Grand Design

Country Club Manor near Rattray Marsh

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ow many places do you know in Mississauga where you share a private cul-de-sac with only two other houses? Situated in the prestigious Rattray Marsh area, this luxurious stone estate home is about a five minute walk to the waterfront park on Lake Ontario. The address is 451 Country Club Road

The grand entrance faces the short, quiet street while the side entrance is secluded and faces the semi-circular cul-de-sac with a parkette. With such an address, it seems appropriate the homeowners have a putting green in the backyard, points out realtor Sam McDadi of *Sam McDadi Real Estate Inc., Brokerage*.

The home and the property are as large as they are impressive. The stately stone estate sits on almost an acre lot surrounded by mature trees. The house, itself, boasts approximately 7,000 square feet on two levels with an addi-



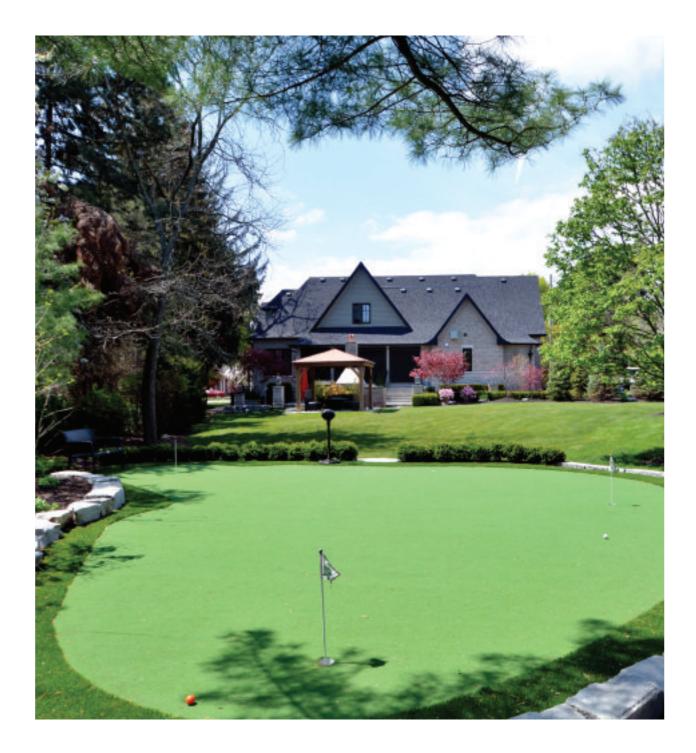


tional 4,000 feet of living space on the lower level.

First impressions count and this is certainly the case when you enter the sweeping centre foyer with its expanse of gleaming white marble floors and majestic staircase featuring custom designed wrought iron railings that wrap around and continue along the open walkway on the upper level. A magnificent crystal chandelier hangs from the 27 foot high ceilings. It's also situated in the middle of four sky

lights that fill the space with natural light. By the way, one push of the remote switch lowers the chandelier for cleaning—not that we really need to think about that right now!

A formal living room with vaulted ceilings is at the front of the house, and opposite, there is a large formal dining room with vaulted ceilings. Richly detailed custom woodwork is seen throughout the house as the homeowner spared no expense in providing the very best finishes throughout.



Entertaining at this Country Club estate home is a breeze, thanks to the well-appointed butler's pantry strategically sitting between the dining room and the kitchen. While home builders often use the term Great Room to describe an open-concept kitchen/family room, this house has a 'Grand' Room—grand in scale, beauty and functionality.

The island is the centre piece of the enormous gourmet kitchen, elaborately finished with custom cabinetry featuring upscale appliances. There's plenty of room for big family dinners in the eating area with its over-sized dining table. Family and friends can settle in for the evening in the family room that has a wall of custom shelving. Or, on a warm summer's evening, guests can spill out into the massive, covered terrace room and enjoy bug-free dining al fresco thanks to clever retractable screens.

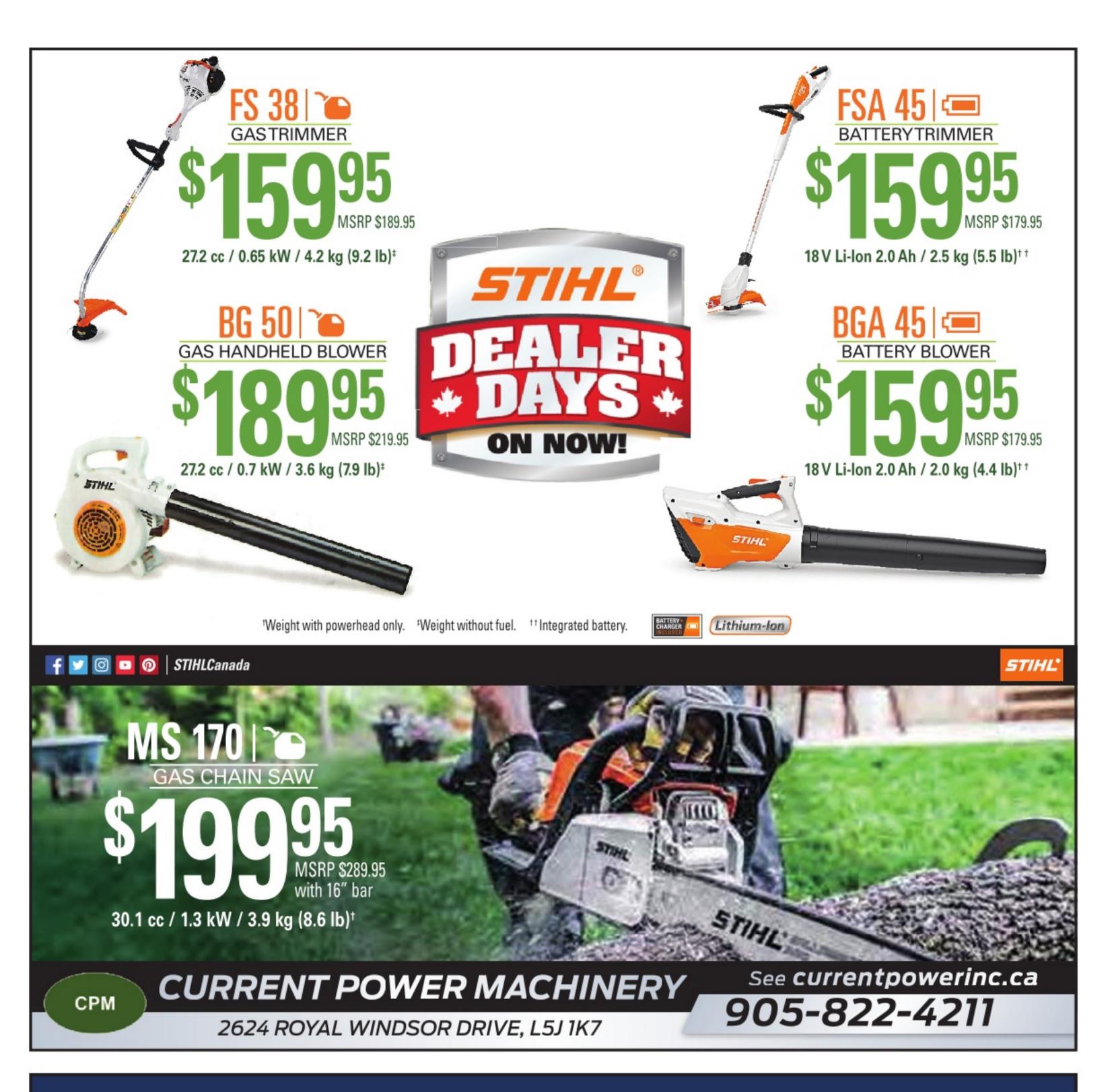
The screened terrace features a built-in barbeque as well as a large outdoor fireplace and living room area. Later the kids can make S'mores in the second giant fireplace located





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on the lawn. It also has a built-in barbeque area for outdoor entertaining.

A covered picnic pavilion sits adjacent to the putting green making it the perfect spot to sip lemonade (or your favourite beverage) after a round of golf. No need to commute to a cottage when you have all this in the backyard!

After the sun goes down, family and friends can head downstairs through the lower level walkout and get a drink at the custom built-in bar, or visit the wine cellar! A games room, two-tier theatre room, gym, powder room and other features complete the lower level entertainment zone.

This estate home offers plenty of space to accommodate overnight guests in style. Not only are there two master bedrooms with ensuites, there are six bedrooms and nine bathrooms in total. The main floor master bedroom is an expansive space with coffered ceilings plus a walk-in closet and hotel-like ensuite. The second master suite is on the upper level and features vaulted ceilings and a stunning dressing room wrapped in white custom shelving with a centre island to store jewelry, scarves and more.

It's a shopaholic's dream, with plenty of space to hide all those purchases from your spouse! The master ensuite features a statement-making oval tub with a crystal chandelier over top, along with a double sink custom vanity with granite countertops, a separate water closet, and a stunningly beautiful walk-in shower that's the size of Calgary (okay, the size of a small bedroom), and wrapped in luxurious finishes with three shower heads.

The house also has an elevator, two laundry rooms, main floor office, a three car garage with a lift, state-of-the art security and heating systems, for a total of about 11,000 square feet of space and everything you need for living large!" •



