would like to share with you the top 5 reasons I love 25 Stoneleigh Park and neighborhood:

1. **Natural Light and windows galore:** This home has 24 windows on the first floor which makes it bright, open and airy. The bonus is that when I look outside I get views of my neighbors gorgeous historical homes . When I sat in a chair next to a roaring fire holding my newborn and feeding my young children at the breakfast table, or sitting at my desk in my home office or doing work in the garden, I am surrounded by incredible beauty! Our neighborhood is historic- it was built at the turn of the century as an exclusive neighborhood with a "park like setting" and every house has a distinct design and style!!

2. **Location, location, location:** I know how lucky we were to find a house that was a walk to town and a walk to the train but what I didn't know was how amazing it would be for my kids to be able to walk to elementary school, middle school and live across from the high school! Living in this location was the biggest gift I could have ever given my children. The biggest benefit for

me was the added quality time I spent with my family instead of battling road traffic during drop

off and pick up times.. It literally added years to my life.

3. No thru traffic : Stoneleigh Park is quiet and peaceful so it is a safe place for children and animals to live. Sitting on my front steps, I watch kids ride their bikes, young moms push their baby strollers and couples walking their dogs. Unlike a cul-de-sac, the park is a place where neighbors have plenty of green space to enjoy. A few weeks ago as I was taking in the recycling bin a young mom who lives a few streets away told me she loves walking around the park and said ***Stoneleigh Park was a pocket of peacefulness in our community and even the birds were different in here.***

4. Proximity to Downtown- You can literally walk to EVERYTHING. You can walk to the grocery stores (including Trader Joe's), coffee shops, restaurants, boutiques, pubs, salons, pizzeria's, retail stores, arcades, Ice cream shops, parks, playgrounds, pools, tennis courts....you get the point! Downtown also hosts community events such as Addams Fest and street fairs, Jazz nights, and the annual pizza run!

5. Walking distance to the train station - As a child who grew up in Westfield, driving dad to and from the train station was a part of our everyday life and it was not always convenient! The train station is only a 7 minute walk from 25 Stoneleigh so commuters do not have to rely on getting a lift! My families dinner time was never disrupted because my husband was able to walk home and grab a seat. Plus, we did not have to wait years to find a parking spot at the station!

I hope this home gives you the joy it has given me and my family. Only 5 families have lived here since it was built - this is a keeper!

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