

Sugarhill POA Board - Report 9-30-19

VRBO in Sugarhill

Vacation Rentals by Owner (VRBO)

Pros and Cons

Sugarhill is being looked at in a way we believe was never intended for the community. We believe no person moving into Sugarhill ever thought they could be neighboring with a for profit mini hotel. Currently we have 1 VRBO (AirBnB) with a large potential for more.

Good List

1. VRBO owners or "hosts" state that they are better neighborhood rent-out owners because they are constantly keeping up their property as opposed to long term rentals.
2. VRBO's are better for the neighborhood than foreclosures.
3. VRBO make lots of profit for the owner even though it's not a neighborhood friendly business.

Bad List

1. Short term renters are usually on vacation. People on vacation don't usually respect (or even think about) lifestyle of full time owner/residents.
2. Excessive noise is often a problem when the host/owner isn't there full time and transient renters are on vacation.
3. Constant turnover of people does cause lots of concerns of "who's that stranger?"
4. Short term renters tend to treat neighbors like strangers.
5. Short term renters don't always know or obey the neighborhood rules like leash laws or parking rules.
6. People don't buy into Sugarhill understanding their neighbor may be a mini hotel.
7. Sugarhill does not have many long term rentals. As of this writing there is only one.
8. This loses a sense of community and the premises become more like a hotel.
9. Transient renters are not familiar with our roads and all the people and children that use them as pedestrians.
10. Sugarhill was never intended as a VRBO neighborhood.
11. Business owners have been known to rent VRBO houses to serve as lodging for their mobile workforce (construction / labor/ skill), way too much activity for a residential neighborhood.