



Whether it's a warm summer day or a blustery winter evening, there's always a place around a bonfire at the house at 2380 Ocean Vista Drive.

Located in Seaside's desirable North Cove area, the beach-front home offers plenty of space for families and friends to gather, yet it remains cozy for a couple to enjoy a weekend of ocean-gazing from the wall of windows across the living and dining room or outside on the over-sized deck.

"This is perfect indoor-outdoor living" said Cindy Daly, the home's owner. The 4-bedroom, three-bath, 2,500+ square-foot home is listed for \$1.6 million with broker Debra Bowe of Windermere Community Realty in Astoria.

While each room has its own amenities, the enclosed porch on the ground level offers the most fun. With a gas-burning fire pit, lawn chairs and benches, the covered porch says "beach time" out loud. Even during rainstorms, people can sit around the warm fire and roast marshmallows while looking out windows that originally came from an old fire station near Mt. Hood. Or, they can sit in the nearby hot tub, wonder at the stars and listen to the ocean waves.

"This is the best party place even during a blustery wind storm," Daly said. "The whole area warms up."

Indoors or outside, you can get fired up about this home

Originally built in 1967, the house was renovated by Daly and her former husband. They had two goals: to recreate a comfortable beach house of the 1940s with built-in shelves and closets and to have a house their four grandchildren would want to visit.

"How do you draw grandchildren? Have fun things for them," Daly said.

Downstairs, a room can be either a bedroom or game room. At one time, it was the kids' "bunk room," filled with bunk beds. Now, it's a den, with a bar and sofas; the wood floor comes from the old Seaside Fire Station. A laundry room across the hall is connected to a full bathroom with a walk-in shower.

The master bedroom downstairs has a full ocean view. Built-in shelving and drawers, a gas stove and wood flooring add to the room's coziness. The white board-and-batten wainscoting in the bedroom continues into the master bath, where there is a shower, white and blue ceramic tile counter and floor.

Upstairs, the 180-degree view of Tillamook Head and the beach from the floor-to-ceiling windows is the first thing to catch the eye. But the stone fireplace is a close second. Although the fireplace is lit with gas, it burns wood and can warm the entire upstairs.

With the windows running the entire length of the west wall, the living and dining rooms and kitchen are bathed in light. The vaulted ceiling, covered in tongue-and-groove wood paneling with wood beams, and the floor — taken from an early century McMinnville cannery — provide a "homey" feel.

The open floor plan allows the cooks in the kitchen to talk to guests in the dining room. A peninsula seats three comfortably. The expansive kitchen counter is covered in quartz, and a stainless steel Thermador gas range and Sub-Zero refrigerator also are included.

Two bedrooms and a bathroom also are upstairs and can be closed off from the living room.

Adjacent to the living room is a deck spacious enough to easily include three sets of tables and chairs and a gas-fired barbecue. A glass railing around the deck provides safety and wind protection without blocking the view.

But outside the .23-acre lot the house sits on is a wonderland for kids of all ages. A gas-fired wood pit in the backyard burns logs on nights after the day has been spent playing on the beach. An outside gas oven is perfect for cooking pizza.

"This is a place where kids and parents alike can relax," Daly said.

"The scenery changes every day, from the ocean being completely flat to big waves," she added. The current changes every day.

But the sign on a wall in the covered porch reflects what being in this home means: "If you're lucky enough to live at the beach, you're lucky enough."

