

366 Maple Street New Providence

Life these days can be stressful in many ways. However, every time you come home, this house and grounds will soothe your frazzled mind. The trees whisper, birds sing, and the house itself is calming. The builder paid careful attention to details. The doors are solid, wainscoting and ceiling molding meets perfectly in every corner. The driveway is pitched in exactly the right way. Even during Hurricane Sandy, when the wind sounded like a rocket howling outside, the house felt safe and was safe.

Our children quickly saw party potential. We celebrated weddings with candles floating in the pool, birthdays, holidays with plenty of room for everyone to stay, BBQs, and unique events with a band on the upper deck or dancing in the living room. Dog friends enjoyed the parties and whatever food accidentally dropped on the ground. We saw friends during Covid because we could easily keep a safe distance around the fire pit.

We use the front decks and patios, but the way- back is left in a natural state for the chipmunks and the birds. However, accidents will happen even in the best places. One morning we found seven ducklings and a colorful mallard swimming in the pool! The mother duck flew out, but her hatchlings were trapped despite frantic scrambles. Bruce quickly fashioned a ramp suitable for tiny, webbed toes. After one duckling waddled up, all the others got in line and headed off with mom. The little ramp is in the pool house, just in case.

If you have time during your visit, please sit for a minute and enjoy the peace and tranquility of this much-loved home.

-Jeanne D'Haem and Bruce Stein May 2024