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Tiburon contemporary atop paradise

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The living room features a gas fireplace, high ceilings and stellar views of the bay.



Inlaid hardwood flooring graces a living room that opens to a dining patio.

Tiburon has to be one of the planet's most desirable places to live. Strip away the temperate climate and blissful vistas. Disregard the city's esteemed schools and world-class architecture. Here's all that needs to be said about Tiburon: There's both a cove and public park named Paradise and no one accuses the city of hyperbole. Homes are always in high demand here, and 5 Barner Lane — a five-bedroom contemporary with an acre of pristine landscaping — will be no exception. Originally built in the mid-1950s, the two-story underwent a massive renovation in 2008. Now the residence enjoys superlative indoor-outdoor living, a refined kitchen, designer lighting, spa bathrooms, environmentally conscious inclusions and no shortage of digital age infrastructure.

"It's sheer luxury, stylish living and tranquil relaxation in a prime location," said Shana Rhodelynch of Pacific Union Real Estate, who is listing the upscale home for \$5.75 million. "It truly appeals to all lifestyles — from family living to sophisticated entertaining."

A bevy of local designers, builders and architects combined their talents at 5 Barner Lane. Architect Rich Dowd drew up the plans deftly executed by Hennessy Construction. Designer Tim Canton, as well as Victoria Fay and Associates, pored over finishes in order to strike the right balance of tasteful and timeless.



The home's eaves help shade its rear patio.



A hot tub/splash pool set within a stone patio overlooks the bay.



A top-floor master suite boasts a private terrace and panoramic views.

Rhode-Lynch heaps praise on landscape architect Jay Thayer, who installed winding stone pathways and native plantings to complement the home's rose gardens and hot tub with bay views. "The garden is easily one of the finest on the entire Tiburon peninsula," she said.

The appointments are as elegant as they are plentiful. Custom woodworking, Rocky Mountain hardware and 10-foot ceilings are found throughout. The majority of public rooms and bedrooms enjoy Lutron automated shades, while the rear patio buffers the sun's intensity with an electronic Markilux shade. Lutron's Grafik Eye system harmonizes natural light with designer lighting by Anna Kondolf & Associates for optimal illumination at all hours of the day. A surround sound system establishes the media room as the place to watch a movie, championship match or play video games for hours on end.



A marble island acts as the centerpiece of a modern kitchen equipped with restaurant-quality appliances.



Homeowners and their guests can congregate on the backyard's slate patio.

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Carrara marble accents the master suite's rainhead shower that's set beside a freestanding tub.

Fiber optic cable pairs with hardwired and wireless Internet connectivity to make the home a technophile's dream. Floor-to-ceiling windows in the main level's office should keep telecommuters from feeling couped up, while built-in electrical hookups, file cabinets and recessed shelving embody efficiency.

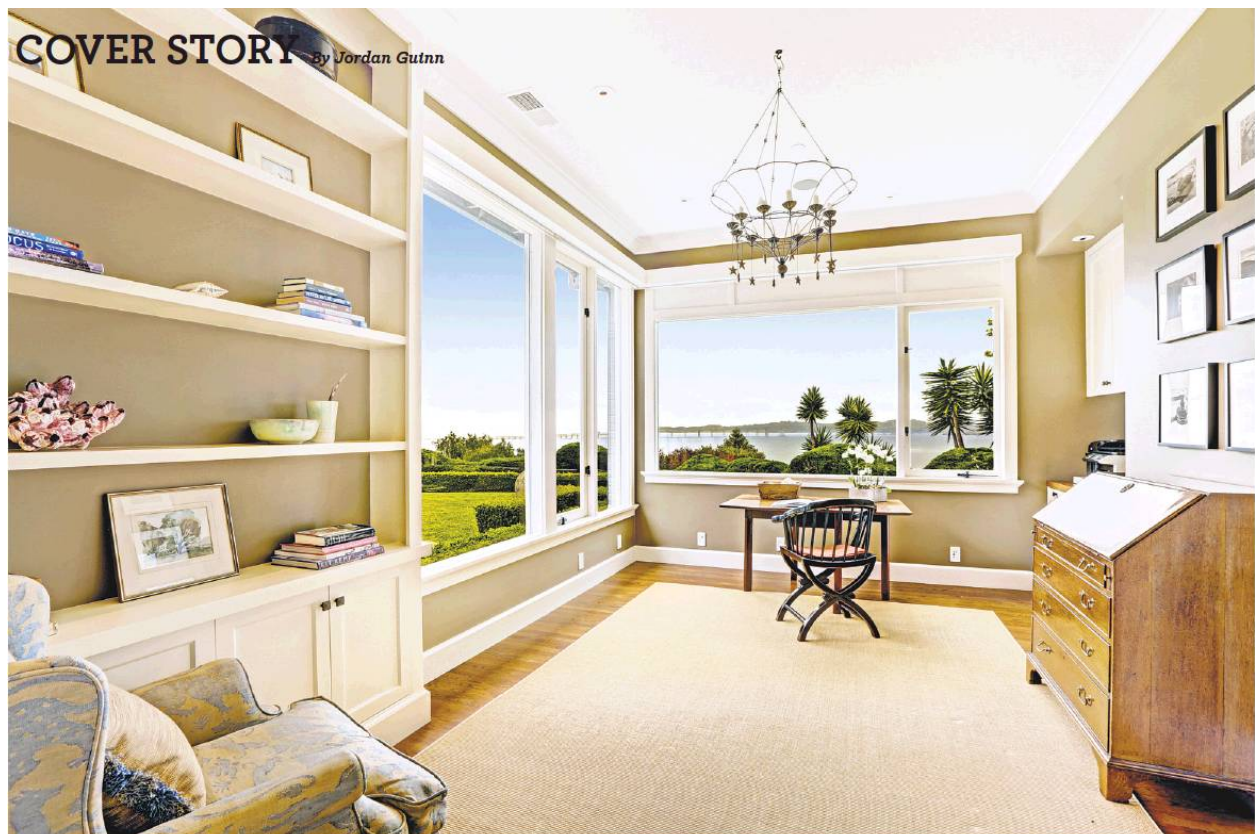
The Sandra Bird-designed kitchen comes with Miele dishwashers, a six-burner Dacor range, dual ovens, and a Sub-Zero refrigerator — amenities that bode equally well for simple family dinners and large celebrations.

Details

Address: 5 Barner Lane, Tiburon.

Price: \$5.75 million.

Features: Designer amenities abound in this luxurious five-bedroom surrounded by Connecticut Bluestone terraces, lush lawns, meticulous landscaping and panoramic views. French limestone lines the floor of a dramatic kitchen equipped with a double oven and dual dishwashers. Absolute Black granite slab countertops and a center island clad in Verde Atlantico granite accent the open kitchen. The home sits on about an acre of pristine land recently reimagined by landscape architect Jay Thayer.





Stone steps ascend the backyard's terraced garden.

The plethora of electronics and smart home capabilities can take substantial power, so 27 solar panels atop the home help carry the burden.

Of course, renewable energy only goes so far, so crews devoted extra attention to the home's electrical system. Installing a 400-amp service panel increased the home's overall capacity, and the use of natural gas helps distribute the workload and downsize the carbon footprint.

What good are all these improvements if you can't keep them safe? This thought had to occur to designers and crews because the Tiburon home now enjoys a fire-suppression sprinkler system and an alarm system hardwired to every door and window.



5 Barner Lane in Tiburon is a palatial five-bedroom surrounded by Connecticut bluestone patios, rolling lawns and designer details.



A sunny and spacious great room has tile flooring, oversize windows and an open kitchen.

The home's lavish master suite is fit for royalty. Its casual sitting area hosts custom book shelving and built-ins for a retractable TV and leads to a sprawling terrace with bay views.

An expertly designed bathroom finished in Carrara marble overlooks the garden. Its spa amenities include marble vanities, a freestanding soaking tub, frameless shower, and a walk-in closet with custom shelving and a built-in dresser.

Visit www.5barner.com for more details and a video tour.

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