

Realtor offers aerial tours over Northwest Corner

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WASHINGTON, Conn. — Peter Klemm is in the high end real estate market in Litchfield County, and to stay on top of the latest trends enjoyed by well-heeled buyers of estates and country farms, he is launching a partnership to start helicopter service from Manhattan to the state's Northwest Corner.

Klemm, vice president of

Klemm Real Estate, said the firm is working with Blade to offer flights from Manhattan to Irish Hills Farm in Bethlehem on weekends. The maiden flight is scheduled for Memorial Day weekend, taking off from West 30th Street Friday May 29 and returning Monday afternoon.

Tickets are \$595 per seat.

“I created the idea and I feel that we, Klemm, has always been at the cutting edge of selling luxury real estate in



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Klemm Real Estate in Litchfield County has partnered with Blade, a helicopter service, to start a flight from Manhattan the Bethlehem. The inaugural flight is Memorial Day weekend. This is a screen shot of Blade's website announcing the flight.

Northwest Connecticut and I recognized the need for an alternative means of transportation to try to expose our

area to a new set of buyers," said Klemm who has a \$3.5

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million listing for the farm chosen as the landing zone.

Blade flies six-seat helicopters from West 30th Street in Manhattan to luxury destinations including Nantucket, Martha's Vineyard, the Hudson Valley and the Hamptons.

"Whether it's the competitively casual dress-code or the unnecessary stress waiting 30 minutes for a green juice, The Hamptons are simply not for everyone," Blade has stated on its website for the Litchfield County flight.

Irish Hills Farm, on 120 acres, is one of 17 Federal Aviation Authority approved private landing strips in Litchfield County.

"This is a very exciting opportunity for people that

want to try Litchfield County out for size and see how easy it is to get here, especially by helicopter," Klemm said. "I think it will sell out quickly."

Blade is advertising the 30-minute flight to Bethlehem as having a 10 minute drive to Washington Depot and Litchfield and a 20 minute commute to Kent and Roxbury.

"Litchfield County, CT offers scenic natural beauty, fresh air and a rich history in a sophisticated year-round community. You will also find wholesome organic farms, farm to table restaurants and five-star country inns including The Mayflower Grace Inn & Spa and Winvian Farm Resort," the company is advertising.