

SELLER'S LETTER:

12 Chestnut Place

Short Hills, NJ 07078

This is the house we grew up in. It brings back fond memories. Living here was like being in our own personal park, nestled on a quiet street sheltered by majestic trees. In winter, we sledged down our long backyard. In warm weather, we played baseball at the far end of the yard. During bad weather, we played games in the basement rec room or listened to music in the den. We had parties of all sizes in the house and on the grounds. I got married under a large tent where our baseball diamond had been.

Our mother surrounded the house with gardens that were shown to the public on garden tours. In her wonderful kitchen, she prepared gourmet soups, salads, and even cakes from the vegetables she raised. She grew all the flowers for the centerpieces at my wedding reception in the “greenhouse section” of our father’s tool room.

The house is convenient to so many things. When we were young, we and our friends could walk to all the public schools. Now, trips to New York start with just a short walk to the Short Hills train station. Sometimes we walk down the hill to the Cora Hartshorn Arboretum to hike its trails. And the quiet streets of the neighborhood beckon us to stroll or jog or follow one of the Millburn-Short Hills Historical Society’s self-guided walking tours. The house is on one of the tour routes.

The house now serves as a gracious sanctuary from our busy lives. We can spread out to find numerous places to work, play, converse, or simply relax with a good book. Through the large windows on both the front and back of the house, we experience the changing seasons – from the glorious blooming trees of spring to the greenness of summer, the blazing colors of autumn, and the softly falling snow in winter. Throughout the year, we watch birds and other wildlife forage in the yard. Our favorite time of day is late afternoon, when we sit with a cup of tea watching the sun set behind the trees.

We hope you enjoy this very special place as much as our family has!