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Realtors warned: Don't use drone pix

By Gordon Woodworth
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The Federal Aviation Administration is clamping down on commercial use of drones — and the New York State Association of Realtors® is warning its members not to hire drones to take photos for their real estate listings.

FAA aims to clamp down & NY group sounds alarm

“Essentially, based on the FAA’s interpretation...we are advising our members that they should not be utilizing drones in their real estate activities,” said Anthony Gatto, lead counsel for the New York State Association of Realtors®.

We contacted Mr. Gatto to follow up on our July 17 story about Fred Pflaum, a retired trial attorney and licensed pilot who has started his own drone photography business on Lake George.

Mr. Pflaum cited a court decision in March where a National Transportation Safety Board Administrative Judge ruled the FAA doesn’t have jurisdiction over remote control aircraft because rules governing commercial use of drones hadn’t come out of a formal rule-making process.

The FAA immediately appealed

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Bolton's Villa Nirvana: \$12,000 a week

Villa Nirvana, adjacent to the Sagamore Resort in Bolton Landing, is a 19th century mansion overlooking Lake George with plenty of porches supplying southern views. **It can accommodate up to 18 people** and is air-conditioned, with nine bedrooms and 6 1/2 bathrooms, says the Davies-Davies listing. Rent is \$12,000 for “holiday weeks,” \$7,000 a week at other times. Thanksgiving and Christmas weeks are \$12,000 weekly. At last look, it’s available from mid-August.



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Lake George rental market: Strong

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Families and large groups vacationing together on Lake George are renting homes at prices ranging from \$1,000 to \$18,000 a week.

Business is reportedly thriving.

“The rental market has been very strong for the last several years,” said Dan Davies of Davies-Davies & Associates Real Estate in Cleverdale. He said they handle 130 active rental properties. “It’s a way for people to hold on to their houses.”

Linda Boden of Leavitt Realty in Lake George said, “A lot of my listings [for sale] do rent. They need to pay their taxes. And now we are finding the offers to buy their properties are better because these people can hold out because they are renting.”

Ms. Boden said she just sold a house at asking price, and the new owner “loved the fact that it made \$40,000 a year in rental

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