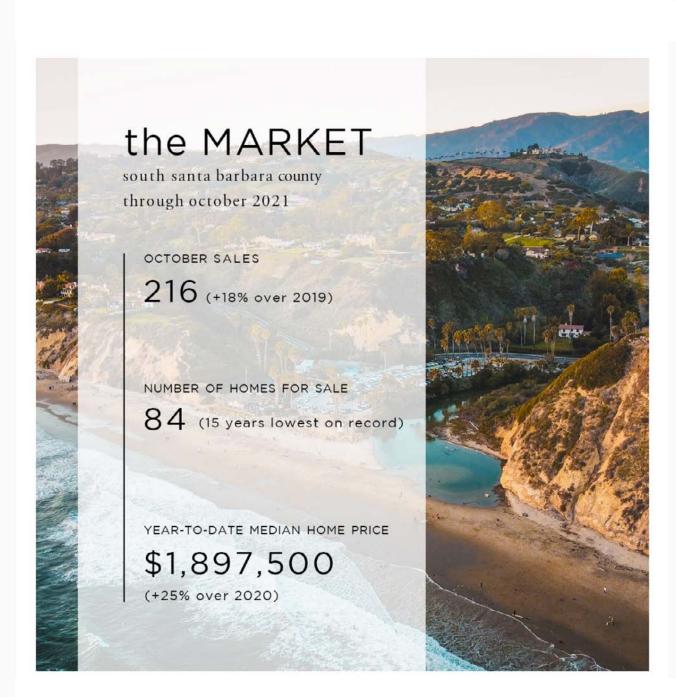
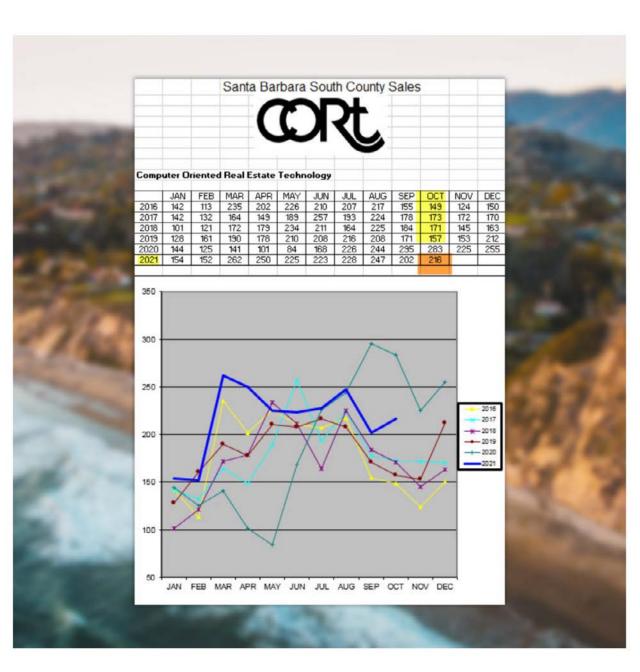


As we approach the holidays, Knight Real Estate Group is pleased to present this Special Report to update you on the current market conditions in the Santa Barbara area. You may have heard that, throughout the U.S., the real estate market appears to be cooling off. While that may be true for some areas, the statistics paint a different story for Santa Barbara County.

October 2021 posted the highest home sale number on record for the month, with the exception of last year and what we are calling "the COVID affect" in real estate, which fundamentally changed how people live and work in their homes. Compared to 2019, October sales were 18% higher. Clearly the demand for real estate is still very strong as we head into the winter selling season.





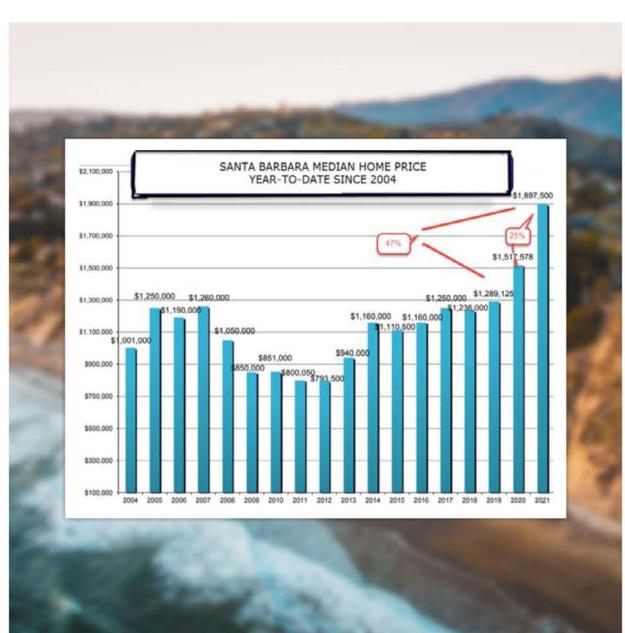
Conversely, the number of homes offered for sale during the month of October was the lowest on record for the past 15 years, according to Multiple Listing Service (MLS) statistics. While it is not unusual for the number of homes offered for sale to decrease as the holidays approach, the lack of available inventory is putting an added strain on the market. On average, homes are selling in just 18-days, compared to 57-days on market at

this same time last year.

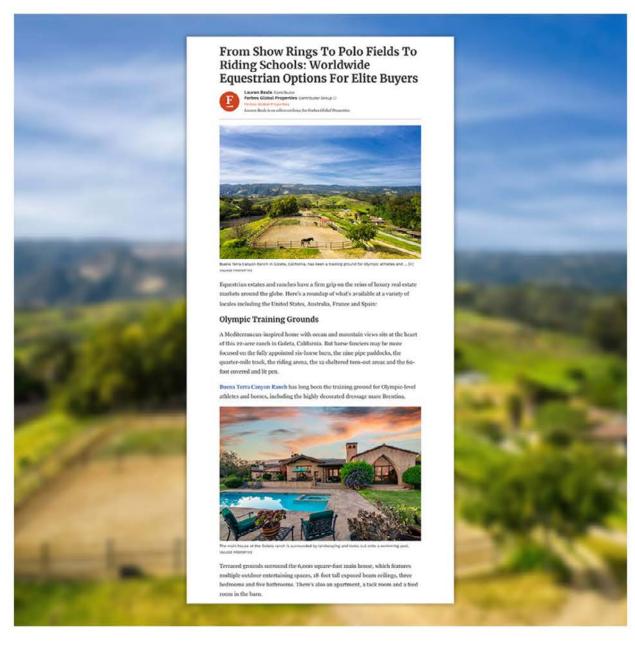


The Year-To-Date 2021 median home price as reported by the MLS shows an increase of 25% over 2020. Compared to 2019, the rise has been 47% - a staggering 2-year increase. It's important to note that the median home price had been pretty flat for about six years prior to 2019. While the market was arguably due for an increase after remaining sluggish for so long, we believe the COVID affect made the rise more dramatic.

As we head into November, extremely low inventory and strong buyer demand will continue to drive our market. Prices should continue to rise into 2022.



In other news, we are delighted to share that our partner, Forbes Global Properties, wrote a <u>roundup of coveted equestrian properties</u> from a variety of locales including the United States, Australia, France and Spain. Our new offering - <u>Buena Terra Canyon Ranch</u> - topped their list. We would be delighted to arrange a private tour of this magnificent coastal ranch for you. Please give us a call for more information or visit our website.



May your Thanksgiving and all the days ahead be filled with happiness, joy and prosperity. Thank you for your continued partnership with us at Knight Real Estate Group!