

## Former NFL star's Greenwich home on the market

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The exterior of former NFL All-Pro Matt Birk's home in Greenwich.



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The foyer of former NFL All-Pro Matt Birk's home in Greenwich.



**IMAGE 3 OF 3**

The backyard of former NFL All-Pro Matt Birk's home in Greenwich.

From the colossal stadiums of Baltimore and Minneapolis to the quaint coastal neighborhoods of southwestern Connecticut, retired NFL All-Pro **Matt Birk** has always been on the move. Now, the former center with the **Minnesota Vikings** and **Baltimore Ravens** has put his Greenwich home on the market, after deciding to relocate with his family.

The residence, a Colonial-style home situated near the Cos Cob Harbor, has been listed at \$3.85 million, the same price that Birk paid for it back in 2014. He and his family moved to the area when he started a corporate job with the **National Football League's** headquarters in New York City. Now he will be working for the organization in a different capacity down south.

The listing agent, **Leon Grimm** with **DJK Residential**, said the home was competitively priced for the area, especially considering its head-to-toe renovation in 2008. Originally built in 1991, the previous owners remodeled the kitchen and bathrooms, added new doors and windows, installed a swimming pool and constructed a balcony off the master bedroom, adding significant value to the 6,912-square-foot space.

"He [Birk] came to Cobb Island and fell in love with the views, the professionally-made backyard and convenience to train," Grimm said. "It's a mid-country estate house but in town with access."

The Gold Coast sanctuary has six bedrooms, five full bathrooms and two half bathrooms, for a total of 17 rooms, according to Grimm. He noted how the 10-foot high ceilings and wide hallways, combined with the traditional Colonial aesthetic, made the home feel more open and versatile.

"It's both a family home and grand estate," Grimm said.

The space combines familial and elegant attributes, making it perfect for entertainment on all occasions, Grimm said. For example, the home's grand foyer features a Georgian-inspired sweeping staircase, while the finished basement features a state-of-the-art home entertainment system as well as recreational and exercise room. The basement adds an additional 1,600 square feet to the home, Grimm said.

From formal dinner parties in the stately dining room to Super Bowl gatherings in the expansive basement, Grimm thinks the home is perfect for those who like to entertain guests. Located on Cobb Island Drive, Grimm also said the residence's geographic location makes it ideal for someone, like Birk, who regularly travels to New York City for work. It's located a few minutes from the heart of Greenwich and is easily accessible to the Metro-North train station and the highway.