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Beginning Tuesday, May 31st, the Public Works Department will begin working summer hours from 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

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Water Use Reminders

Submitted by Avery Smith, Chief of Police

It is no secret that Kansas is in a terrible drought, and the City of Ellis is no exception. As of right now, there isn't an end in sight to the current water situation. I'd like to take some time to remind the citizens of Ellis that outdoor watering is unlawful from noon to 7pm year-round for the purposes of irrigation of lawns, shrubs, flowers, trees, gardens and other outdoor vegetation. This includes commercial purposes

as well, such as use on a golf course. Washing of vehicles or filling of swimming pools is also included in the year-round set of regulations.

Within the ordinance, it is also considered a water use violation to waste water. This includes water running substantially from your property onto public sidewalks, rights-of-way, streets, alleys, and highways due to misadjusted sprinklers. For the purposes of the ordinance, substantially means that there is an "an amount sufficient to cause a discernible flow of water reaching the street, gutter or other drainage system." The only time that the water usage isn't considered wasteful is if it is running from your property when you are washing your vehicles during the allowed hours.

The fine for a first offense of either violation is \$50, and the fine increases \$50 for each subsequent offense, capping out at \$200. A record of the number of offenses is kept for 24 months, after which, the offense numbers are reset to zero. Currently, the City of Ellis does NOT issue warnings for wasteful watering or watering during prohibited hours.

There are certain exceptions made for those that have a private well, or those that are watering a new lawn. Article 5, "Water Conservation" section 5-502 states the following in regards to watering a new lawn "Upon application, a special permit shall be issued to allow watering for newly seeded, Buffalo or Bermuda grass lawns between the hours of 12:00 noon and 7:00 p.m., effective June 1st through September 30th." To obtain a watering permit for your new lawn, please contact the City Clerk's Office. To read the adopted ordinance, please either visit us on the web at ellis.ks.us/city-government/ or contact the City Clerk's office to obtain a copy.

Please help do your part to protect the City's vital infrastructure and our community's water supply.



rap-Neuter-Return

It Works!

TNR Program Implemented

Submitted by John Walz, Council Member

A couple of years ago, Ellis citizens were having issues with feral cats on their property, so they approached the Ellis City Council for possible solutions. Council requested that the Ellis Police Department monitor and report on feral cat colonies they were seeing while on patrol. They reported that there were numerous colonies throughout the city.

The Council discussed and investigated options and requested advice from the Western Plains Animal Refuge, a retired animal control officer and a current animal control officer who gave options and

advice. The Trap Neuter Return Program or "TNR" was chosen to tackle the issue.

The City Council moved forward by requesting our City Attorney to investigate and give directions for the creation of the proper ordinances and a step-by-step procedure to follow. Ordinances and procedures were passed after working out many issues that protect the feral cats, citizen's pets, and reduce the colonies of feral cats.

If you have a colony of feral cats coming onto your property and would like to reduce the size of the colony and have healthier feral cats, the following procedure in place:

- Stop by the Ellis City Clerk's office and complete a form to start the process. The TNR Program is not to be used to spay or neuter an owner's personal cat. Feral Cats Only!
- Take pictures of the feral cats and get the pictures to the City Clerk's office so the Ellis Police Department can post the pictures on social media. A volunteer will contact you and bring over the number of traps needed for the number of cats posted. The maximum is five cats per trapping. The pictures are posted for a minimum of three days before the traps are set to make sure these posted cats are not a citizen's personal cat or cats.
- An appointment with the veterinarian will be scheduled by the Clerk's office. The traps will be delivered at least four to seven days before the feral cats scheduled appointment. The person requesting the TNR will need to place food in the traps every evening, and then cut the zip tie holding the traps open the evening before the scheduled veterinarian appointment.
- The next morning the traps are checked and if cats have been caught, the Ellis Police Department is called and compares pictures of the feral cats to the trapped cats. If there have been cats trapped that do not match, they are released.
- The correct cats are taken by a volunteer to the veterinarian. The cats are spayed/neutered and given a rabies shot. The left ear of the feral cat is tipped (straight line cut off the left ear point). The tipping of the left ear is a universal sign that a cat has been spayed or neutered and is virtually painless to the cat. Once the veterinarian determines the cats are healthy enough to be released, one of our volunteers will return and release the cats back where they were trapped.

We have trapped fourteen feral cats to date in our TNR program. If anyone would like to donate to offset the expense, please donate to the City of Ellis TNR Program at the Clerk's office.

The long-term goal is creating healthier and smaller colonies of feral cats in Ellis and bringing some of their unwanted behaviors under control.

Thank you for your continued support of this project!





Get Your Pool Pass!

Submitted by Amy Burton, City Clerk

The City will once again offer 15-day and 30-day pool passes for both children and adults; however, passes will no longer be maintained by the pool staff. The person purchasing the punch card will be responsible for keeping the punch card in their possession. The City will not be held responsible for lost or stolen cards.

We have designed a laminated business card size punch card that will need to be presented for entry each time by the card holder. Passes are now simplified by no longer being designated by a person's name, but simply adult or child. Also, the new punch card pass will no longer expire on July 1st of each year!

For those patrons that had leftover passes from last season, we have already transferred your remaining punches to the new laminated card. These punch cards will be available at the pool for pickup!

Recycling Center Changes

Submitted by John Leiker, Public Works Director



The Ellis Recycling Center received some bad news recently. Sonoco, the long-time purchaser of our recycled items, suddenly and unexpectedly went out of business early last month. We were in fear of having to close the

recycling center.

Fortunately the City of Ellis was able to find a new company. Quincy Recycling will now be buying the recycled items. However, the company would have to charge the City a substantial amount of money to haul off the glass. Council decided it was too cost prohibitive to do this. As of mid-April, the City of Ellis no longer accepts glass. Everything else should run as usual. With a new company, there will always be some growing pains. The City will inform the community of any other changes that might come along.

The good news is the Ellis Recycling Center remains open!



Swimming Pool

Submitted by Amy Burton, City Clerk

City staff strive to keep the pool open every day; however, Mother Nature sometimes has other plans! It never fails that we get springtime temperatures in the middle of summer. The City's opening/closing policy is as such:

- If the water and air temperatures are 70 degrees or above at 12:30 p.m., the pool will open at 12:30 p.m.
- If the water and air temperatures are less than 70 degrees at 12:30 p.m., the temperatures will be reevaluated at 1:30 p.m. If, at that time, the water and air temperatures are 70 degrees or above, the pool will open at 1:30 p.m. If they are not, the pool will remain closed for the day.
- In the event of stormy weather, all patrons will be asked to leave the pool area for 30 minutes. If the weather does not clear, the pool will close at that time. In the case of lightning, the pool may reopen 30 minutes after the last visible lightning strike.
- The pool reserves the right to close early due to the lack of patrons (less than 5 patrons for at least 30 minutes, with evaluation starting at 2:30 p.m. – so the earliest the pool would close would be 3:00 p.m.)
- Illness/Accident (fecal, vomiting or blood incidents): the pool will be cleared for at least 30 minutes while the pool is shocked. If the incident is such that longer chemical treatment is necessary, the pool will close.

All pool closings are at the discretion of City staff. We want to ensure that everyone has a safe and enjoyable experience at the pool. We will exercise caution in making sure the pool is safe to use!

> Be sure to check the City's Facebook page for notice of swimming pool closures.





While doing your yard work, please remember that the City's

BURN SITE

accepts ONLY tree limbs, branches and brush.

The Site does NOT accept grass, leaves, lumber, or miscellaneous wooden items.

Take your grass, leaves and garden waste to the COMPOST SITE.



Why STEM?

Submitted by Steve Arthur, Ellis Public Librarian

Ellis seems far removed from the centers of scientific and technological advancement, but the products of both inundates our everyday lives and understanding it, and that understanding becomes more crucial each year. By the time today's Kindergarten aged child graduates as a high school Senior, technology will play a major roll in their personal and career lives. More and more schools and libraries understand this exponentially growing need for programs that meet that demand. Ellis Public Library is one of those libraries that tries to meet those demands through our programs that span from rocketry, robotics, circuitry, coding, to 3D-CAD (Computer Assisted Design) and 3D printing.

On April 3, 2023, four kids in our robotics program participated in a competition hosted by the FHSU Science and Mathematics Education Institute and competed against 90 other teams from all over Central and Western Kansas. Each team member was required to design a bot that could carry out specific tasks in five separate challenges. The team did well in all of the

challenges, but in one, they excelled and finished in the top sixteen. One team member finished in the top eight. They didn't get the chance to sing "We Are The Champions", but to make it that far against so many competitors, they were well aware that they had accomplished something great. The looks of pride and achievement on their faces was epic.

STEM programs are meant to promote a better understanding and some appreciation of science and technology. It's also meant to inspire, and we've had measurable results in that regard. Three Ellis kids who participated in our programs are currently earning degrees in science and engineering. One was even a judge at the robotics competition. We can't take credit for their decision to pursue this route, but we can be content with the thought that our programs helped lay the foundation.



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JULY



- Municipal Court 8:00 am
- City Council 6:30 pm **FLAG DAY** 14
- 16 Signup Deadline Session I Swim Lessons
 - Municipal Court 8:00 am
- 18 **FATHER'S DAY** 19 City Council 6:30 pm
 - Swim Lessons: June 19 to June 30
- 26 Planning Comm 7:00 pm

- City Council 6:30 pm 3 4
 - INDEPENDENCE DAY City offices closed
- 7 Municipal Court 8:00 am Signup Deadline Session II
- Swim Lessons 10 Swim Lessons: July 10 to July 21
- 14 Municipal Court 8:00 am
- 17 City Council 6:30 pm
- 24 Planning Comm 7:00 pm

AUGUST

- 4 Municipal Court 8:00 am
- 7 City Council 6:30 pm
- 18 Municipal Court 8:00 am
- 21 City Council 6:30 pm
- 28 Planning Comm 7:00 pm



Summertime Fun at the Pool!

Submitted by Amy Burton, City Clerk

We are super excited to welcome everyone back as we kick off the 2023 pool season on May 30th at 12:30 p.m.!

Our regular hours will be 12:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. each day with *adult open swim* and *water aerobics* on Monday's and Wednesday's from 6:15 p.m. - 7:15 p.m. (NEW TIME!)

There will be two sessions of *Swimming Lessons*:
First sessionJune 19th - June 30th
Second sessionJuly 10th - July 21st

DEADLINE FOR SWIMMING LESSON SIGNUP:

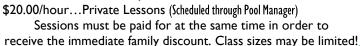
Session 1.....June 16, 2023 Session 2....July 7, 2023

Swimming Lessons (Price per Session)

\$25.00... First Child in Immediate Family \$20.00... Second Child in Immediate Family

\$15.00... Third Child & Subsequent Children in

Immediate Family



Please contact
the Pool Staff at
(785) 726-3130 to
sign up for
swimming lessons,
purchase pool
passes, or schedule
a pool party.
There is
something for
everyone at the
Ellis Municipal
Swimming Pool!

Our *daily admission fees* and passes remain unchanged:

Daily Admission Fees

5 and Under Free	
Age 6 - 12\$1.50	
Age 13 and over \$2.00	
Open Adult Swim/Water Aerobics\$	3.00

Swim Passes

Age 6 - 12	15-day pass	\$21.00
Age 6 - 12		
Age 13 and over	15-day pass	\$28.00
Age 13 and over		
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We also offer *pool parties!* A \$25 non-refundable deposit will secure your pool party date, with the remaining balance due the day of the party.

Pool Parties

Schedule your pool party during the	e following hours:
Sun, Tues, Thurs, Fri or Sat	6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Fees	\$75.00 without Slide
	\$100.00 with Pool Slide



Summer Fire Safety

Submitted by Dustin Vine, Fire Chief

Hopefully, you are finding enjoyment and relaxation by spending time outdoors this summer. We often get asked if fire pits are allowed in the city limits? Absolutely! When used safely, fire pits can be a great way to spend time with family and friends.

Please, follow these safety tips while using your fire pits. First, keep the fire pit at least 10 feet away

from structures. Next, you must have a way to extinguish the fire nearby, such as a water hose, bucket of water, or fire extinguisher. Furthermore, you need to always

have the fire attended by someone while keeping children and pets at least 3 feet away from the fire pit. It is important to keep an expanded metal or wire lid on the fire in order to help keep the embers at bay. Please avoid burning soft woods like cedar or pine. Lastly, remember that loose clothing and nylon fabrics aren't the best attire around open flames.

We actually have had very few calls from fire pits. However, fires started from poorly managed compost piles, such as piles of grass clippings, are surprisingly high. When grass is cut while wet and dumped in a large pile, the outside dries out and the bottom layers remain wet. Unfortunately, with the right conditions, enough heat can be curated to make the inner layer smolder which could ignite the outer dry grass. Compost piles need to be maintained by stirring the layers every week or dumping grass clippings in shallow piles and spread out. These same fires happen when farmers bale their hay too wet leading to the dreaded hay bale fire call.

Another question we get during these extremely dry conditions is whether or not fireworks will be allowed? Yes, but caution must be used. One careless act can have serious consequences, so we need to



be aware of the conditions and follow the same safety tips already mentioned. Please, be respectful of the days and times that fireworks are allowed to be discharged. Also, be aware that not

everyone enjoys fireworks, and some people and pets may be triggered by the noise. Fire works are another wonderful tradition that have risks, but can be managed with a little common sense and respect.



HOLIDAY TRASH SCHEDULE



Tuesday, July 4 NO grass or trash pickup.

City closed for INDEPENDENCE DAY observation.

Wednesday, July 5 Tuesday & Wednesday trash routes will be run

Monday, September 4 NO grass or trash pickup on LABOR DAY

Tuesday, September 5 Monday grass *and* Monday & Tuesday trash routes will be run



2024 Budget Preparation

Submitted by Amy Burton, City Clerk

I can't believe we are already planning for 2024! However, it is that time of the year again where Council starts building the annual budget, which is one of the most important duties of the Council. The budget is important because it gives the City authority to spend. Without an approved budget, the City wouldn't have the authority to pay for repairs, personnel, utilities, maintenance, equipment, etc. In the coming months, Council will once again take on the task of determining the next years funding priorities for the City. Numerous equipment items in the Public Works Department are well past their life expectancy, and many of the City's buildings need maintenance items completed.

As you experience an increase in your monthly personal expenses, the City experiences those same cost increases also. The Council works hard to make sure your tax dollars are used wisely. During the budget process, Council sometimes has to consider hard decisions, such as having to forgo certain services or increasing fees for those services. All of these situations, and many more, are closely evaluated each year during the budget process.

Municipalities must budget under the provisions of the "Tax Transparency Act", which prohibits a city from levying a single dollar more than the prior year without a Revenue Neutral Rate hearing. If the City does not hold this hearing and the actual assessed valuation varies greatly from the estimated assessed valuation, the City would be required to refund every dollar received in excess of the revenue neutral rate. This could result in the City issuing hundreds of checks for pennies to dollars. The State Office of Accounts and Reports and the Kansas League of Municipalities highly recommend that cities hold this revenue neutral rate hearing to protect against the costly process of issuing hundreds of small checks to property tax payers, all due to a valuation calculation that the City has no control over. We are allowed to hold this special hearing on the same night as our annual Budget Hearing.

My goal this year will be to again propose a budget to Council that will use our tax dollars efficiently and effectively. The budget process is very time consuming - City staff and Council spend many hours getting all the pieces to fit together. However, the City's goal in the end is to approve a budget that will allow the same level of services, while trying to maintain a balance between fees charged and expenditures for operation. Please stay tuned for the September issue of the *Town Crier* for details of the approved 2024 budget.

Full-time Employment Opportunities

The City of Ellis is accepting applications for a career-minded individual who wants to serve the community.

Positions Currently Available:

General Public Works Employee
Police Officer

Benefits Include:

- Single/Family health, dental and vision insurance paid 100% by employer.
- Single life insurance policy paid 100% by employer.
- Sick leave, Vacation, Paid holidays, and KPERS
- Uniforms are provided. Boot reimbursement done on a yearly basis.
- Supportive City Council and community.

Job description, application and list of benefits are available at Ellis City Clerk's Office, 815 Jefferson, Ellis, KS or www.ellis.ks.us

The City of Ellis is an Equal Opportunity Employer and reserves the right to reject any and all applications



FIREWORKS

Submitted by Verda Flinn, Assistant City Clerk

We would like to remind the Ellis community of the permitted dates and hours for the discharge of fireworks. Per Resolution No. 585, the permitted dates and hours of discharge of fireworks shall be the dates of July 3rd and 4th between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m. Please observe the dates and times set by Council.

As a reminder to have a safe and fun Fourth of July, please remember to douse your fireworks with water before disposing of them in a proper manner. When your fireworks show is done, be a good neighbor and clean up your discarded fireworks in the streets and adjacent properties.

The Ellis Police Department would also like to remind you that it is unlawful to discharge fireworks from any public area, including streets and city parks. It is also unlawful to discharge fireworks in the path of any person, group of persons, animal or vehicle.

Have fun and celebrate responsibly!

City of Ellis **MISSION STATEMENT**

The City of Ellis efficiently promotes infrastructure and beautification programs, supporting community growth while preserving its intrinsic small town charm.

City of Ellis VISION STATEMENT

A truly unique Kansas community, Ellis celebrates its rich heritage of friendly people that value family and strong work ethics while actively promoting quality education and public services.



Summer of Fun, Learning, and Adventure!

Submitted by Steve Arthur, Ellis Public Librarian

The Ellis Public Library's Summer Programming Schedule is set. We offer various programs, sometimes two each week, that will run until July. The programs will end before the big July holiday and preparations for fair time.

Most programs require registration, some are open to all. Check the library's Facebook Page for registration details, dates and times. Our programming will resume again when classes are back in session for the Fall. Here's what we are offering:

May 22-June 2	Summer Reading (Control of the Control of the Contr
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	Robotics
June 5	**Summer Reading Kick-off with Smokey Hills
	Public Television's Share A Story
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	Coding with Go Mouse
June 12	**Kansas Reptiles, Mammals, and Birds with
	Sternberg Museum of Natural History
June 19	
June 26	TBD
July 5	Summer Reading Ends
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^{**} Indicates that event does not require registration.



Ellis Lakeside **Campground Mural**

Submitted by Verda Flinn, Campground Committee Member

It only took two days for the Ellis Lakeside Campground bathhouse to have a new look! Monica Befort, an Ellis alumni, offered to paint a mural on the bathhouses at the campground for community service. Council approved the design she presented, which included a train engineer fishing, the Ellis water tower and a train. The city supplied the painting materials for the project and the magic began. Take a drive by the campground to see it in person!



🚵 Dogs at Large

Submitted by Avery Smith, Chief of Police

In the past few months, the Ellis Police Department has received several complaints about dog owners letting their animals run at large in the cemetery, often defecating on gravesites. This April, one of the culprits, along with their two dogs, were caught in the act. They ended up

leaving Mt. Hope Cemetery with a hefty citation, to the tune of \$257.50.

Per Ellis City Code section 2-206:

"RUNNING AT LARGE; FINE. (a) It shall be unlawful for the owner or harborer of any dog to permit such dog to run at large within the city at any time; (b) Any dog running at large within the city shall be impounded as set out in section 2-207; (c) For the offense of an animal running at large the owner or harborer claiming any dog shall pay the board bill for the dog in addition to a fine to be set by Resolution of the City of Ellis, Kansas, which increases incrementally for subsequent offenses."

This section covers property owned or maintained by the City, and property that does not belong to the owner of the dog that is running at large. Cemeteries, parks, and City streets are the most common areas where dogs are caught by the Ellis Police Department. The first offense for Dog at Large is \$90, and the fines increase incrementally with each offense, plus court costs.

Please do your part and keep your dog leashed and under control when you are out and about, as well as make sure your dog is adequately contained on your own property, whether that be by means of fencing or tethering. The last thing we want is for your dog to be injured when it is running at large.



KSN Summer **Road Trip**

Submitted by Verda Flinn, **Tourism Committee Member**

KSN News anchors, meteorologists and Good Day Kansas hosts enjoyed Ellis' welcoming so much last year that they wanted to have Ellis as a summer stop to broadcast live the 5 p.m. and 6 p.m. news. The KSN team will be arriving at Memorial Park on June 13, 2023 at approximately 4:15 p.m.

We invite everyone to come to the park and welcome KSN to our community. Share the excitement with friends and family from the City's Facebook page! Visit with the KSN team and enjoy a hotdog in the park, register to win one of five gift baskets and cool down with snow cones!





Want an Alert...Sign up!

Submitted by Verda Flinn, Assistant City Clerk

With storm season upon us, now is a good time to sign up for the City of Ellis' new alert system. Once you have signed up, a text, email or both will be sent depending on which options you choose in your account settings. Some examples of the alerts would include a water leak in your area, a tornado warning or a fire that poses a threat to the town.

There are two ways to sign up if you would like to **OPT IN** to receive notifications.

- ❖ TEXT "ELLISCITY" to 888777 and follow prompts.
- Go to <u>www.nixle.com</u> and click on "Resident Login", then click on the GREEN "Sign Up" box.

Once you set up your Nixle account, you can modify your settings at any time! If you need assistance setting up your device to receive alerts, please stop by the Clerk's office, and we would be glad to help get your device on board!



Spring is Back!

Submitted by John Leiker, Public Works Director

Now that Spring is back, the Public Works Department would like to remind everyone of our mowing and other yard regulations. Last year we issued over 100 mowing, trash, tree and other violations. Here's our codes and penalties for a few of these violations.

City Code Article 4, 8-402 states (e) Weeds and grasses on or about residential property which, because of its height, has a blighting influence on the neighborhood. Any such weeds and indigenous grasses shall be presumed to be blighting if they exceed 12 inches in height.

8-403. Public officer; notice to remove.

The mayor shall appoint a public officer to be charged with the administration and enforcement of this ordinance. The public officer of an authorized assistant, or in the event of a fire hazard, the Fire Chief, shall notify in writing the owner, occupant, or agent in charge of any premises in the city upon which weeds exist in violation of this ordinance, by certified mail, return receipt requested, or by personal service, once per calendar year. Such notice shall include the following:

- (a) That the owner, occupant, or agent in charge of the property is in violation of the city weed control law.
- (b) That the owner, occupant, or agent in charge of the property is ordered to cut the weeds within 10 days of the receipt of notice.
- (c) That the owner, occupant, or agent in charge of the property may request a hearing before the governing body or its designated representative within five days of the receipt of notice.
- (d) That if the owner, occupant, or agent in charge of the property does not cut the weeds, the city or its authorized agent will cut the weeds and assess the cost of the cutting, including a reasonable administrative fee, against the owner, occupant, or agent in charge of the property.
- (e) That the owner, occupant, or agent in charge of the property will be given an opportunity to pay the assessment, and, if it is not paid, it will be added to the property tax as a special assessment.
- (f) That no further notice shall be given prior to removal of weeds during the current calendar year.
- (g) That the public officer should be contacted if there are any questions regarding the order.

The City of Ellis also has an Environmental Code that is enforced. It includes:

8-a08. Unlawful acts.

It shall be unlawful for any person to allow to exist on any residential, commercial or industrial premises, conditions which are injurious to the health, safety or general welfare of the residents of the community or conditions which are detrimental to adjoining property, the neighborhood or the city for the purpose of fair and efficient enforcement and administration, such unlawful conditions shall be classified as follows: (a) Exterior conditions (yard) shall include, but not be limited to, the scattering over or the parking, leaving, depositing or accumulation on the yard of any of the following:

(1) lumber, wire, metal, tires, concrete, masonry products, plastic products, supplies, equipment, machinery, auto parts, junk or refuse; (2) abandoned motor vehicles; or (3) furniture, stoves, refrigerators, televisions, sinks, bicycles, lawn mowers, or other such items of personal property. (4) nauseous substances, carcasses of dead animals or places where animals are kept in an offensive manner.

8-2a10 Penalty

The public officer may file a complaint in the municipal court against any person found to be in violation of section 8-2a08, provided however, that such person shall first have been sent a notice as provided in section 8-2a09 and that the person has neither alleviated the conditions causing the alleged violation nor requested a hearing before the governing body within the time periods specified in section 8-2a09. Upon such complaint in the municipal court, any person found to be in violation of section 8-2a08 shall upon conviction be punished by a fine of not less than \$50.00 nor more that \$100.00, or by imprisonment, for not more than 30 days, or by both such fine and imprisonment, for each offense. For the purposes of this article, a separate offense shall be deemed committed on each day during or on which such violation is permitted to exist.



2022 Ellis Lakeside Campground Visitors

Submitted by Verda Flinn, Campground Committee Member



With the assistance of Driggs Design Group, the City of Ellis compiled the 2022 Ellis Lakeside Campground comment cards that were returned to include in grant applications. 372 comment cards were returned out of 1,618 paid receipts. The shaded areas represent the visitors home states and countries who stayed at the campground in 2022 and returned the comment card. It's amazing to see how many areas from around the United States and world that have chosen to stay at Ellis Lakeside Campground!



