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Alert System

Sign up for the City's NEW Emergency Alert System by going to the City's website below at:

<https://blanchardok.pt7.civic-cms.com/.../pa.../emergency-alerts>

Bid Notice

The City of Blanchard is now taking sealed bids for the following project:

- Concrete Paving Repairs for various concrete streets. Bids are due on **June 10th**.

The Notices and Bid Packets are located on the City's website at www.cityofblanchard.us.

BMIA Action

The BMIA Board of Trustees held a virtual meeting on Tuesday, May 26th beginning at 6:00 p.m. and discussed, considered and took appropriate action on the following items:

- Approved Change Order No. 1 for extension of water line serving the new Fire Station.
- Set Special Meeting for Tuesday June 9th to review and approve new FY2021 Budget.

- Accepted easements for waterline extension serving Hidden View Estates.

- Approved Consent Agenda.

The next regular meeting will be **Tuesday, June 23rd**.

Budget Hearing



The Blanchard City Council and the Board of Trustees of the Blanchard Municipal Improvement Authority will hold a Public Hearing on the proposed revenues of approximately \$10,067,474 and expenditures of \$8,550,217 for Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020.

The Public Hearing will be conducted at a Joint Special Meeting on **Tuesday, June 9th** at **6:00 p.m.**

Central OK Ozone Alerts

With summer arriving, so does the threat of high ozone days in Central Oklahoma. Ozone Alert Days are called by the Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality (ODEQ) when air pollution is expected to reach unhealthy ranges. Ozone exposure is a

health risk to the entire population but particularly sensitive are children, the elderly, anyone with respiratory or cardiovascular illnesses and anyone who experiences prolonged exposure.

ACOG sends out an Ozone Alert to notify the public that they should make voluntary changes to reduce their contribution to dangerous ground-level ozone. Central Oklahoma residents can receive these alerts through text or email.

Get in the #KNOWZONE is their 2020 Ozone Alert campaign. Please visit www.acogok.org to review their Ozone Alert web page which also includes helpful information.

Council Action

The Blanchard City Council held a virtual meeting on Tuesday, May 26th. They discussed, considered and took the appropriate action on the following items:

- Suspended the Rules for public engagement.
- Approved Grady County Jail Agreement.
- Approved Delta Public Transit Agreement.
- Approved Crawford & Assoc Financial Agreement.
- Rejected bids for Park Bathrooms.
- Approved Special Event Permit Applications.
- Adopted Resolution No. 2020-07 calling for a street lite (Eagle Lake Drive & Morgan Rd).
- Called and set a Special Meeting on Tuesday, June 9th.

- Reappointed Randy Brink as Municipal Judge for 2-years.
- Approve Pictometry Imagery Fly-overs of McClain County.
- Approved Veterans Memorial.
- Made appointments to Boards, Commissions, Trusts.
- Approved letter to ODOT Funding Request for signalization with preemptive features.
- Discussed Oil and Gas Activity.
- Approved DEQ Application for water line extension.
- Discussed handicapped parking on Harrison Avenue.
- Approved Consent Agenda.

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The City of Blanchard is accepting applications for:

- Full part-time employee to operate the Citizen Collection Center, **Monday - Friday** from **3:30pm to 6pm** and **Saturdays** from **8am to 12 Noon**; and
- Full-time Utility Billing Clerk from **Monday - Friday, 8am to 5pm**.
- Full part-time employee to cook meals, prepare dining at the Senior Citizen Center, **Monday - Friday** from **8:00pm to 12 Noon**;

Applications will be taken until filled and can be found on the city's website at www.cityofblanchard.us.

The City is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Events Calendar

Friday ~ June 5th: JUNIOR/SENIOR PROM

Saturday ~ June 6th: FREEDOM FEST

Friday ~ June 12th: MAY DAZE

Saturday ~ June 13th: MAY DAZE

Sunday ~ June 14th: MAY DAZE

Sunday ~ June 14th: FLAG DAY

Saturday ~ June 20th: SUMMER SOLSTICE

Sunday ~ June 21st: FATHER'S DAY

Tuesday ~ June 30th: ELECTION

Father's Day

Like Mother's Day, Father's Day has a modern origin. The idea came to Mrs.



John Dodd as she sat listening to a Mother's Day sermon in 1909. Her father, William Smart,

had raised his children alone on his Washington farm after his wife died giving birth to their sixth child. Mrs. Dodd proposed to the Spokane Ministerial Association and the YMCA that they celebrate a "father's day" on June 5, her father's birthday. The idea received strong support, but the good ministers of Spokane asked that the day be changed to give them extra time to prepare sermons on the unexplored subject of fathers. The first Father's Day was observed on June 19, 1910, in Spokane, Washington, and soon other towns had their own celebrations. In spite of widespread support, Father's Day did not become a permanent national holiday until 1972, when President

Richard Nixon signed a law declaring that it be celebrated annually on the third Sunday in June (21st).

Flag Day



People across the United States celebrate Flag Day on June 14 each year to honor the United States flag and to commemorate the flag's adoption. On the same day, the United States Army celebrates its birthday.

Flag Day falls within National Flag Week, a time when Americans reflect on the foundations of the nation's freedom. The flag of the United States represents freedom and has been an enduring symbol of the country's ideals since its early days. During both events, Americans also remember their loyalty to the nation, reaffirm their belief in liberty and justice, and observe the nation's unity.

Many people in the United States honor this day by displaying the American flag at homes and public buildings. Other popular ways of observing this holiday include: flag-raising ceremonies; Flag Day services; school quizzes and essay competitions about the American flag; musical salutes; street parades; and awards for special recognition.

Organizations such as The National Flag Day Foundation are actively involved in coordinating activities centered on the event and keeping the flag's traditions alive. Following Flag Day is Honor America Days, a 21-day period through to Independence Day (July 4) to honor America. During this period, people hold public gatherings and activities to celebrate and honor the nation.

Although Flag Day is a nationwide observance, it is not a public holiday in many parts of the United States. It is a legal holiday in a few areas in the USA, such as Montour County in Pennsylvania.

On June 14, 1777, the Continental Congress replaced the British symbols of the Grand Union flag with a new design featuring 13 white stars in a circle on a field of blue and 13 red and white stripes - one for each state. Although it is not certain, this flag may have been made by the Philadelphia seamstress Betsy Ross, who was an official flag maker for the Pennsylvania Navy. The number of stars increased as the new states entered the Union, but the number of stripes stopped at 15 and was later returned to 13.

In June 1886 Bernard Cigrand made his first public proposal for the annual observance of the birth of the flag when he wrote an article titled "The Fourteenth of June" in the old Chicago Argus newspaper. Cigrand's effort to ensure national observance of Flag Day finally came when President Woodrow Wilson issued a proclamation calling for a nationwide observance of the event on June 14, 1916. However, Flag Day

did not become official until August 1949, when President Harry Truman signed the legislation and proclaimed June 14 as Flag Day. In 1966, Congress also requested that the President issue annually a proclamation designating the week in which June 14 occurs as National Flag Week.

The President issues a proclamation each year to call on government officials in the USA to display the flag of the United States on all government buildings on Flag Day; and to urge US residents to observe Flag Day as the anniversary of the adoption on June 14, 1777, by the Continental Congress of the Stars and Stripes as the official flag of the United States.

Freedom Fest

The City of Blanchard will host their first Freedom Fest on Saturday, June 6th.

May Daze Festival

The 27th annual May Daze Festival will be **Friday, June 12th, Saturday, June 13th and Sunday, June 14th**. General vendor booths and non-profit booths

are available. Please call the Chamber office at 485.8787 for more



information.

Meeting Calendar

JUNE

- 1st ~ BETA
- 9th ~ Budget Hearing
- 11th ~ Planning Commission
- 16th ~ BOA
- 18th ~ Code/Juvenile Court
- 23rd ~ Traffic Court
- 23rd ~ City Council
- 23rd ~ BMIA

Oil 'n Gas Permits

The Oklahoma Corporation Commission (OCC) reported NO permits for oil and gas drilling were issued within the City limits of Blanchard this week.

The OCC is the only state agency that issues permits for oil and gas drilling.

OURS PHASE 3

Mayor Eddie Odle signed a new and FINAL Proclamation effective Monday, June 1st encouraging all businesses to open for business in Blanchard in order to stimulate the local economy.

However, individuals and businesses are recommended to continue practices

City Hall is open with public access restricted to the lobby at 112 N. Main Street, Blanchard.

We encourage citizens to continue making payments by mail or drop off payments in one of two drop boxes (Main Street or back Alley).

Please visit the city's website at www.cityofblanchard.us to read the entire text of the Proclamation.

Police Blotter

Jail activity:

5/24 - PYATOK, Cortlen arrested for DUI by Sergeant Eaton;

5/25 - FUCHES, Alma arrested for DUI by Sergeant Eaton;

5/126 - BURROUGHS, Charles arrested for Possession of CDS.

Senior Dining Program



SENIORS

The Blanchard Senior Nutrition Center will open their doors for lunch to senior citizens next week. The date will be announced. However, precautions will stay in place and will remain until the Pandemic is declared over and all restrictions for vulnerable populations are lifted. Even after restrictions are lifted, new policies for keeping everyone healthy will be in effect. Curbside pickup and home delivery will still be available, if desired.

LUNCH MENU

(June 1st ~ 5th)

Monday ~ Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Vegetables, Bread, Dessert.

Tuesday ~ Ham and Potatoes, Vegetable, Fruit, Dessert.

Wednesday ~ Pizza, Salad, Corn, Dessert.

Thursday ~ Pinto Beans, Tomato Spoon Relish, Potato, Cornbread, Dessert.

Friday ~ Hot Dog, Coleslaw, Baked Beans, Biscuit, Dessert.

If you are 60 or older, you are eligible to participate free of charge. However, a suggested donation of \$2.00 is requested. Citizens under the age of 60 may participate but are required to pay \$5.00 for the meal.

Please call 485-9260, if you would like to be considered for a home delivered meal. Please be advised, the home delivery will begin the next business day. The Center is currently delivering approximately fifty (50) lunches daily.

Shelter Registration



The Blanchard Emergency Management would like to take this opportunity to remind

everyone that severe storm season is fast approaching. We want to express how important it is for everyone to register their home's storm shelters and safe rooms. The City of Blanchard storm shelter registry provides emergency services with information that allows them to locate citizens after a tornado or other natural disaster. Registration helps ensure that people in shelters affected by the storm are able to get help quickly with the potential of shelters' exits being blocked due to debris or structural damage. Registration is doubly important with the possibility of shelters flooding due to broken water lines or simply rain waters entering the shelter and drowning people trapped inside. Registration forms include your address, list of persons who would

normally be present at the home and could potentially be in the shelter, the location of the shelter/safe room on the property, and contact information for yourself and an emergency contact. If you have previously registered and some part of your information has changed, feel free to submit an updated form. If you have a question as to if your shelter is registered please contact the Emergency Management Director/Fire Chief Charlie Largent at the Blanchard Fire Department at 405.485.3939.

Registration forms available at Blanchard City Hall. Please return all registrations to the Blanchard City Hall, 122 North Main Street, Blanchard, OK 73010.

Summer Solstice



The summer solstice heralds the beginning of summer! The timing of the summer solstice depends on when the Sun reaches its farthest

point north of the equator. This occurs annually sometime between June 20 and 22, depending on the time zone. This year, the event occurs on **Saturday, June 20**, at **4:44 P.M. CDT**.

The word *solstice* is from the Latin *solstitium*, from *sol* (sun) and *stitium* (to stop), reflecting the fact that the Sun appears to stop at this time (and again at the winter solstice). In temperate regions, we notice that the Sun is higher in the sky throughout the day, and its rays strike Earth at a

more direct angle, causing the efficient warming we call summer. In the winter, just the opposite occurs: The Sun is at its southernmost point and is low in the sky. Its rays hit the Northern Hemisphere at an oblique angle, creating the feeble winter sunlight.

Think, Shop, Live Blanchard!

Please keep in mind that Blanchard's quality of life and local economy rely on where residents spend their money and do their shopping. Sales tax is a direct and vital lifeline to essential services like public safety (Police, Fire, 911), parks and infrastructure. Shopping locally keeps businesses here in Blanchard, providing jobs and benefiting community schools and non-profits. If there's one thing we can all do to make our dollars work for this community, it's to shop local! Grab dinner in Blanchard on your way home. You'd be surprised what a difference that can make. Shopping locally benefits the entire community. Make your tax dollars work for you and your community.



2020 CENSUS - BE COUNTED!

Let's help get Blanchard and Oklahoma rockin' on the 2020 Census. By clicking this link and filling out the 2020 Census that will help Blanchard in so many ways. New streets, new roads, water lines, sewer lines,

building/building renovations, it will also help the schools, fire department, police department, medical clinics, it will also help influence future funding for pell grants, health care, housing, transportation, and other important education and community services.

It's just a click away...all it takes is just a few minutes.

By not getting everyone counted means less money or no money for Blanchard and the state.

Let's help make OKLAHOMA - and your communities and districts ROCK in the 2020 Census, so LET'S GET COUNTED!

BE COUNTED! It's easy! It's safe! It's important! For the first time ever, the Census Bureau accept responses on-line, but you can still respond by phone or mail.

The National Response Rate is 60.1%;

The Oklahoma Response Rate is 53.7%;

Grady County is 54%;

McClain County is 57.6%; and

Blanchard is 62.3%.

Cities and towns that have bad roads, the sewer lines are in need of repair, the lagoons are leaking, we need new safety equipment for police/firefighters, etc.

This is how we get the money for you to fix these things. If you're not pushing the Census in your community you are not supporting the Census. Not supporting the Census is the same as saying your community does not matter.

Cities and towns do matter! You matter! Get involved! Support the Census!