

Oakwood Lakes 2021 Survey Results

June 2021

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Response Summary

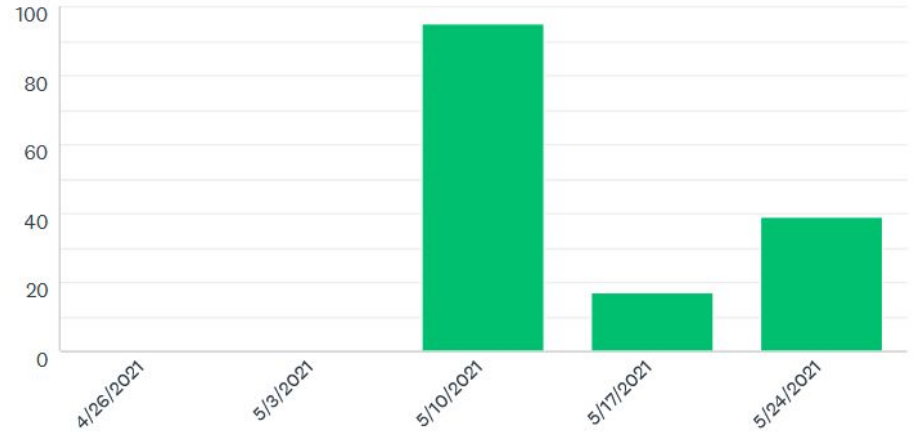
Start Date : 5/14/2021

End Date : 5/31/2021

151 Total responses – 77% of households w/email*

78 Responses on the first day

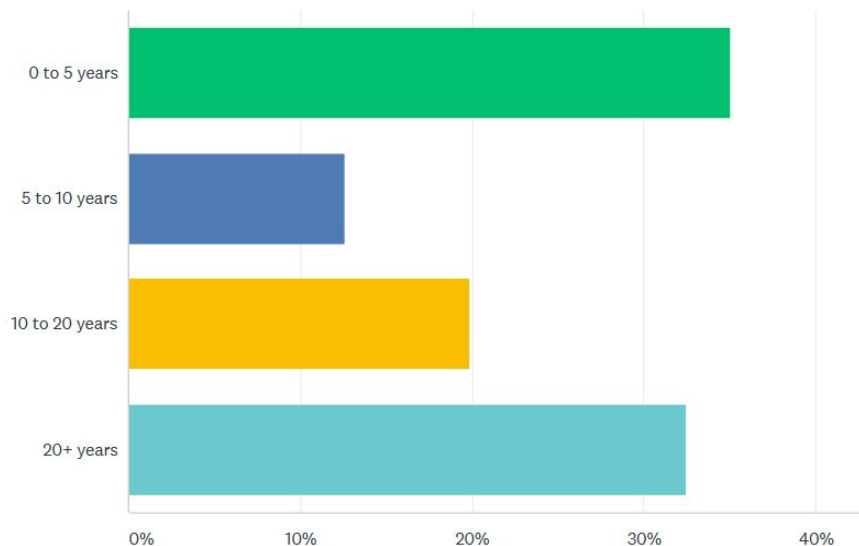
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*Assumes 1 response per household

How long have you lived in Oakwood Lakes?

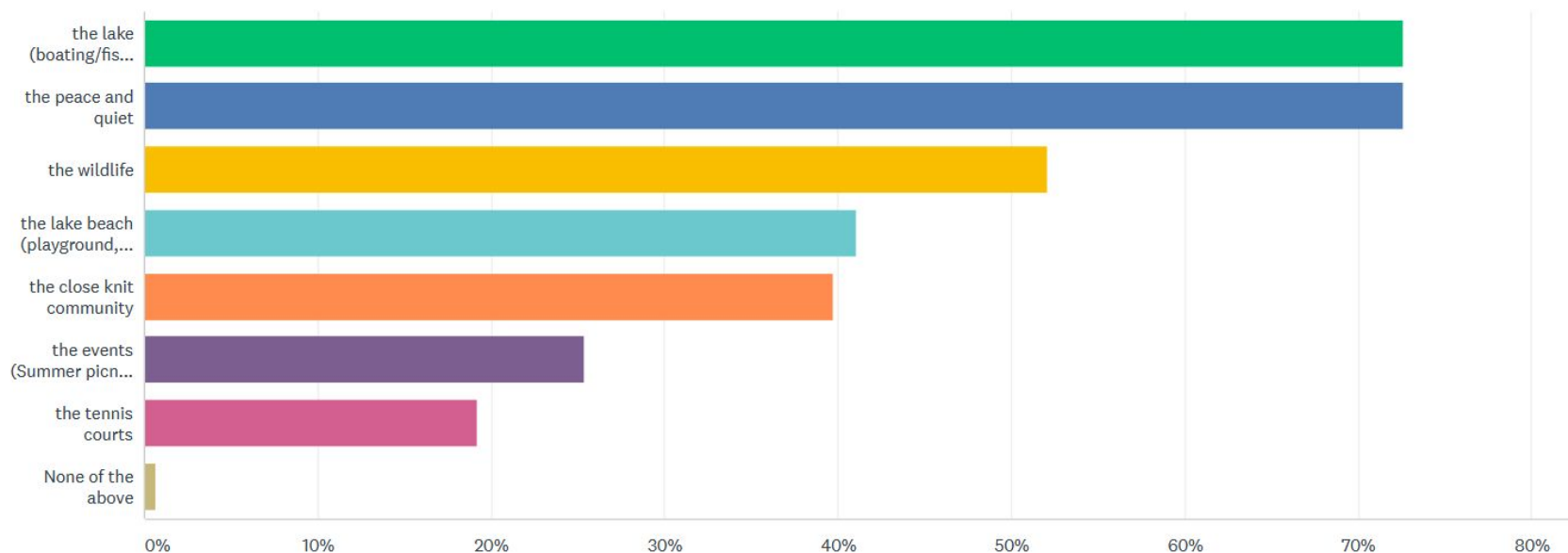
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Years	Percent	Count
0 to 5	35.10%	53
5 to 10	12.58%	19
10 to 20	19.87%	30
20+	32.45%	49

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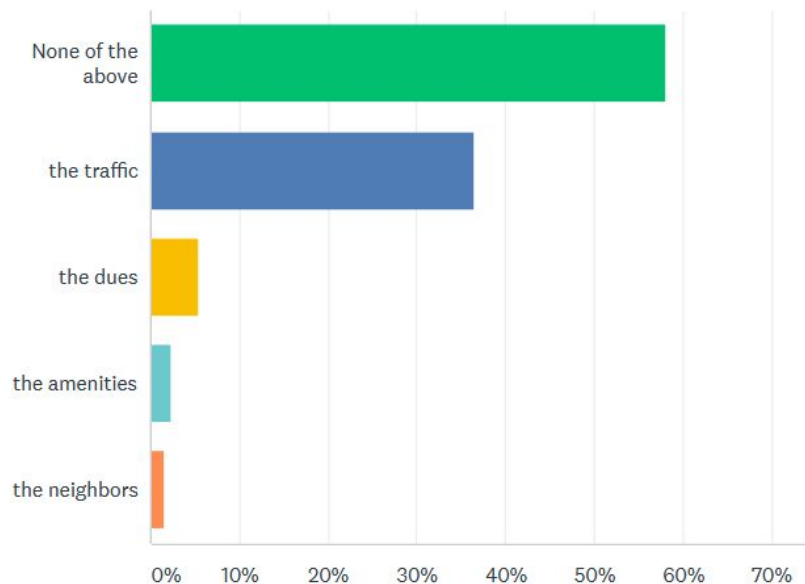
Answer	Percent	Count
The Lake (boating/fishing/swimming)	72.6%	106
The peace and quiet	72.6%	106
The wildlife	52.05%	76
The lake beach (playground, volleyball, basketball, picnic area)	41.10%	60
The close knit community	39.73%	58
The events	25.34%	37
The tennis courts	19.18%	28
None of the above	.68%	1

Comments:

- All of the above (3)
- My remarkable/friendly neighbors (3)
- Pickleball courts
- Being able to walk around the lovely lake setting, even though I rarely go in the lake
- Kids on bikes with fishing poles
- Neighbors keep to themselves, don't force involvement
- Fishing
- Lake beach and events, we don't use much but great knowing they are available
- Young kids in the development
- Low crime
- Clean Lake
- Love living in Oakwood Lakes
- I actually do not live hereyet My new tenant absolutely loves the area
- Diverse styles of homes & properties; nice people

What do you like least about Oakwood Lakes?

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Answer	Percent	Count
None of the above	58.14%	75
The traffic	36.43%	47
The dues	5.43%	7
The amenities	2.33%	3
The neighbors	1.55%	2

What do you like least about Oakwood Lakes?

Comments

Top 3 themes

- Lake/Beach
 - The lake
 - A lack of a capital expenditure fund and plan for lake sustainability
 - The depth of the lake as it mucks in with leaf and other debris. It needs dredging. We used to swim off our dock. There's now a foot of sludge in the bottom. The lake is never lowered enough for me to dig it out.
 - Lakebed stumps; lack of dredging (create more islands &/or shoreline property with spoils)
 - Underwater obstructions like fallen trees.
 - We worry about the depth of the lake
 - Miss the rope tree swing for the kids! And wish there was a cost effective way to remove the silt and brush from the lake
 - Wish the lake was cleaned up, dredged, and beach was nicer
 - The beach starts to look gross as the summer goes on (debris, goose poop, weeds in sand)
 - The depth of the lake and minimal communication... I know everyone is volunteering so I understand but I do really like how things seem to be changing in that regard.
 - The lake is sometimes low and not great for swimming.
- Trustees
 - Membership should vote on the use of funds - not have the board unilaterally decide. ie Money shouldn't be spent on WiFi at the beach, unlimited data is pretty universal. (put in like the most section)
 - There is too much work for the Board to do by itself, yet we have encountered resistance when offering to Chair Sub-Committees to look into issues (eg Lake, Wildlife). We understand and respect the efforts of all existing Board members, but we'd really like to be permitted to help in some meaningful way.
 - The lack of HOA Board consideration for and meaningful involvement opportunities for the residents.
 - Lack of communication, though improving lately.
- Property Condition
 - Boats cars and RVs covered with tarps on property Awful
 - things affecting our property value like some of the homes not updated and/or in disrepair
 - The few houses that are run down and getting worse.
 - 1/3 of the properties are poorly maintained
 - Many neighbors don't take care of their yards and properties and it makes the area look run down

What do you like least about Oakwood Lakes?

Comments continued

Other Themes:

- Neighborhood property improvements
 - Outdated signs at the entrance
 - Broken picnic tables
 - We like how Birchwood ordered the same color chairs for the lake, I would love to see Oakwood do something like that.
 - Need grill covers like Birchwood
- Speeding cars (11) Locations mentioned : Cedar Trail, Oakwood Drive, Elm Drive
- The local food could be better
- I don't want to say neighbors because all of my neighbors except 1 have been great! My one neighbor seems to have a trash issue
- Don't dislike anything about Oakwood. Love living here for 50 years. No one's happy about New Jersey taxes but not related to the community.
- Narrow roadways; lack of speed bumps; lack of center lane striping
- Trespassers
- Falling trees
- Kids on bikes
- Attempting new activities/grasping for new traditions (luminaries, for example)
- Lack of sidewalks
- Too little diversity
- High taxes
- Beavers and bunnies

Oakwood Lakes

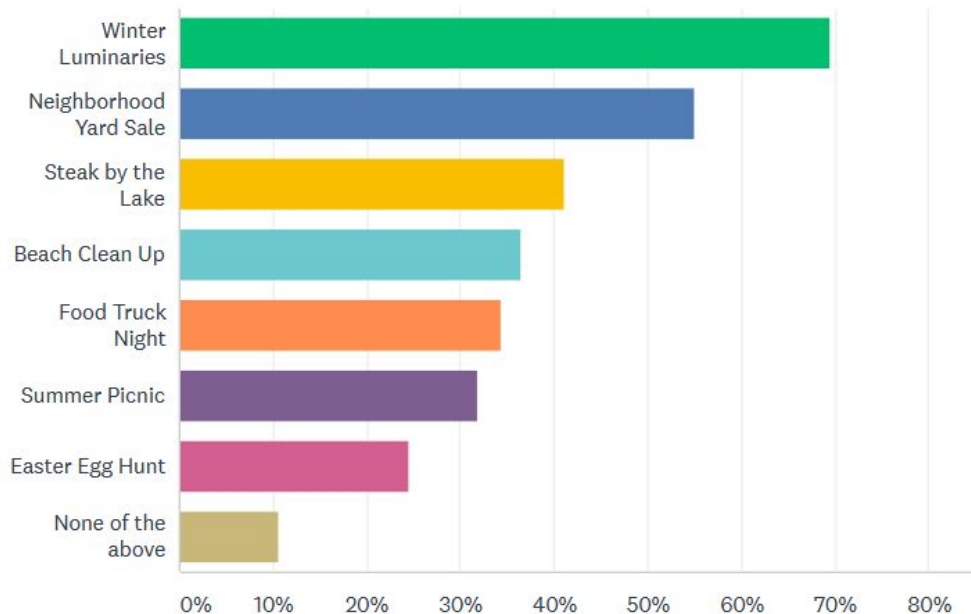


Birchwood Lakes



What events have you attended in Oakwood Lakes?

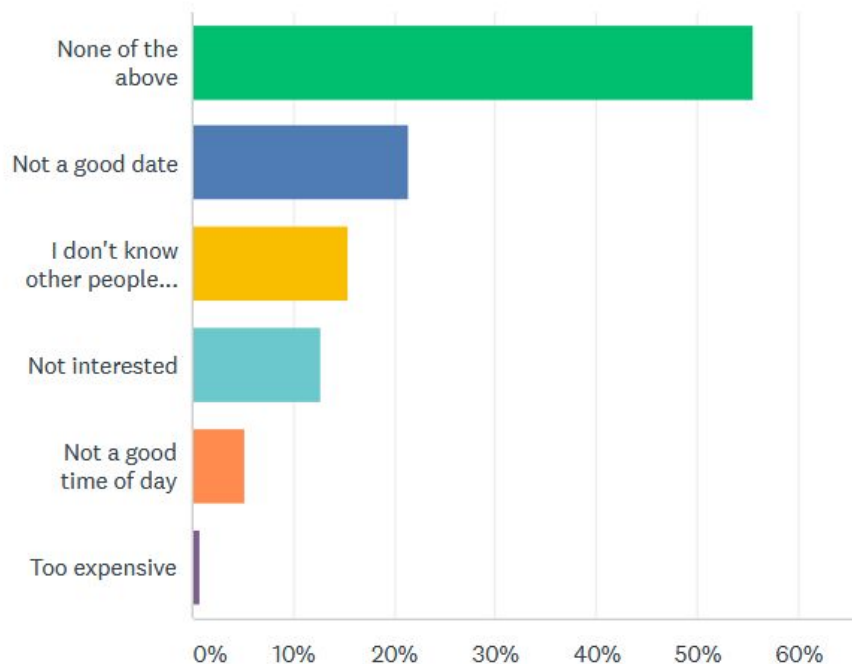
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Activity	Percent	Count
Winter Luminaries	69.54%	105
Neighborhood Yard Sale	54.97%	83
Steak by the Lake	41.06%	62
Beach Clean Up	36.42%	55
Food Truck Night	34.44%	52
Summer Picnic	31.79%	48
Easter Egg Hunt	24.50%	37
None of the above	10.60%	16

If you do not participate in events, why not?

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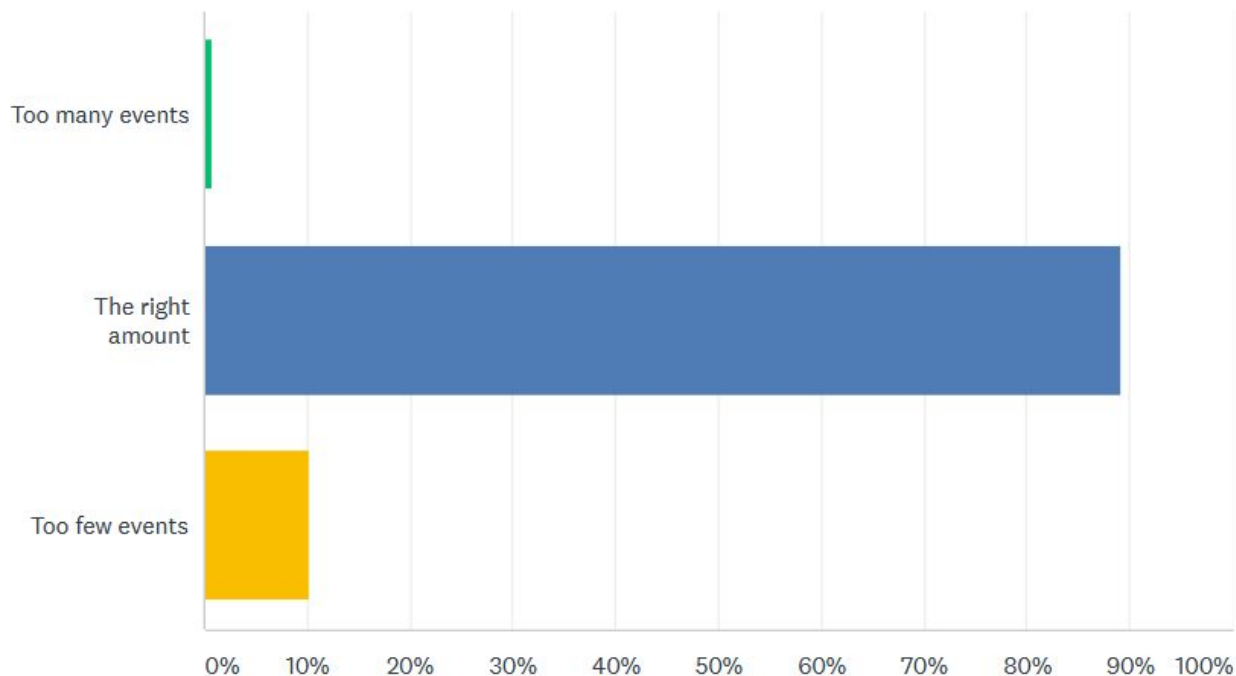


Comments:

- New to the neighborhood (8)
- Older age (3)
- Work (3)
- Busy (4)
- Other interests (2)
- Personal plans
- Religious reasons
- Shore House (2)
- I'm just not a big joiner- inner, my issue.
- We used to participate in more when our children were young.
- Other events or work on weekends. There are a lot of great neighborhood events I hope to attend in the future, but our schedule is busy and it's hard to make time for them.
- Can't do everything & my own property needs attention
- We don't feel connected to the community because we live close to the Taunton/Hartford intersection
- We have lived in Oakwood Lakes since August 29 1959. Over the years we have been in the colony club and I was in the Ladies Aux. We chaired many of the activities. I played Tennis and helped many years with the summer camp We raised our 3 daughters here. We are now in our eighties and are still very interested in all that goes on but just not active. nd I have been very active in the Ladies Aux. and John in the colony
- I'd suggest a mixer for families with young children, and one for families of teens/kids getting older. To meet more families
- I'm not coming if I have to wear a mask but hopefully that changes soon.
- don't live in my home yet

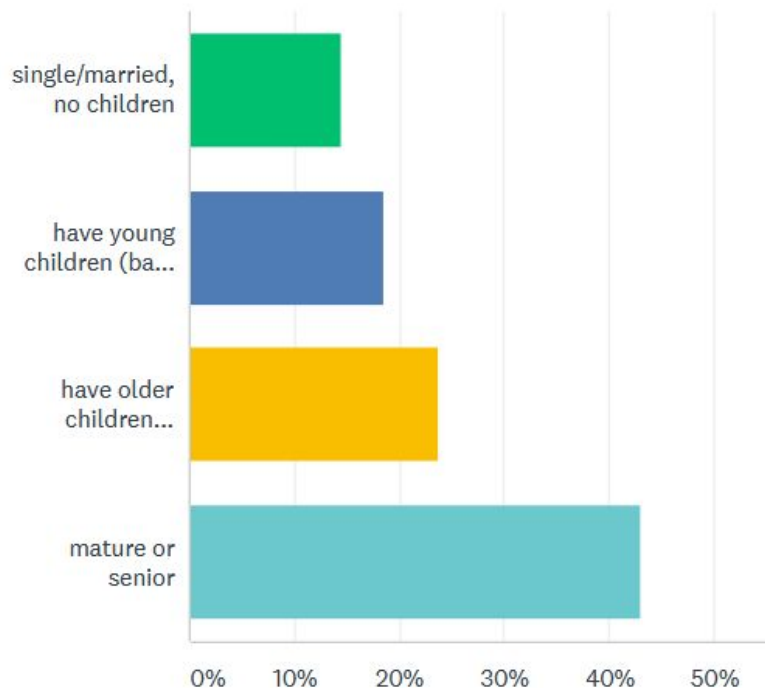
What do you think of frequency of events?

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Which demographic does your household identify with?

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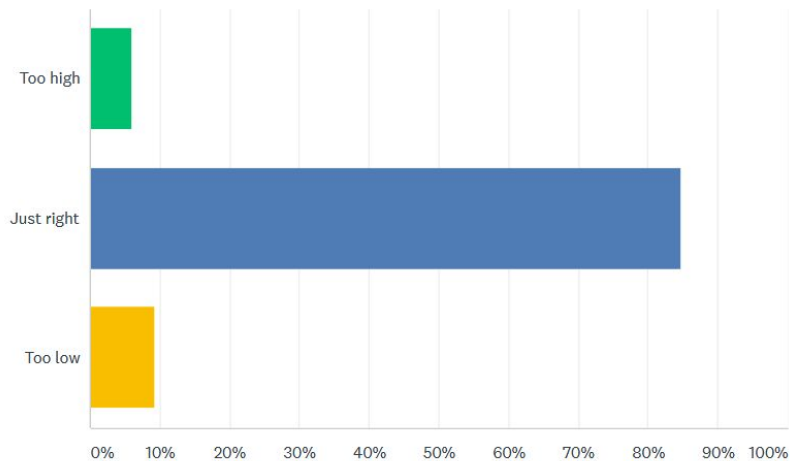


Choice	Percent	Count
Single/Married (No kids)	14.57%	22
Have young children	18.54%	28
Have older children	23.84%	36
Mature/Senior	43.05%	65

Dues Question Summary

How do you feel about the annual dues structure? ***

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If an annual dues increase is presented for a vote next year, how would... ***

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