



ELLIS COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL/PLANNING & ZONING QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER VOLUME 1/QUARTER 3 (JUL-SEP)

IMPORTANT DATES IN QTR 3:

Zoning Meetings QTR 3:

July 24th, August 28th,
September 25th

Other Dates:

July 4th: Offices Closed

Sept 2nd: Offices Closed

Sept TBD: Estimated Public
Open House for Floodplain
Mapping Update

NEW AND IMPROVED!

Welcome to the new Quarterly Newsletter from the Ellis County Environmental/Planning & Zoning Office! The new layout will provide the same great information in a more in-depth manner and more spread out as to not overload your inbox.

What will be covered in the new Newsletters?

We will still cover everything that goes on with private wastewater systems, private water wells, zoning, floodplain, HHW, etc. and get the information that is pertinent to you.

They will go out in Quarters throughout the year:

Qtr 1: Jan-Mar, Qtr 2: Apr-Jun, Qtr 3: Jul-Sep, Qtr 4: Oct-Dec

Other New Items

The newsletter isn't the only new and improved item in our office. We are also in the process of updating our Ellis County Comprehensive Plan. This plan is designed to continually look at Ellis County and determine the next logical plan of action for County Sustainability and Land Use.

Another update is to the Environmental Website. We have now added a Property Transfer section that has everything you would want to know about transferring property in Ellis County.

There is also a new email to get in contact with our office. It is environmental@elliscounty.net. This will give you one address to type in to send to our entire office, to ensure speed of response and get you the right person as quick as possible.

Our forms are also getting changed for ease of access while also giving as much information as possible. We are also working on digitizing the forms, so they can be filled out and emailed or downloaded to save time and money on mailing physical copies.

Our office is constantly working to make your lives easier and get you what you need faster than before!





A NEW FACE

Starting July 8th, 2019, Justin Craig will start as the new Environmental Technician. We are excited to get him up and running to serve the citizens of Ellis County with the Environmental/Planning & Zoning Office.

FLOODPLAIN MAPPING UPDATE

Ellis County is currently in the draft stages of the new FEMA Floodplain Mapping Update. In September, the public will be invited to an Open House to go over potential changes to property located in the county as it relates to floodplain determination. As it stands, many areas could be impacted by the changes. Please contact our office for more details.

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Fees 2019

Water Well Permit- \$60.00

Wastewater Permit- \$60.00

Water Screen

Nitrate/Bacteria- \$20.00

Nitrate/Bacteria/RO-\$25.00

Property Transfer Evaluations

Water Well- \$50.00

Wastewater- \$50.00

Both- \$75.00

*please contact office for any fees that may occur

SEPTIC SYSTEMS AND WATERWELL PREP FOR WINTER

Even though it is the middle of summer and early fall, it is never too early to check your septic systems and water wells for any issues you may encounter. Check your septic systems as often as you can for signs of trouble such as possible collapsing, needing to pump, excess water, surface discharge, or anything out of the ordinary. These are issues that are best corrected as soon as possible before the winter hits. Our office has a lot of information to help spot some of these issues and little tricks you can do to help stop them before they start. We also can set up a time, if needed, to come out and personally inspect the system and give you the information you need to get things back up to working order as fast as possible.

With water wells, it is best to get your water tested as often as you can (we recommend yearly sampling) to determine what might be going on with your water. Our office will come out and inspect the well and take a sample for a water screen analysis and provide information for remediation of any issues that may arise from a sample that may contain high nitrates or bacteria.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE

As the months fly by, our Comprehensive Plan is coming along! During the next few months, we will be having meetings with various groups to determine the best plan of attack for getting the Comprehensive Plan on the path to properly utilize our land and help make good decisions for the best way to go about utilization of our county's resources. Please feel free to attend any of our Joint Planning Commission Meetings on the fourth Wednesday of each month for an in-depth analysis of the stages of the plan.