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O Mary, our Mother and Queen,  
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the people of Ave Maria—  
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Wrap every household in your mantle of peace.  
Guide our families in faith,  
strengthen our friendships with grace,  
and protect our community from all harm,  
both spiritual and physical.

Lord Jesus Christ, Sacred Heart burning with love,  
bless the work of our hands,  
the roads we travel,  
the dreams we carry.  
Make this place a haven of hospitality,  
a witness to truth, and a light for the world.

May Ave Maria always reflect Heaven's beauty:  
where faith is lived,  
hope is shared,  
and love is never in short supply.

Amen.

The Prayer Request for the Month of July is all  
of the residents of Ave Maria Florida.



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# WELCOME TO

# AVE MARIA

Ave Maria, Florida, is a unique town founded by Tom Monaghan, the founder of Domino's Pizza, in 2007. Monaghan envisioned a community that would reflect his Catholic faith and values, creating a place where residents could live, work, and worship in a setting deeply infused with Christian principles. The town's name, "Ave Maria," is derived from the traditional Catholic prayer, symbolizing the community's spiritual foundation.



Monaghan's motivation for founding Ave Maria stemmed from his desire to create an ideal community that promoted a wholesome lifestyle, emphasizing family, education, and faith. After selling Domino's, he sought a way to contribute to the Catholic community and address what he perceived as a cultural decline. The town was designed to be a center for Catholic education and culture, anchored by Ave Maria University, which focuses on a liberal arts curriculum grounded in Catholic teachings.

Culturally, Ave Maria embodies a blend of traditional values and modern living. The town features charming architecture reminiscent of small-town America, with a focus on walkability and communal spaces. Residents enjoy various community events, such as festivals and markets, fostering a close-knit atmosphere. The influence of the university is palpable, as it hosts cultural events, lectures, and activities that engage both students and locals. Overall, Ave Maria serves as a vibrant example of a community striving to uphold and celebrate its values in today's world.



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WHAT IS

# AVE RIDES

Ave Rides is the premier transportation solution for Ave Maria, Florida, founded by Savohn Hunt in 2022 to address the community's essential transportation needs. Recognizing a significant gap in reliable options, Savohn aimed to enhance mobility and connectivity for residents. This service was born from a desire to create a dependable means of transportation that would ease daily commutes and foster greater community interaction.



Savohn's journey to establishing Ave Rides is deeply personal. Before launching his business, he and his wife faced financial challenges, living paycheck to paycheck while expecting their first child. This pivotal moment motivated him to take a leap of faith and build a venture that could provide for his growing family. His time at Ave Maria University not only equipped him with crucial skills but also instilled a strong sense of community and values, shaping his vision for Ave Rides.



As Savohn puts it, "Ave Rides is my way of helping serve the community that has had such an impact on my life." Through this service, he aims to enhance the quality of life for his neighbors while reinforcing the values of service and connection that Ave Maria embodies. By offering a reliable transportation option, Savohn is not just building a business; he is nurturing a cohesive community where residents can thrive and support one another.



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# HAPPY 20TH

# AVE MARIA

In the heart of Collier County lies a town that defies expectations. It doesn't sprawl like Naples or bustle like Fort Myers. Instead, Ave Maria feels like a place out of time—yet perfectly rooted in today. And in 2025, it turns 20.

Founded in 2005 by Tom Monaghan—the visionary behind Domino's Pizza—Ave Maria was built on a radical idea: create a town that reflects and supports Catholic values, family life, and intentional community living. That dream, once seen as audacious, now thrives as one of Florida's fastest-growing communities.

Today, Ave Maria boasts over 5,300 homes sold, a bustling Town Center, its own university, and more than a dozen neighborhoods connected by winding trails, shimmering lakes, and golf-cart-friendly streets. Ave Maria University, the town's spiritual and intellectual heart, continues to draw students from across the country to its faith-based liberal arts programs. The Oratory, a striking church modeled after European cathedrals, stands at the center—both literally and symbolically.

As Ave Maria enters its third decade, growth shows no signs of slowing. New retail development—including Midtown Plaza—is underway, alongside plans for additional parks, schools, and community spaces. But if you ask residents what makes this town special, they don't point to what's being built. They talk about what's been preserved: a deep sense of purpose, connection, and peace.



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# AVE MARIA

## MUST-DO'S

In Ave Maria, there's no shortage of must-do experiences that immerse you in the town's vibrant culture and sense of community. Stroll through the bustling town center, where lively events and gatherings showcase local talent and foster connections among residents. The blend of charming architecture, community spirit, and artistic expression creates a welcoming atmosphere that invites exploration. Engage with the friendly locals, enjoy seasonal festivals, and savor the unique flavors that highlight the area's rich cultural tapestry. Ave Maria truly offers a warm and engaging experience that captures the heart of this delightful community.

### > VISIT THE AVE MARIA WATERPARK



If you're visiting or living in Ave Maria, the Ave Maria Water Park is a must-visit spot for fun and relaxation, offering a refreshing escape from the Florida heat. With a resort-style pool, thrilling water slides, and a splash pad for kids, it's perfect for families, friends, and individuals of all ages. Whether you want to swim, lounge, or enjoy a day of outdoor excitement, the water park provides a great way to unwind and make lasting memories in the heart of Ave Maria.

### > PIZZA AT OIL WELL



If you haven't tried Oil Well's new pizza from their food truck, you're seriously missing out—it's wood-fired, locally loved, and packed with flavor. They often sell out fast, so if you want a slice, you've got to beat the crowd. Get there early and treat yourself to what might be the best pizza on wheels in Southwest Florida.

### > Pokemon Tournament @ Wayout Games



If you're a Pokémon fan in Ave Maria, don't miss the weekly action at Way Out Toys & Games! Every Tuesday at 6:30 PM, join the fast-paced Pokémon Pack Wars—a bingo-style game where, for just \$20, you receive three booster packs to play and keep, with four rounds of exciting prizes. Whether you're a seasoned trainer or new to the game, it's a fun and welcoming way to connect with the local Pokémon community.







# AVE MARIA

## MARKET UPDATE

After years of skyrocketing prices, Southwest Florida's housing market is cooling—with signs most evident in Ave Maria, Collier County, and particularly Cape Coral. Q1 2025 data shows median single-family prices in SWFL dropped 11%, condos 10%—with high-end sales slowing most sharply. In Collier County specifically, affordability slipped ( $HAI \approx 0.85$ ), while adjacent Lee and Charlotte counties saw modest improvements.

For years, the phrase "Florida real estate" was synonymous with red-hot bidding wars, skyrocketing prices, and homes flying off the market in hours. But now, in mid-2025, the tide is turning—especially in Southwest Florida.

According to the latest reports from Florida Gulf Coast University's Regional Economic Research Institute, median home prices in Fort Myers and Cape Coral have dropped by 7%–11% year over year. Days on market have increased significantly, and the frantic pace of buying has given way to something rare in recent years: buyer leverage.

Even in Ave Maria, where demand remains strong, the signs are clear. Redfin data shows homes now average 77 days on the market—up from just 56 a year ago. While the median sale price hovers around \$460K, we're seeing more seller concessions, price reductions, and opportunities for negotiation. This is particularly encouraging for first-time buyers and families who were previously priced out.

What's behind the shift? A mix of high interest rates, insurance spikes, increased construction, and a natural cooling after years of frenzied growth. Cape Coral—once the poster child of boomtown Florida—is now seeing inventory pile up and prices fall faster than anywhere else in the U.S., according to The Wall Street Journal.

For savvy buyers, now is the time to act. With more inventory, less competition, and motivated sellers, the second half of 2025 could be your best chance to own a piece of paradise at a reasonable price.

📍 Explore the data:

- [Redfin – Ave Maria](#)
- [FGCU Market Report](#)





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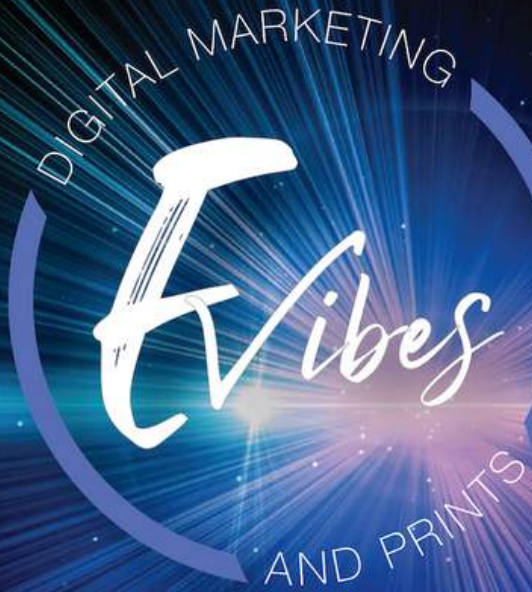


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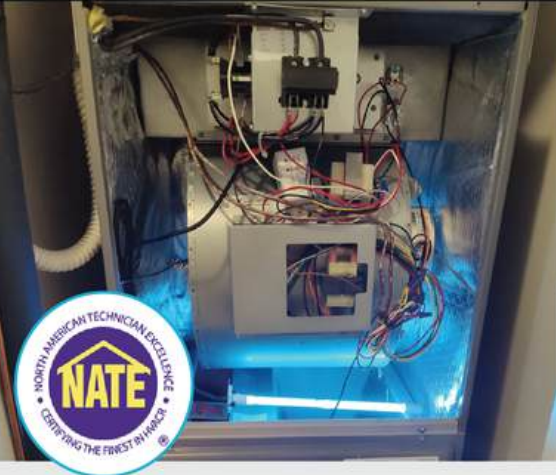




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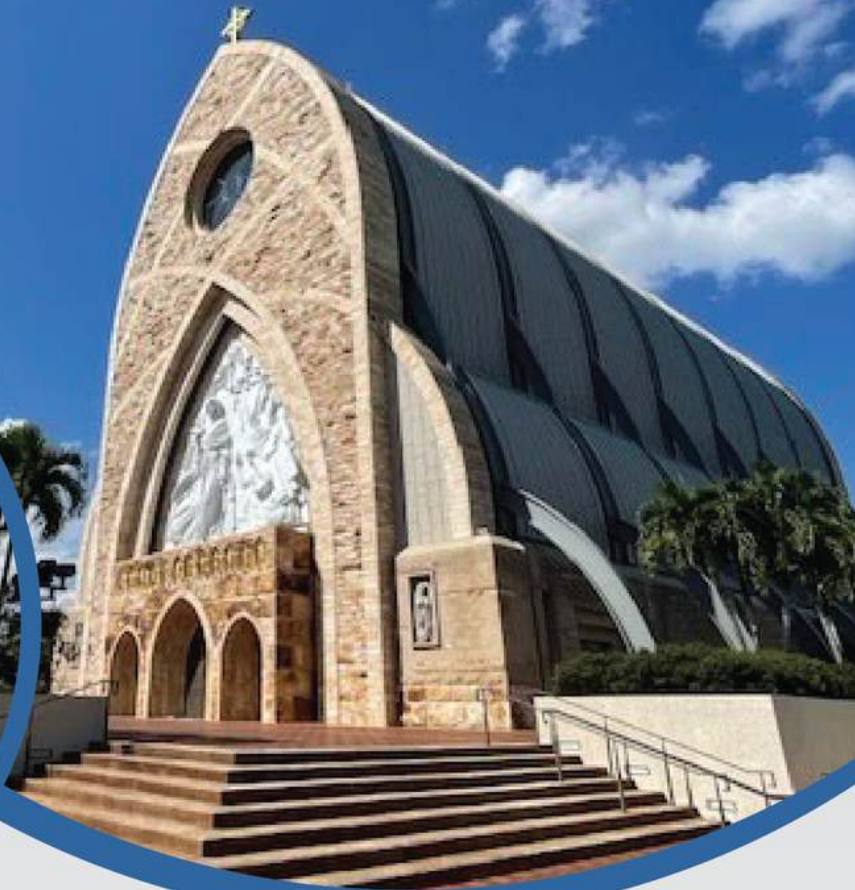
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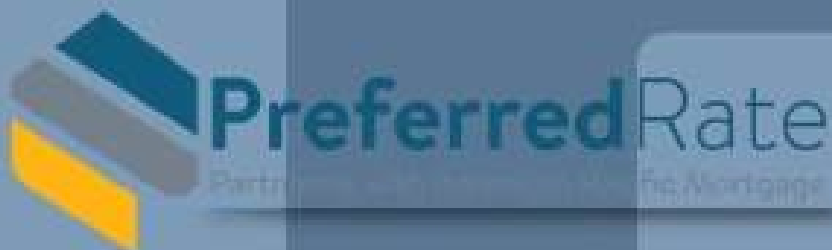
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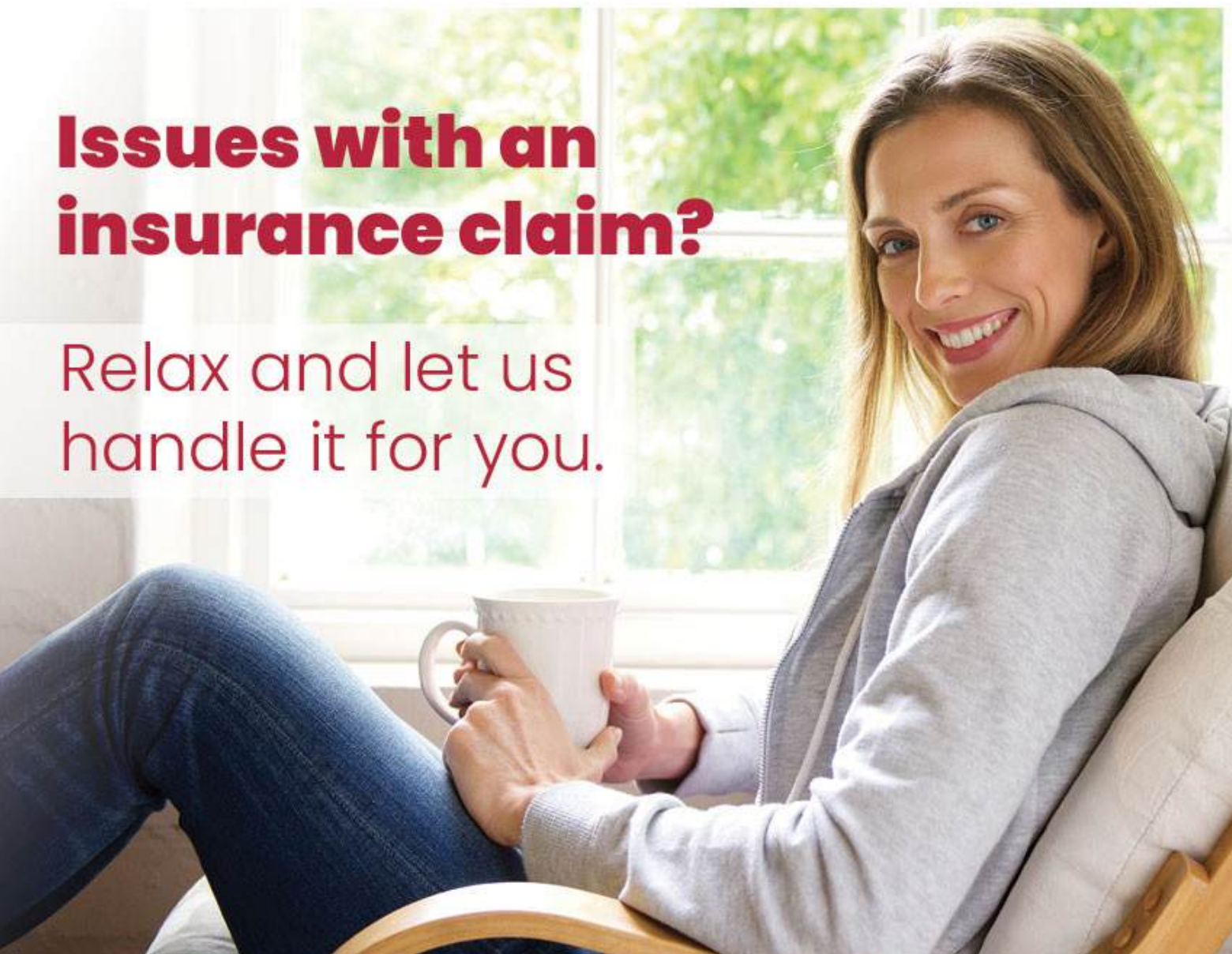
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10:30 A.M. (MUSIC)

## AVE MARIA PARISH

### MONDAY-FRIDAY

8:00 A.M.  
12:00 P.M.  
5:00 P.M.

### SATURDAY

9:00 A.M.  
5:00 P.M. (VIGIL MASS)

### SUNDAY

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10:00 A.M.  
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# AVE RIDES IS

## CELEBRATING 3 YEAR IN BUSINESS

Three years ago, Savohn Hunt launched Ave Rides with one goal: provide reliable, trustworthy transportation to the town he called home. What started as a one-man operation with a car and a dream has become a cornerstone of Ave Maria life.

Since June 2022, Ave Rides has completed over 2,600 rides, added golf cart rentals, launched an app and website, and built a loyal following of students, residents, and visiting families. Whether it's a shuttle to RSW, a last-minute trip to Mass, or a wedding drop-off in town, Ave Rides is known not just for service—but for showing up with heart.

To celebrate its third birthday, the company hosted a \$300 giveaway, asking customers to leave a review and submit a screenshot. Dozens of grateful riders shared stories—about rides to the hospital, surprise engagements made possible by an airport pickup, and more. One review simply read: "In a town where everyone knows everyone, Ave Rides is family."

With new features coming to the app, advertising options for local businesses, and another 3,000 rides in sight, the road ahead looks promising. But the spirit remains the same: serve the people, stay rooted, and always answer the call.

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# SAVOHN'S

# FAVORITES

"Savohn's Favorites" highlights the vibrant lifestyle of Southwest Florida, featuring Ave Maria, Naples, Fort Myers, and beyond. Each month, Savohn shares top picks for must-try eateries, hidden parks, unique shops, and community events, encouraging readers to explore and connect with the area's charm and diversity. This engaging guide invites residents and visitors to discover new favorite spots and celebrate the unique aspects of the region.

For the Month of July, we will be covering Savohn's Favorite Coffee Shops

## > SUMMERMoon COFFEE - FORT MYERS



Summer Moon Coffee in Fort Myers offers a unique coffee experience, featuring oak-roasted beans prepared using traditional methods and their signature Moon Milk—a sweet cream blend that adds a distinctive flavor to their drinks. The café provides a cozy atmosphere with free Wi-Fi, pet-friendly outdoor seating, and a welcoming environment suitable for both work and relaxation. Located at 14261 S. Tamiami Trail, it's a perfect spot to enjoy handcrafted beverages and fresh pastries in a comfortable setting.

## > DOWNTOWN COFFEE AND WINE COMPANY - BONITA SPRINGS



Downtown Coffee and Wine Company in Bonita Springs offers a charming blend of artisan coffee, curated wines, and locally sourced small plates in a relaxed, pet-friendly setting. Located in the heart of historic downtown, it's an ideal spot for everything from a morning espresso to an evening glass of wine. With a cozy atmosphere and a menu featuring unique items like the Prosciutto & Goat Sammy and Lavender Lemonade, it's a local favorite for both residents and visitors alike.

## > FOXTAIL COFFEE



Foxtail Coffee in Naples offers a cozy and inviting atmosphere just minutes from the beach, making it a perfect stop whether you're working remotely or catching up with friends. Guests love the rich espresso flavors and friendly service, often highlighting the wide variety of drink options and the café's relaxed, welcoming vibe. Conveniently located on Immokalee Road, it's an ideal destination for locals and visitors looking for high-quality coffee in a comfortable and accessible setting.





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