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## 36 FOREST DRIVE NORTH

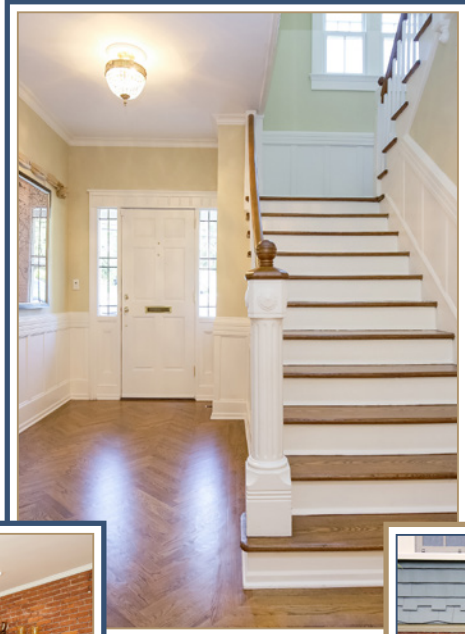
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In 1874, Stewart Hartshorn moved to his home on a 13-acre lot in Short Hills. As a young boy, Hartshorn dreamed of building an “ideal community” amidst wild woodlands, fine brooks and springs, as well as the railroad that passed through. He acquired close to 1,500 acres in the Short Hills area and commissioned some of the foremost architects of the day to build exemplary dwellings to attract wealthy, nature-loving residents.

Counted among the original 33 historical park district homes built by the famed Hartshorn, this exceptional 1880s “Hartshorn” home was number 20, restored and enhanced to perfection since then. Just minutes to New York City trains and Blue Ribbon area schools that are ranked top in the country, its prime location in Old Short Hills is the ticket.

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Impressive 9'6" high ceilings, intricate millwork and wainscoting lend distinction to grand-scale, sun-filled rooms arranged in a generous, open floor plan. The entry hall features distinctive herringbone-patterned hardwood floors and introduces a gracious living room with focal gas-log fireplace, leaded glass bay window set atop a window seat, anchored on hardwood floors with stained borders. The elegant formal dining room has wide plank flooring and original corner fireplace, converted to gas, that harkens back to a bygone era.

The warm, rustic flavor of the fireside library or home office is achieved with walls of knotty pine and oak-pegged, wide planked floors, offering cachet and versatility to the home.





A fabulous great room and breakfast area span the rear of the home, with skylights and an expanse of windows that offer lofty views of a private yard set against a backdrop of mature shade trees. A newly built wet bar with dishwasher and beverage fridge with ice box make casual entertaining a pleasure in this outstanding space, with access to an elevated deck and stairs to a bluestone patio, perfect for extended outdoor dining and relaxation. A spiral staircase off the great room leads to the lower level.









The adjoining kitchen addition is brand new (2016) and designer chic, set beneath a coffered ceiling, dressed in a tasteful contrast of light and dark granite-topped cabinetry topped and state-of-the-art appliances. An oversized center island with leathersed quartzite countertop and seating is a showpiece, complete with a hidden walk-in butler's pantry, sliders that open to the deck and separate front entry.





Paneled wainscoting runs up a graceful, wide staircase to the second floor, featuring four large-scale bedrooms with high ceilings that include the master suite with a custom-fitted closet room and marble-clad master bath with free-standing soaking tub, double vanity and oversized frameless shower and bench. A spacious second family room with walls of bookcases, privately set on this level, is de rigeur for this sumptuous home. A lovely hotel-quality hall bath with marble accents and jetted tub with shower adds elegance. Two of the bedrooms are set apart in the East Wing of the home, served by a private hall bath with shower, and separate back staircase access to the first floor.

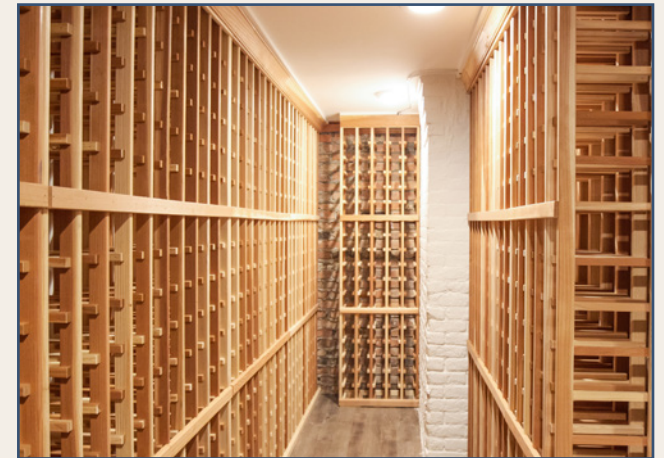






Three additional bedrooms reside on the third floor, along with a hall bath and shower, plus a large walk-in storage closet.

A virtual “home beneath a home” is located on the lower level, featuring a finished recreation room with natural light, laminate wood floor, wet bar and decorative fireplace, a game room, oodles of storage rooms, plus hallway access to a two-car attached garage (with stairs to the kitchen). A whimsical wine tasting room with decorative fireplace plays host to the wine aficionado, complemented with a temperature-controlled 1,200+ bottle wine cellar from which to make your selection. A bonus room/potential guest/nanny room and a well-appointed full bath with shower complete this comfortable level.



## special features

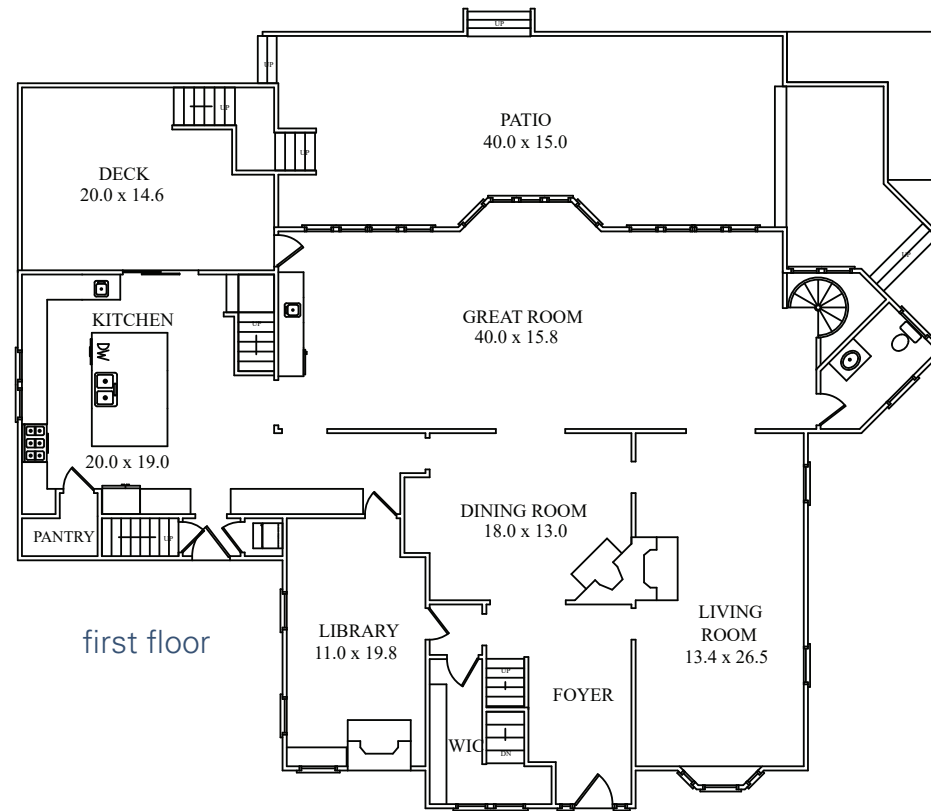
- 8 bedroom, 5 1/2 bath home located in the heart of Old Short Hills, minutes from Short Hills train station and Glenwood School
- Private, expansive property with excellent space for outdoor entertaining
- Kitchen and Great Room renovation (2016)
- Master Suite with room sized walk-in closet
- 9 1/2 ceiling heights
- Lower Level guest/nanny suite with separate entrance
- Wine tasting room with 1200 bottle wine cellar
- 3 new Baths including Master Bath (2012-2014)
- Full Lower Level renovation (2014)
- New Boiler (2015), four zones of central air, forced air heat in Great Room.

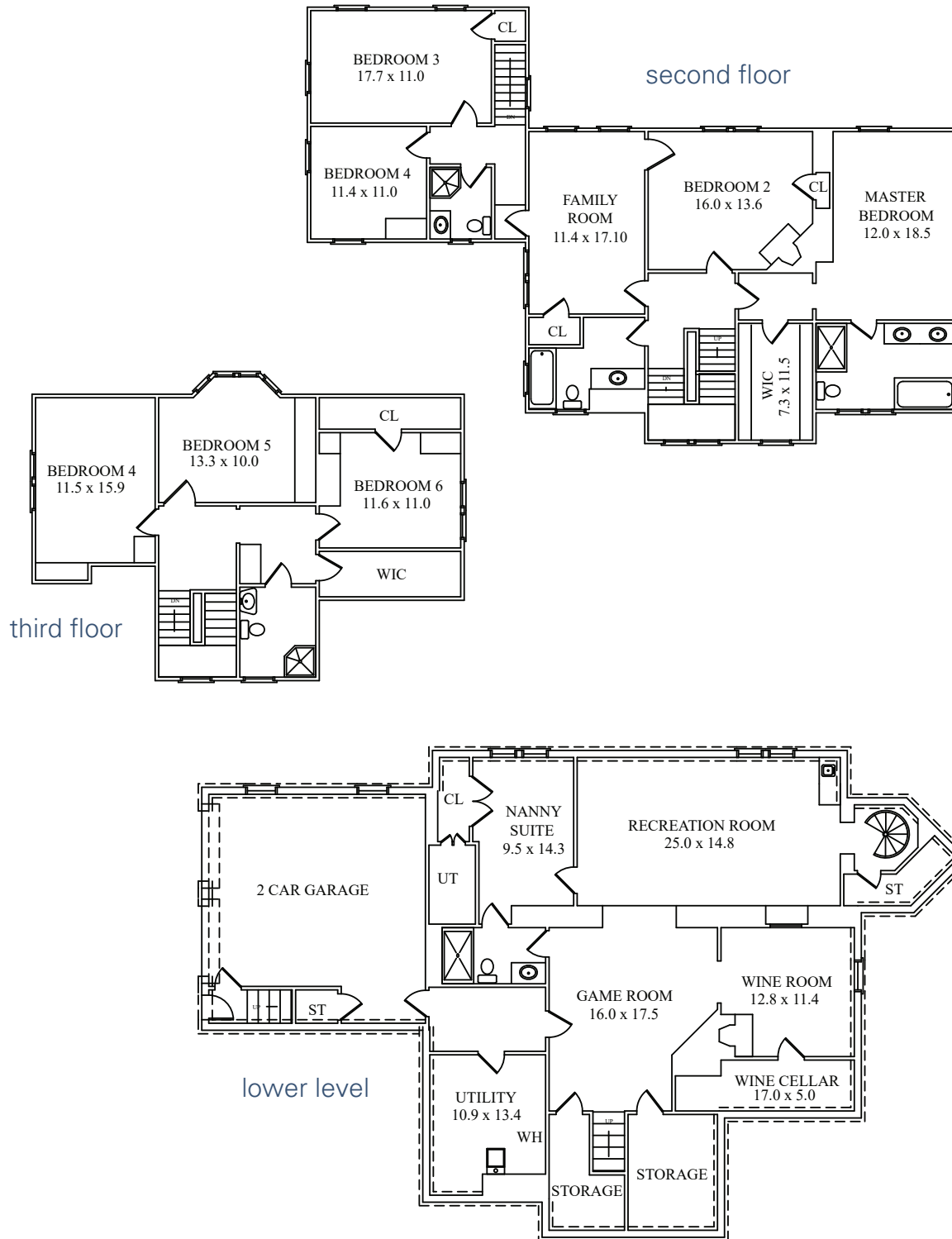
### FIRST FLOOR

- Entrance Hall with herringbone floors and original painted paneling with decorative moldings
- Living Room with leaded-glass bay window, hardwood floors, fireplace (gas), original wood mantel, original wood trim/chair rails
- Dining Room with high double-width entry, fireplace (gas) and access to Butler's Pantry and Family Room
- Library with knotty pine wood paneling, built-in bookcases and window seat; fireplace (gas)
- Butler's Pantry with glass paned cabinets and granite counter top
- Mudroom with built-in cubbies and access to lower level
- Kitchen with 48" Wolf Range, 48" Subzero refrigerator, Bosch dishwasher, built-in television an oversized island with leathered quartzite counter, beverage fridge and microwave, seating for four

## floor plan

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### FIRST FLOOR CONTINUED

- Laundry Room next to side entrance and access to lower level garage
- Great Room with bay window and large skylights, wet bar with dishwasher and beverage fridge, large windows with expansive backyard views
- Powder Room with skylight

### SECOND LEVEL

- Master Suite with large walk-in closet with custom shelving
- Master Bath with ceramic tile radiant heat floor; marble top vanity with double sinks, free standing tub and separate stall shower, hand shower, marble backsplash and river stone floor
- Bedroom #2 with decorative mantle and closet
- Hall Bath with shower over air-jetted tub with thermostatic controls, porcelain faux wood tile floors and subway tiled walls
- Bedroom #3 and Bedroom #4 in East Wing with access through second staircase or through second floor Family Room
- Hall Bath in East Wing
- Second Floor Family Room with bookcases, entry from East Wing or second level hall

### THIRD LEVEL

- Bedroom #4 with built-in closet and bookcase
- Bedroom #5 with turret window, and built-in wall cabinetry/shelving
- Bedroom #6 with built-in shelves and storage closet
- Hall Bathroom with stall shower and pedestal sink
- Large Storage Closet in hallway landing
- Linen cabinet built in

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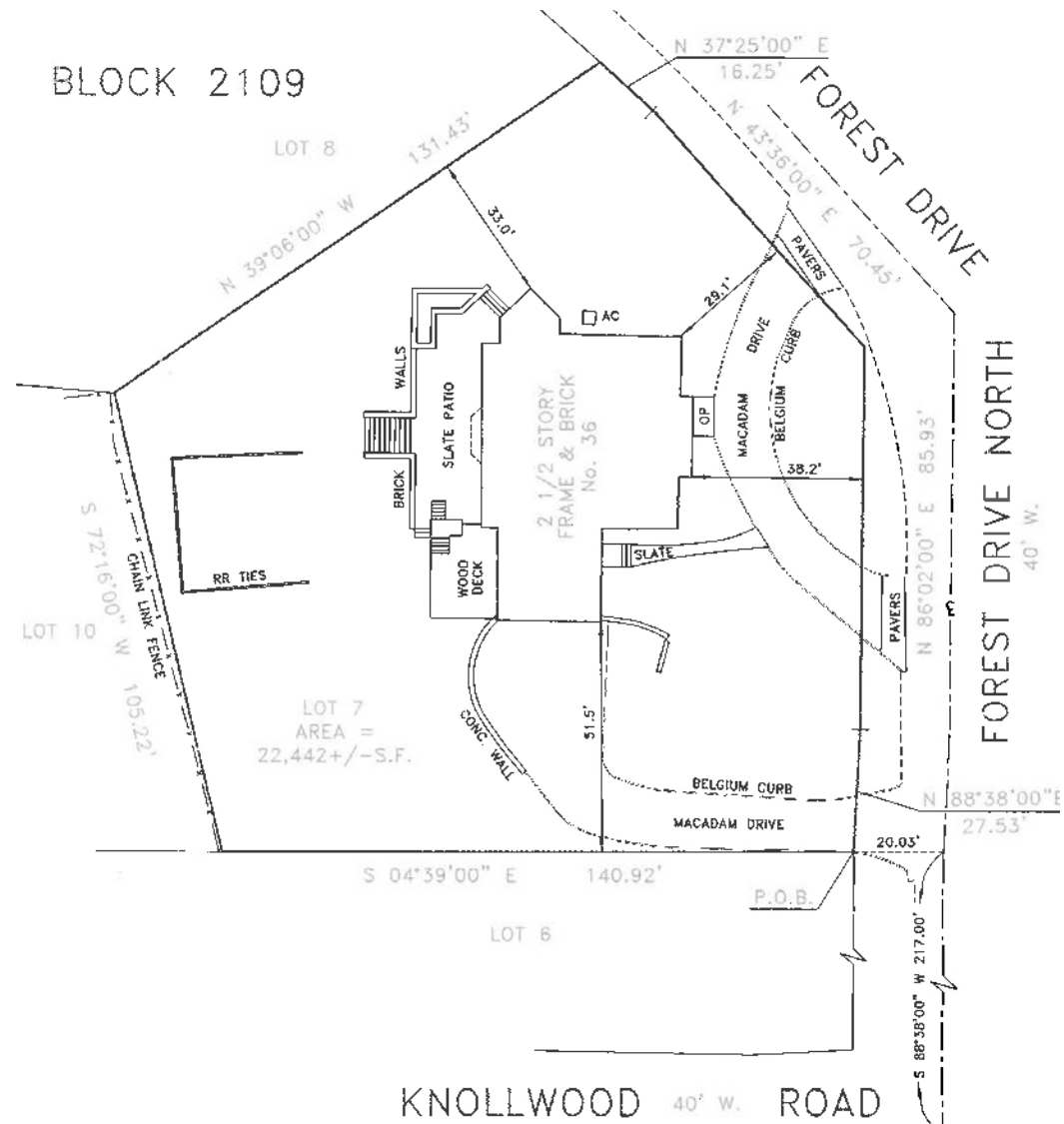
- Game Room with faux wood floors and large walk-in storage closet
- Recreation Room with exposed original foundation wall and access to spiral staircase to first floor
- Wine Cellar and "tasting room" with 1,200+ bottle capacity, Cellar Pro humidity controlled cooler and decorative fireplace
- Bathroom with faux wood porcelain tile, subway tile shower with built in bench, marble vanity and hand held shower head
- Office/Gym/Nanny Suite with large closet and vinyl faux wood floor
- Utility Room and electrical service wired for portable generator
- French drains and sump pump

### EXTERIOR FEATURES

- Exterior teak plank deck with permanent gas line for grill with access from Kitchen and Great Room
- Bluestone patio with stairs accessing rear yard
- 2 car attached garage with openers

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This survey may not be completely representative of the property as it is today.





Step into this exemplary historic home and begin to make your dreams here!





## Property Assessments

Land: \$811,300    Building: \$967,480  
2016 Taxes: \$38,321    Lot Size: .55 acres



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