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As always, if you or anyone you know is thinking of buying or selling a home or has real estate questions - I'm here to help!

Good Service Is A Choice!!!... RE/MAX' Realtor Judith does more between "FOR SALE" and "SOLD"!!

Backyard News

February 2019 Stats

RE/MAX Realty Team again surpassed all other Lee County brokerages' performance For the year 2018 by over 51%, Ninth Year in a Row!

Cape Coral

- The active single family home inventory is on the rise again, with a total of 2,326 homes on the market, this is the highest Cape Coral has <u>seen in over 8 years</u>, including when the majority were distressed properties.
- The rise in single family homes has kept Cape Coral favoring a buyer's market but buyers beware, it's not by much. Levels are very close to a level playing field and list to sale ratios continue at 97%.
- Single family home sales fell from last year by less than 4%. Home sales did rise from January by 25%. Sales totaled 336 in February.
- A whopping 15% drop in new construction permits from a year ago. This drop signifies a second consecutive month of declining new construction permits and measures the strength or weakness of a market.

Fort Myers

- Although inventory levels were insignificant last month, sales plummeted by 13% to 230. This drop in sales indicates a two month consecutive drop.
- Prices appreciated by nearly 4% from a year ago to \$331,000, while inventory and sales go hand in hand, prices tend to lag by a month or two.
- New construction permits rose to 168 nearly a 50% increase in two years.
- Of all Lee County residential lot sales, Cape Coral remains at the top with nearly half!.





February 2018

Average List Price

\$305,000

Average Sale Price

\$294,000

Average List to Sale Ratio

97%

Inventory

5.7 Mo.

February 2019

Average List Price

\$311,000

Average Sale Price

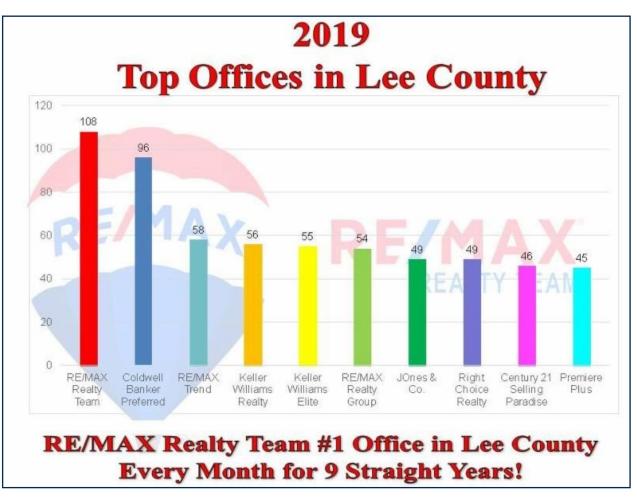
+1.7% \$299,000

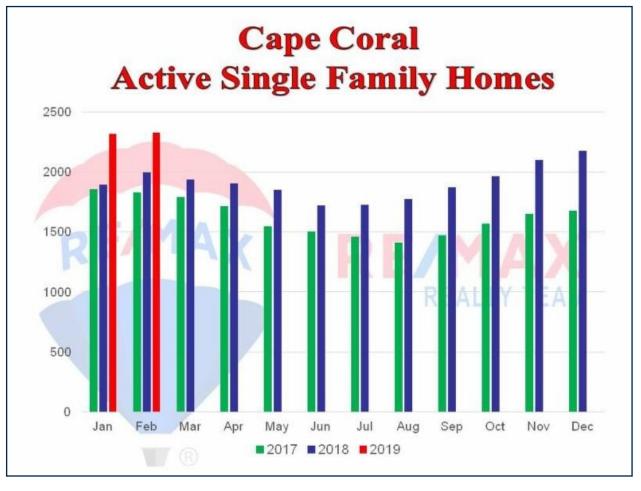
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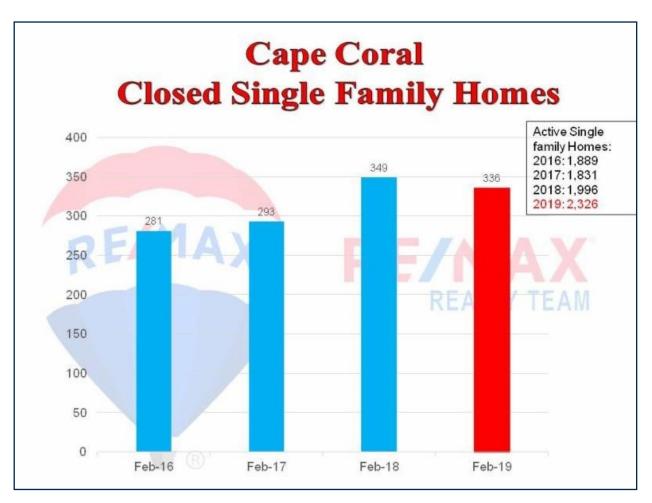
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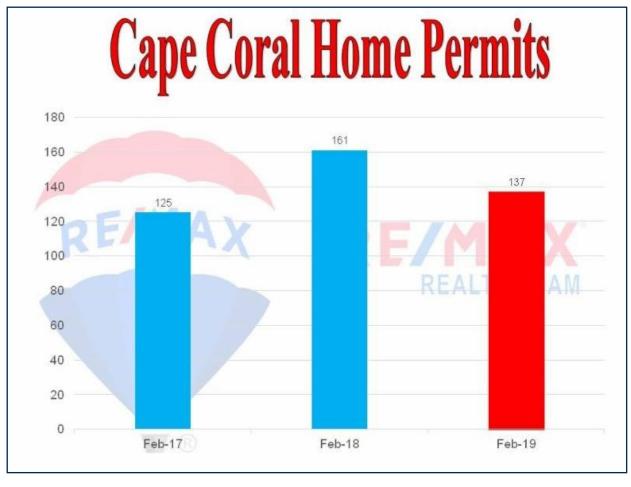
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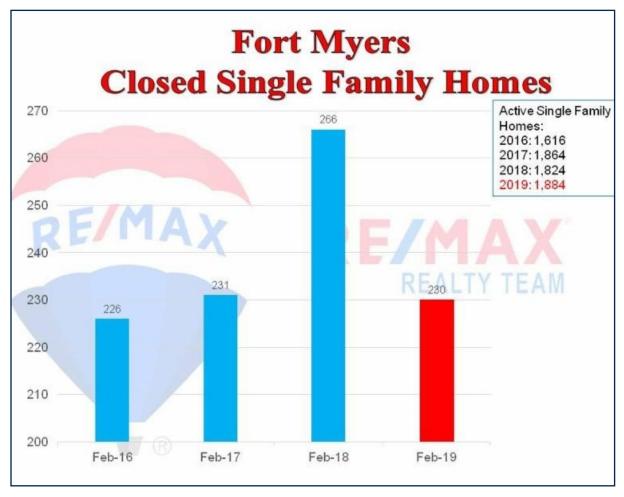
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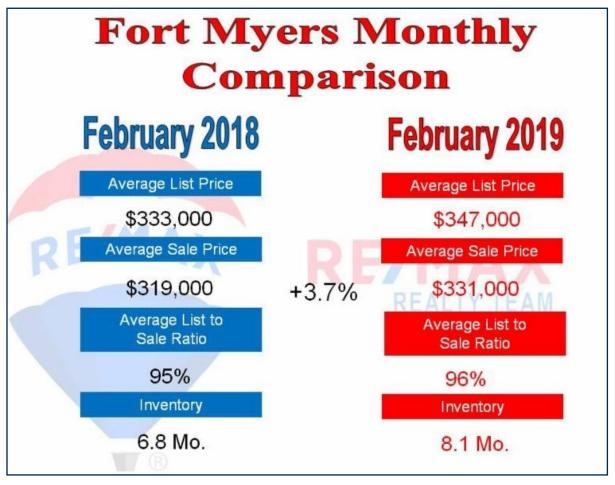


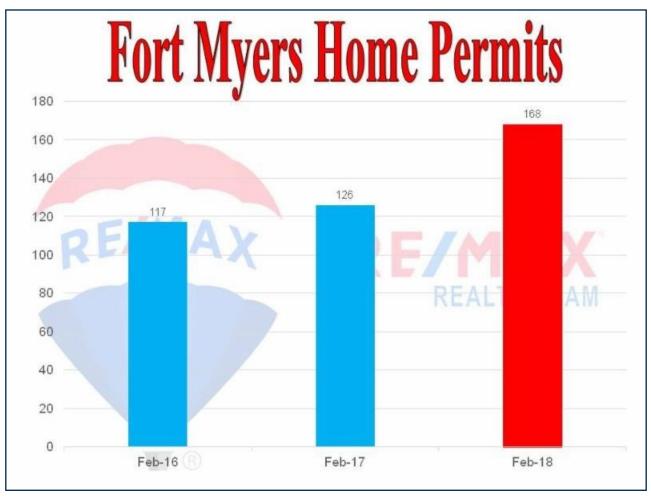














Market Characteristics

RE is perceived to be a high-risk investment

Home sale activity is at multi year

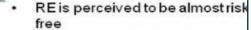
Construction activity is way down (multi year lows)

The economy is sluggish or severely depressed (high unemployment)

Mortgage financing is more

difficult to get Media is reporting stories of

doom and gloom Consumer confidence is low



- Home sale activity is at (or near) multi year highs
- New home construction is at or near multi year highs
- The economy is strong (unemployment is low and continues to fall)
- Mortgage financing is easy to obtain (fog mirror test)
- Media reporting how terrific everything is
- Consumer confidence is high

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With all good wishes,

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