

## **Sellers' Letter: 20 Beekman Terrace, Summit, NJ**

### **What we love about 20 Beekman Terrace...**

Welcome to 20 Beekman Terrace! There are so many things to love about this beautiful home and we are excited to share some of them with you here.

For our family, 20 Beekman Terrace is a special place, offering the best of everything that's important to us: a comfortable home in a welcoming neighborhood with fantastic schools, a vibrant downtown and easy access to NYC, Newark airport and beyond.

Beekman Terrace is one of Summit's best kept secrets. Turn off Beekman Road and it's like being in a serene country lane with graceful manor houses set in stately grounds.

### **Home**

The first time we saw 20 Beekman Terrace it was on a blue sky snow day and it looked like a freshly frosted gingerbread house. We love the period features of this beautiful Tudor home, especially the stucco "wedding cake" walls, high ceilings and picture windows with gorgeous garden views. For a gingerbread house it's surprisingly spacious inside. We find the flexibility of the open floor plan offers lots of different spaces to enjoy both inside and out, making it easy to find the perfect place for a cozy chat for two, host a dinner party for eight or a cocktail party for 50.

When we were looking for a new home, we found it was pretty rare for a house in this area to have four generously proportioned bedrooms like this one has. All of the bedrooms at 20 Beekman Terrace can comfortably fit a queen size bed and a large desk without feeling cramped at all. We were very grateful for that feature when we were all WFH in 2020!

On any given day, the early risers in our family make good use of the basement gym while those of us who prefer a more leisurely start hit snooze. The house is so peaceful and quiet, it's easy to lose track of time while enjoying a coffee in the sitting room, looking out over the garden and watching the occasional dog walking by. We're lucky schools, buses and trains are just a few minutes down the road and the kids either walk or carpool with neighborhood friends to and from school. At the end of a busy day, we love coming home to the serenity of 20 Beekman Terrace where we'll enjoy dinner together before getting into after school activities and homework or settling in to watch a movie in the family room or basement. In the warmer months we'll lounge for hours on the back deck and patio and have dinner al fresco under the string lights. Weekends kick off with a cheeky Friday night cocktail with friends around the firepit or a pizza night and sleepover for the kids in the basement. It's a great lifestyle!

### **Summit**

When we moved to the USA from Australia in 2014, we chose Summit because it ticked all the boxes - beautiful neighborhoods, great schools, vibrant downtown and proximity to Newark International Airport and NYC. Our online research from the other side of the world showed Summit consistently rated one of the best downtowns in the United States. Our experience in real life has not disappointed us! In fact, we love this town so much and everything it has to offer we don't often go further afield. Everything we want is right here. A four minute drive or easy 12 minute walk downtown and you'll find a world of options at your feet and a vibrant atmosphere. Super fun for parents, safe for kids and truly something for everyone, even your dog! Our favorite go-tos are Summit House, Barbacoa, Fiorinos, Winberrie's, The Wine Shop, Gregory's, Starbucks, Boxwood Cafe, Wonderdog, Willow St, Great House, Donna Donaldson Design, The Papery, Sweet Nothings, Pizza Vita, Zappia's, Kim's Nails, Tito's Burritos, the list goes on! The business owners in Summit are incredibly supportive of local community and school events, which really adds to the sense of community and energy that makes Summit such a great place to live.

When we feel like a change of scenery, the nearby towns of Morristown, Westfield, Chatham, Maplewood, New Providence and Short Hills (did we mention the Short Hills Mall?) are just a short drive away.

Getting groceries is a snap with "Little Kings" just around the corner. Summit locals call it "Little Kings" because there's a larger Kings about 4 miles away. In the same radius you'll find all the other big names: ShopRite, Stop & Shop, Acme etc. so we're spoiled for choice.

The Summit public schools are on our doorstep too, starting with Wilson Primary Center one minute away and Summit High School a short distance. Our favorite way to commute to school or downtown is through Wilson Park, which is just across the road from us. The path is framed by beautifully maintained woodlands and winds through two sporting fields and a playground so it's a leafy green stroll and there's always something going on.

### **City and Beyond**

And of course, New York City is so accessible for work and fun! Whether by train from Summit Train Station or New Providence Train Station or by car, we love getting into the city for lunch, dinner, a show or just to wander around. And finally, as regular travelers for work and play, Newark Liberty International Airport is only 20 minutes away.