





## My how things have changed

After two years of unprecedented growth in sales and rising prices, the market has shifted. Odds are you already know the market has slowed, but you want to know where the market is headed for the remainder of 2022.

Though nobody can predict the future, we can make an educated projection based on our knowledge of the immediate past and the market dynamics driving the Sarasota market. When I say "immediate past" I mean the past 60 days. The market shifted in mid-April 2022 (Easter). We are no longer in a frenzied boom market nationally or locally, but Florida and more specifically Sarasota are better positioned to weather the shift than much of the country.

Our goal is to provide you insight and advice so you can make better decisions in your real estate investments. We encourage you to take a few minutes to digest the data and corresponding perspectives within.



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## Big Picture—Nationally

Americans cannot help but be confused by the constant barrage of contradictory news, data, and forecasts on the housing market's future.

In the past two years we have witnessed incredibly strong consumer demand for housing combined with the most rapid housing price increases since the 1920s. Prices remain at record highs.



The pace of appreciation has slowed nationally and has actually seen pricing pullbacks in some other markets. Inventories remain at historical lows which helps to maintain the current price averages. Most, if not all, markets are finally seeing a significant increase of inventory which should balance out the supply / demand balance.

#### THE BAD (or Not so Good)

- Inflation will be with us for the upcoming future.
- Consumer Spending is stagnating as inflation erases gains.
- Supply chain issues will continue, resulting in continued building cost increases.
- Interest Rates along with higher home prices have reduced home buying power by 60+%.
- Demand for Vacation Homes has returned to Pre-pandemic levels.
- The stock market declined significantly back to January 2021 levels, impacting consumer confidence.
- Rental rates are still increasing due to a massive national shortage of rental inventory.
- Economists predict a slowing economy and possibly a moderate recession through 2023.

#### **GOOD FOR REAL ESTATE**

- Inflation should grow at a slower pace going forward. The worst should be over.
- Housing prices historically increase during inflationary times (just not as fast as inflation).
- People invest in hard assets like real estate during difficult or volatile times.
- Investors looking to expand their rental portfolios will do so due to the huge demand for rentals and the belief that overall values should hold steady (market dependent).
- Housing inventory is still at historically low levels, keeping price pressure up.
- Baby Boomers are still retiring at unprecedented rates and still want to move to their dream home.
- Many Gen-x and Millennials are investing in Real Estate to secure their future.

### Sarasota & Bradenton

Simply put: the sun is still shining on Sarasota! Our local region will weather the market shift better than most.

Why? Simple economics: Supply Vs Demand

Demand is slowing, but it is still phenomenal because such a large portion of our buyer pool is the retiring (or near retiring) baby boomers. Unlike younger generations, Boomers are less affected by mortgage rate increases and inflation than markets primarily comprised of younger generations.

Supply has risen significantly in the past quarter, but still remains at 50% below prepandemic levels. It will continue to increase, however is not expected to go back to pre-pandemic levels anytime in the foreseeable future. Prices have risen to a level forcing many if not most existing home owners to remain in their current homes which are affordable and within their existing budget.



#### DOES THAT MEAN OUR PRICES WILL ALL REMAIN HIGH?

So far the majority of price corrections have been against inflated asking prices, not against the underlying actual home value. How can this be when we see daily price reductions? Local asking prices surged upward on average 20% between January 1st and April 17th, 2022 (Easter) which was a faster pace than anytime in the prior two years. That 20% gain is being pulled back closer to average sold prices in early 2022.

Multiple offers and escalation clauses have mostly evaporated except on the "handful" of truly unique highest demand properties. Buyers are taking their time again, looking at multiple properties and making more aggressive offers with the intent of negotiating.

We will and are seeing price corrections today. Asking prices over the past quarter had become irrationally high as late-to-the-party sellers tried to capitalize on the market. Those who did not sell before the shift are experiencing 10% to 20% "asking" (List) price reductions. We believe much of the actual home value gains from 2020 and 2021 will remain firm, but the recent excessive asking prices will continue to pull back.

#### A RETURN TO NORMALCY

The level of demand in Sarasota / Bradenton today is similar to that of 2019 which was a great year by normal standards. The average price being paid today is comparable to those in early Q1 2022. Sellers who adjust their expectations will sell their homes and still reap the profits gained over the past several years, just not the unsustainable increases over the past few months.

Could we see further adjustments? Yes, but history tells us Americans want to live in beautiful locations like Sarasota / Bradenton. Supply vs Demand!

### Sarasota & Bradenton's Finest Homes



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## **SUPPLY**

### Single Family Homes "For Sale"

Sarasota & Manatee Counties - per Stellar MLS



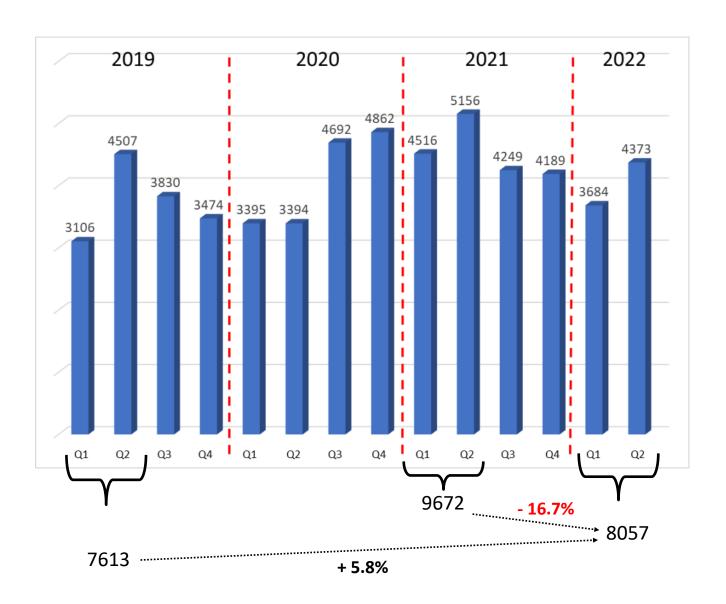
Still only 50% of the typical inventory that we saw on June 30th 2019

The biggest inventory gains have been in the \$2.5 Million plus segment which is nearing a balanced supply vs demand level. All segments below \$2.5 Million are still undersupplied.

Under \$500,000 is the most undersupplied segment with only 720 homes for sale which represents approximately 30% of the total homes for sale. In a pre-pandemic market we normally saw 60% of the total homes for sale being offered at \$500,000 or under. First time home buyers and affordability restricted buyers have very few choices and are not likely to see improvement over the coming months.

## **DEMAND - Sold & Closed**

Single Family Homes By Quarter - All Prices



The number of homes sold and closed in the first two (2) quarters of 2022 is down -16.7% from the same two (2) quarters of 2021. There is no question that both 2020 and 2021 were abnormal years.

The first two quarters of 2019 would be a better benchmark gauge of market momentum because it was a Pre-Covid normal year. 2019 was a strong year with a more normal or balanced market.

The first two (2) quarters of 2022 are up +5.8% compared to the first two (2) quarters of 2019. The takeaway being that so far "demand" is comparable to a strong normal market year like 2019.

# **DEMAND - Units Sold & Closed**

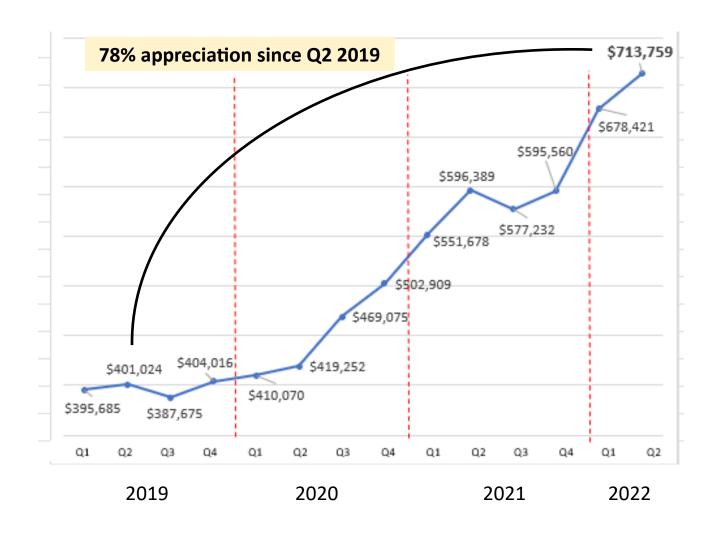
### **Single Family Homes**

Year to Date Comparison Thru 6/30		Sold & Closed				
	2019	6368	•			
Under \$500,000	2020	5574	-13%	The weakest segment. Dramatically		
	2021	6552	18%	reduced inventory resulted in far		
	2022	4007	-39%	fewer sales.		
	2019	1013	•	Strongest segment in terms of unit		
\$500K to \$1 Mil	2020	998	-1.5%	sales. Expected to continue growing		
	2021	2158	116%	inventory can keep up with demand.		
	2022	3106	44%			
•	2019	286	•	Nearly identical number of units		
\$1 Mil to	2020	245	-14%	sold as the same time a year ear-		
\$2.5 Mil	2021	724	196%	lier, but still more than double		
	2022	731	1%	2019 and 2020.		
•	2019	41	•	Homes "for sale" over \$2.5 Mil		
Above \$2.5 mi	2020	51	24%	increased by 37% while sales re-		
	2021	215	322%	mained constant resulting in increas-		
	2022	214	-0.5%	ing inventory and days on the market.		
•	2019	7708	•			
Combined Totals	2020	6868	-11%	2022 is shaping up to be a strong		
	2021	9649	41%	year. Homes sold are down year over year, but still well ahead of pre-		
	2021	8058	-17%	pandemic years.		
	2022	0030	1770	pandenno yearo.		

# **Average Sold Price**

### **Single Family Homes**

Sarasota & Manatee Counties - per Stellar MLS



#### Phenomenal appreciation!

We expect significant reduction in price appreciation going forward, but that does not mean we will see a reduction in the actual underlying home values.

Without question the bar has been raised in Sarasota as more buyers from the Northeastern US and Southeastern Florida purchase higher end homes here.

6/30/201	9 \$	401,02	4	
6/30/202	0 \$	419,24	2	5%
6/30/202	1 \$	596,38	9	43%
6/30/202	2 \$	713,75	9	20%

## Sarasota & Bradenton's most spectacular Condominiums







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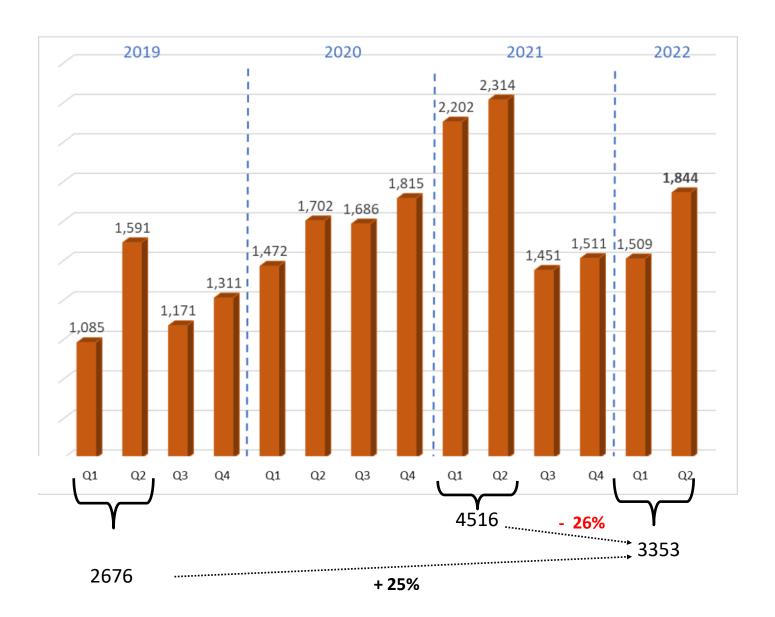
### Condominiums & Townhomes "For Sale"



Condominium inventory has not increased as aggressively as single family inventory. It has improved but has continued to struggle keeping up with demand. As a result we are seeing a stronger Seller's Market for Condos. New construction is still well behind demand, especially in the low to moderate price points. Inventory is expected to continue rising but more slowly than single family.

## **DEMAND - Sold & Closed**

#### **Condominiums & Townhomes**



Condominiums sold far fewer units year-to-date in 2022 than last year, but similar to Single Family Homes the pace of sales far exceeds 2019. The first two quarters of 2019 would be a better benchmark gauge of market momentum because it was a Pre-Covid normal year. 2019 was a strong year with a more balanced market.

Condo sales are harder to track and analyze due to huge swings when new projects are completed. Such is evidenced a year ago in the first half of 2021 when numerous projects completed at a wide variety of price points.

Regardless, sales have slowed due to a lack of inventory even taking New Projects into consideration.

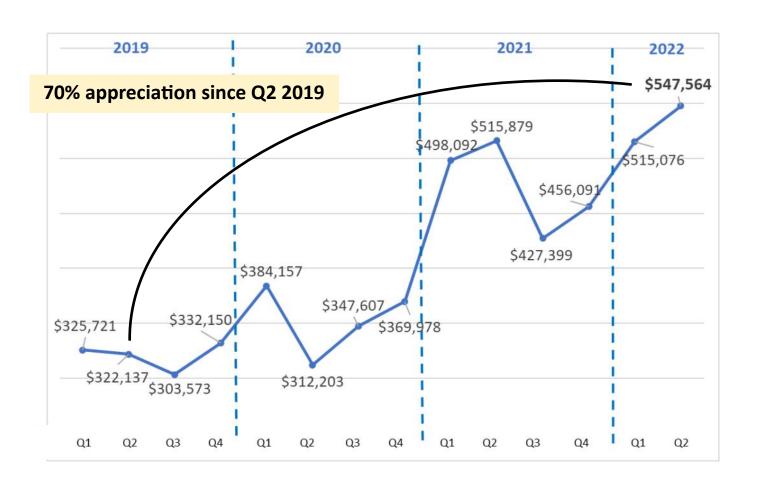
## **DEMAND - Sold & Closed**

### **Condominiums & Townhomes**

Year to Date Comparison Thru 6/30		Sold & Closed			
Under \$500,000	2019	2271	· ·		
	2020	2124	-7%	Dramatically undersupplied inventory resulted in far fewer sales.	
	2021	3435	62%		
	2022	2366	-31%		
	2019	308	•		
\$500K to \$1 Mil	2020	336	9%	Solid resale activity and demand but renough new construction options to	
	2021	705	110%		
	2022	658	-7%	keep up with demand at this price.	
•	2019	84	•	The condo market sweet spot, espe-	
\$1 Mil to	2020	129	54%	cially for new constriction. Continued	
\$2.5 Mil	2021	240	86%	growth anticipated as new projects	
	2022	269	12%	come to market.	
•	2019	13	•	The high-end luxury segment is driven	
Above	2020	11	-15%	by new projects This number will	
\$2.5 mi	2021	151	1273%	recover when the current construction	
	2022	61	-60%	projects are completed.	
•	2019	2676	•	The <b>–26%</b> decline in sold units is mis-	
Combined Totals	2019	2600	-3%	leading because supply is still well be-	
	2021	4531	74%	low demand. Four out of five multiple	
	2021	3354	-26%	offer situations today are in the condo segment. Demand is strong.	

# **Average Sold Price**

#### **Condominiums & Townhomes**



70% appreciation since June 30, 2019

Though we expect a reduction in the pace of resale condo price appreciation going forward, we still expect condos to appreciate because supply is not keeping up with demand.

We will see upward spikes in average prices as large currently under construction new projects come to completion and closure in 2023.

The condo market is still substantially undersupplied.

6/30/2019	\$322,137	
6/30/2020	\$312,203	- 3%
6/30/2021	\$515,879	65%
6/30/2022	\$547,564	6%

### Will we return to a "normal" market?

Overall the market is still strong. 2022 is shaping up to look more like 2019 than anytime during the pandemic. Looking back at 2019 we saw a constant demand primarily driven by retiring baby boomers combined with a growing population of millennials. The baby boomers are still retiring and still coming to Florida. The millennials will struggle with higher prices and interest rates more than the boomers, thus risking a pullback in millennial demand over the coming months.

Buyers will have increasing choice giving them the luxury of considering options and negotiating offers. Seller expectations have to shift as they come to grips with the fact that multiple offers are less likely and buyers are demanding more favorable terms. Days on the market are increasing. So far it is still very low comparative to a normal market like 2019, but it is increasing.

Today's Buyer is pushing back against overpriced homes. As a result homes that are even 5% to 10% overpriced are not selling unless they are an ultra desirable unicorn. What a change from a few months ago when multiple offers and escalation clauses were pushing prices well above list price. Sounds like a more normal market.

Does this mean the market bubble has burst? NO. Does this mean prices in Sarasota / Bradenton are going to drop? NO. Buyers are still willing to pay a fair dollar for a nice home in excellent condition. Many economists predict continued inventory shortages and some continued price appreciation for Florida. Others project a flat market or even moderate pull back. Nobody knows for sure. What we do know is that we live in a highly desirable location where people want to be.

All said, we cannot stick our head in the sand ignoring the market shift. The frenzied market is history, and it has been replaced with a more normal market. That can change. Real estate is highly influenced by consumer confidence, stock market, world events and politics. The balance of 2022 has the potential to be volatile, so the best advice I can offer you today is to pay close attention to real trends and non-biased news. As a society we are too influenced by social media reporting which is totally biased and in the vast majority of cases driven by a personal agenda of the person or organization presenting it.

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