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inspired home, built on 1.34 acres in 2009 at 6 Peacock Road, is about a five-minute drive to the center of town in a development called Rhinebeck Estates. The three-level home, listing for \$995,000, has two floor-to-ceiling fireplaces surrounded by cultured stone, and the lower level has a wet bar, family room and fireplace, den and a room with a full bathroom that could be used as a bedroom.

"The home has been very lightly lived in — it is like new, with a cozy sunroom off the kitchen and a two-story great room" said Vicki Hickman, associate broker with Houlihan Lawrence. "The last year has been amazingly busy for us, of course, and the appeal has always been the creative community here, with access to the city via the Taconic, Amtrak and Metro-North via Poughkeepsie. Rhinebeck has a renewed collection of restaurants run by the culinary students, who graduate nearby and try to stay in the Hudson Valley."

Across the Hudson River in Rockland County, 3 Friar Tuck Court in Orangeburg, listing for \$1,985,000, is located a 20-minute drive north of the George Washington Bridge. Built in 2000 on just over an acre at the end of a cul-de-sac in Nottingham Estates, the 6,558-square-foot home with a pool features five bedrooms, five bathrooms, five gas fireplaces, hardwood floors and Pella Architect series windows, with a second-level bonus room and a home office with French doors and a fireplace.

"The house gives you enough space to have two or even more home offices — and that, with the pool, is key in this market," said Anthony Lando, sales agent with Julia B. Fee Sotheby's International Realty. "The finished walkout lower level adds another 2,500-square-feet, with a bar, kitchen, bathroom, game room and entertainment room — the second kitchen in the lower level is great for when you are entertaining outside in the pool."

OPPOSITE, TOP: 282 Shurpik Road, Clinton Corners

OPPOSITE, MIDDLE: 2835 Pleasant Ridge Road, Wingdale

OPPOSITE, BOTTOM: 6 Peacock Road, Rhinebeck

ABOVE: 3 Friar Tuck Court, Orangeburg

Covid has changed the mind set of prospective buyers, who are rethinking where they are willing to live, he continued. "Working at home seems to be a reality that will remain even after the pandemic recedes," he said. "Because Rockland is not on the Metro-North side of the Hudson River, many commuters would not look in Rockland. But now, if you don't have to be in the city as often, Rockland has become even more attractive — especially with large homes like this, with great outdoor space, and great options of multiple home offices and plenty of space for homework. Being 20 minutes north of the George Washington Bridge, driving to the city is still an option a few days a week for meetings, and then working from home the rest of the time. What people who move to Rockland are finding is that when they come across the George Washington or the newly rebuilt Mario M. Cuomo Bridge — they can find more space and often markedly lower property taxes than the same house would be in Westchester, with the ability to have a full range of outdoor activities. The technology allows working from home to happen, and once the pandemic is completely behind us, it is a win-win for everyone." ■

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