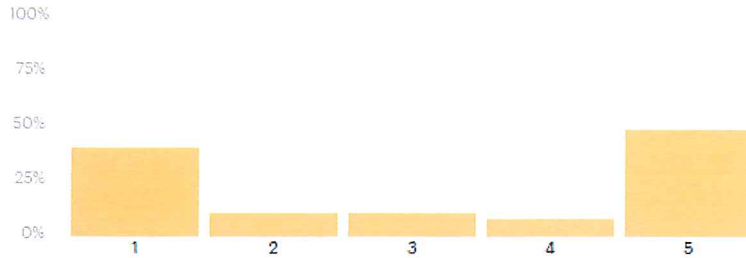


# Survey Results

Answer Key: 1 - Disagree / 5 - Strongly Agree

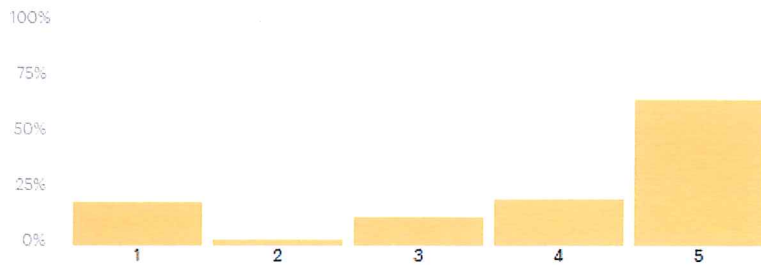
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Question 2 has 151 answers (Range) Avg rating: 3.9



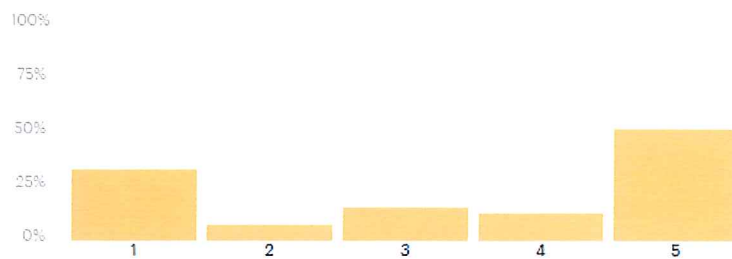
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Question 3 has 149 answers (Range) Avg rating: 3.4



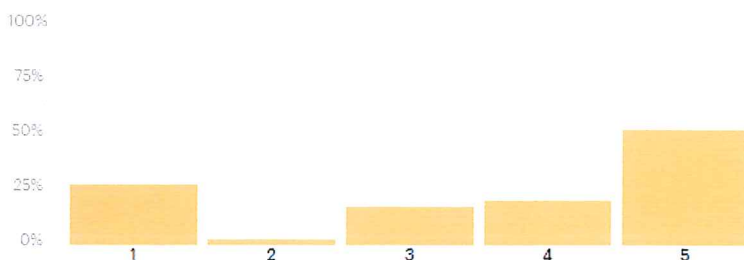
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Question 4 has 153 answers (Range) Avg rating: 3.6



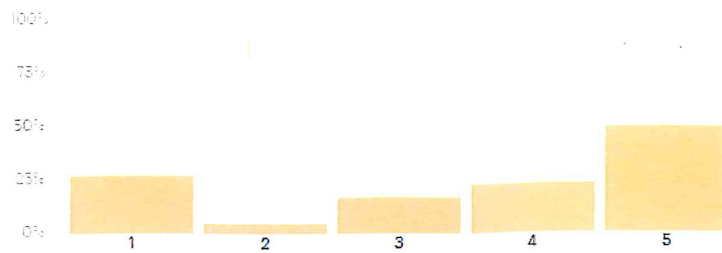
"Estate Sales may be held with 7 days advance notice to OBPOA."



Question 5 has 152 answers (Range) Avg rating: 3.5



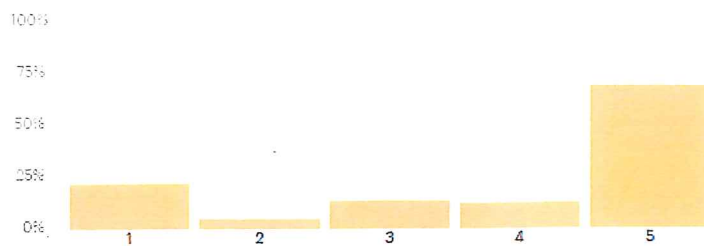
**"Only two signs allowed on the property, size limited, from 24 hours before start to 8 pm on the last day of the sale."**



Question 6 has 151 answers (Range) Avg rating: 3.8



**"No imported items from outside the home. All sales limited to the Old Braeswood household/personal items."**



Question 7 has 152 answers (Range) Avg rating: 3.1



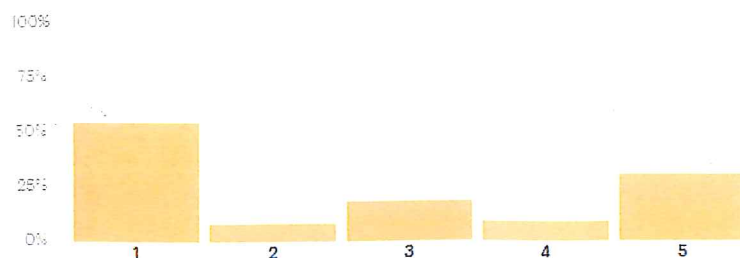
**"If there are traffic complaints from neighbors, the owner will be contacted and may be told to shut down early; the Patrol may be asked to visit to inform hosts of a violation."**



Question 8 has 153 answers (Range) Avg rating: 2.6



**"On-premise security should be required during a sale event."**



### Question 9: Open Answers

**“Please provide any additional comments concerning estate sales and garage sales in the space below.”**

1-a) [REDACTED] said: "I already completed the questions above, so don't count my responses again. After submitting my answers I thought of a suggestion. A specific day should be set up for the sales, at least garage sales. For example, the Saturday preceding heavy trash pickup. That way anything not sold could be put out for trash pickup. This also allows the security patrol to be scheduled in advance. Thank for considering this suggestion. "

1-b) Unknown contact said: "These really don't happen all that often. To my knowledge safety/need for police has not been an issue. "

1-c) Unknown contact said: "Sale should be limited to two days only"

1-d) Unknown contact said: "For estate sales, they should be permitted ONLY if the resident really is downsizing, moving or in the event of death. Neighbors know what is happening. We just don't want people running a pseudo-business out of their home selling things. One estate sale a year is way too many! If the estate company brings in other things to sell, it shouldn't matter to anyone else as long as excess things are not displayed in the front yard looking junky. For garage sales, I would much prefer we had a community garage sale with people bringing things to the park (buying a table and raising POA funds) or marking their house as selling goods. We did this once before-- and it was fun--had a map of participating homes--It builds community and the neighborhood is overrun only on one weekend.--annually should be enough. I know some residents hate the whole idea, but I don't like the idea of too many garage sales all the time either. Downside is someone would have to organize it."

1-e) Unknown contact said: "It might be great to have a neighborhood garage sale at the park that would reduce the number of sales in the neighborhood if that was a concern."

1-f) Unknown contact said: "Estate sales only when a resident/owner passes away. Not “once a year”. Only true “estate sales”. No garage sales. Limit to three days, security on site. "

1-g) Unknown contact said: "Terrible survey structure. If one's first answer is strongly agree that sales should be prohibited then it is impossible to know how to answer the remaining. "

1-h) Unknown contact said: "Estate sales in the neighborhood have not been a problem, as far as I know, but I wish there had been an option to say no estate sales. However, a maximum of one per year. "

i-i) Unknown contact said: "If restricted to one per year, I don't see why we should have any traffic complaint process. That just allows disagreeable neighbors to interfere."

1-j) Unknown contact said: "Having one “garage sale day” for the whole neighborhood would keep signs and traffic problems down to a single day per year. People have got to be able to have estate sales. Having had to close down two homes when my parents and my in-laws died, I can't imagine exactly what I would have done if I couldn't have had an estate sale in their neighborhoods. And just because Old Braeswood is a nice neighborhood doesn't mean that peoples' children/executors have the cash flow to hire outside companies to deal with a house full of stuff, or hire outside security for their estate sale. "



1-k) Unknown contact said: "Happy to have clarity about garage & estate sales it has been so mis-understood in the past"

1-l) Unknown contact said: "It seems logical to have set weekends for garage sales. For example, two weekends a year and people can go around the neighborhood and meet their neighbors. This creating significant problems seems unlikely. "

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1-r) Unknown contact said: "1. I suggest Box 1 be Strongly Disagree as you have Box 5 as Strongly Agree. 2. What does box 2, 3, and 4 represent? This should be defined for fairness. 3. Some of the questions posed contain multiple parts. It is difficult to answer as I may agree with one part and disagree with another. Also, clarification is needed as limits may be set, but are not defined in the statements/questions. 4. Using a term like, "Most quality neighborhoods in Houston" is purely subjective. Definition is lacking. "

1-s) Unknown contact said: "Either it is a yes or no. Why ask all the other questions as if it might be ok. "

1-t) Unknown contact said: "Questions are poorly worded. Disagree response on restrictions means t people should have freedom to conduct the business as they see appropriate without approval/interference from neighborhood. "

1-u) Unknown contact said: "Don't think garage sales should be allowed at all and if allowed only the individuals stuff "

1-v) Unknown contact said: "Neither has been an issue in OB, let neighbors do as they please"

a) [REDACTED] "We suffered through a 3 day estate sale about 9 years ago. It clearly represented several estates given the long lines and traffic/ parking issues. Our driveway was blocked twice and our front yard and surrounding areas were littered with food and beverage containers. "

b) [REDACTED] said: "I'm all for limiting sales to one per year per household but some things are just too picky to be enforceable like sales being limited to OB household items...i.e. so my best friend who is helping me can't bring her things over? I think the most fun and community building thing to do would be to have a neighborhood wide garage sale once a year. There are ways to make this fun and lighthearted and a community building event. Kids could set up lemonade stands at the park or in their own driveways to raise money for charities. OB could pay for extra SEAL patrol if the need was felt. We've personally had 2 or 3 garage sales in the early days of living here. The last one was a fundraising event for The Smile Train. I remember our neighbors all getting together and having a joint sale in one neighbor's garage and driveway many years ago. It was great fun and such a bonding experience. Should we be mindful and responsible and safety minded? Yes, of course! But I really think we need to find creative ways to work around the fears that can easily be generated and instead focus on what good can come out of events like this. "

c) [REDACTED] said: "I think this is well outside of your authority to regulate. "

c-1) [REDACTED] said: "I grew up in a tony neighborhood. Garage sales were allowed. They're practical. They're good for the environment. Estate sales are a necessity. The HOA needs to remember that it is a voluntary association and here to help support the community—not police residents so closely. Let people have garage and estate sales. Trust your neighbors and act like it."

d) [REDACTED] "I do not think there is a correlation between estate and garage sales and criminal activity. Actually the suggestion as such sounds pretty judgmental about the type of "people" you assume come to these. I have lived in many areas that allowed them and have yet to ever see a problem. If you want to limit it to one per year, that's great, as someone shouldn't be commercializing their property running a resale business out of their home. However, I have never seen this happen as it would be an incredibly bad way to generate revenue for the household based on the premise that items are usually sold below value. Additionally, the idea that someone could shut down a sale because someone complained there were too many people parking on the street is, in my opinion, ridiculous. Are we going to say we can shut down someone hosting a charity gala or holiday party at their house because too many people are parking on the street? What if a neighbor doesn't like the person living next to them and just decides to call and complain to shut down their sale. It's one day, you can deal with it. Garage and estate sales just don't happen that often, this shouldn't be an issue, if it becomes one, then we should reconvene and discuss remedies. "

e) [REDACTED] said: "In principle, no problem with SOME restrictions on sales. The proposed/existing restrictions seem too stringent (unsightly large trash already exists on pickup weeks). Lastly, the issue about traffic complaints & on-premise security seem very far over the line of what the POA should be doing."

f) Unknown contact said: "These really don't happen all that often. To my knowledge safety/need for police has not been an issue. "

g) [REDACTED] said: "all estate sales and garage sales should be prohibited. Neighbors are not adhering to rules, and the traffic, noise, etc. are a nuisance to the overall neighborhood."

h) [REDACTED] "Some of the options are unclear. One example is in "If there are traffic complaints....visit to inform hosts of a violation". Based on these options, I'm not sure what a violation would be. Regardless, the prohibition of sales on a persons property should



not only be continued but enforced. This has not been the case, even after bringing these problems to the attention of officials of the association."

i) [REDACTED] said: "We should discourage garage sale."

j) [REDACTED] "I do not want garage sales or estate sales in Old Braeswood. "

k) [REDACTED] said: "Construction crews park everywhere for months. There is no reason to limit sale parking."

l) [REDACTED] said: "No garage sales, ever. Rare, occasional estate sales should be allowed for moving and/or death."

m) [REDACTED] said: "I don't think yard/garage sales will cause enough traffic (vehicular or pedestrian) to need security and SEAL patrol. The rest of the City allows it without resorting to these controls."

n) [REDACTED] said: "Yard, Garage and estate sales are typically things most people enjoy in some way or another. As for traffic, blocked driveways, etc, we have had our driveway compromised many times by parties or events held by neighbors. This is usually not a problem if the courtesy of advance notice is given."

o) [REDACTED] said: "If you limit the estate sales to one estate sale per year per household, I think you should do the same with garage sales. I don't think garage sales should be held inside or in someone's back yard. Limit the garage sale times. I'm not really concerned about the traffic, because there is already enough traffic through the neighborhood with people cutting through to the major thoroughfares (Holcombe, Greenbriar, Kirby, etc.). If you don't want garage sales, then maybe have the opportunity for a "neighborhood" or "community" garage sale once a year."

p) [REDACTED] said: "I grew up in a tony neighborhood. Garage sales were allowed. They're practical. They're good for the environment. Estate sales are a necessity. The HOA needs to remember that it is a voluntary association and here to help support the community—not police residents so closely. Let people have garage and estate sales. Trust your neighbors and act like it."

q) [REDACTED] said: "I have failed to notice all of the garage sales that apparently the HOA Board has noticed. The only ones that I am familiar with have been estate sales which are very rare in this neighborhood."

r) [REDACTED] "Too much restriction on personal freedom. "

s) [REDACTED] said: "This all seems a bit extreme, no one house should not have a sale every weekend, but what's the big deal if you have one once in a while. Neighbors park, block driveways all the time, just be courteous of your neighbors, ask people not to walk on the neighbors lawn etc. People dont seem to have any common sense anymore and everything is an ordeal, it shouldn't have to be an ordeal."

t) [REDACTED] "I would not allow garage sales at all. If an Estate Sale, I think they need to hire someone to regulate the parking, as several years ago, a lady parked right in front of our driveway blocking me from leaving. When I complained, she said she would only be a minute and ran off. Well, it was 10 minutes and I was stuck waiting for her to return. Even when she left, I had trouble backing out of our driveway with all the cars on both sides of the street. "

u) [REDACTED]m said: "Old Braeswood is interfering too much in residents life Stay out "

v) [REDACTED] said: "I like the policy as is. I didn't answer the rest of the questions bc I think the existing policies should remain."

w) [REDACTED] "Neighbors are going to complain about traffic & people parking in front of their houses. I think this is a petty issue & only real concerns need involve patrol. "

x) [REDACTED] "I do not think there is a correlation between estate and garage sales and criminal activity. Actually the suggestion as such sounds pretty judgmental about the type of "people" you assume come to these. I have lived in many areas that allowed them and have yet to ever see a problem. If you want to limit it to one per year, that's great, as someone shouldn't be commercializing their property running a resale business out of their home. However, I have never seen this happen as it would be an incredibly bad way to generate revenue for the household based on the premise that items are usually sold below value. Additionally, the idea that someone could shut down a sale because someone complained there were too many people parking on the street is, in my opinion, ridiculous. Are we going to say we can shut down someone hosting a charity gala or holiday party at their house because too many people are parking on the street? What if a neighbor doesn't like the person living next to them and just decides to call and complain to shut down their sale. It's one day, you can deal with it. Garage and estate sales just don't happen that often, this shouldn't be an issue, if it becomes one, then we should reconvene and discuss remedies. "

y) "Estate sales honor our past residents and are an opportunity for the neighborhood to get valuable items at a discount. The more regulation we have, the more it costs, and the more disputes we have. Chill."

z) [REDACTED] said: "Too restrictive language. For example, unfair to ask whether 'must be held within 7 days' because what if there is a rain event or other issue? Extend the time allotted to 14 days. Same for signage. Allow signs to be up for the estate sale for at least 48 hours - prefer even longer! 1 week."

aa) [REDACTED] said: "Garage sales with items in the yard are not only detrimental to property values but are dangerous for security reasons."

bb) [REDACTED] said: "2 or 3 days notice to OBPOA should be plenty. I am only in favor of specific NOT subjective "traffic complaints" that would close a sale. We do not have 24/7 security--who will do the complaining and closing down of a sale. there is so much vindictiveness in our neighborhood right now. it is sad to know that neighbors will call out against neighbors just because they don't agree on neighborhood politics. "

cc) Resident said: "No signs should be allowed whatsoever for sales"

dd) [REDACTED] "The wording of this survey is confusing. I am opposed to any estate sales, yard sales, and/or garage sales. Whatever you want to call these sales, they are a disruption to the neighborhood. Outside people come into the neighborhood with uncertain agendas. I would rather we have one group sale in the park once a year with part of the proceeds benefiting the park. I experienced first hand the carnival atmosphere that happened when an estate sale was held at [REDACTED]'s home across the street. "

ee) [REDACTED] said: "Max of one estate sale per year? Is it common for two people to die in same year and have a sale after both? What is intent here? Poorly written. "

ff) [REDACTED]m said: "It's private property and the owner should be allowed to use their property so long as it complies w city regulations "

gg) Unknown contact said: "If a homeowner has gone to the trouble and expense to plan and put on a sale, a traffic complaint from a neighbor should require good justification before being shut down early. Requiring security should not be required for low risk operations. If the operation is high risk security should be required. I believe most garage sales are low risk."

hh) Unknown contact said: "a garage sale can be allowed once a year per house."

ii) Unknown contact said: "Good ideas!!"