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After Hours

For Public Works after-hour incidents (ie: water leaks, waterline breaks, sewer backups, sewerline breaks, lift station alarms, manhole overflowing, low-water pressure, no water, potholes, road repairs, signs missing or down, roadway flooding, debris in road, street lite out, etc.) please call 405.485.9391. The City's Central Dispatch is manned 24-7 and will contact the on-call personnel regarding the incident.

- * Parking of trailers, boats, and RVs in alleyways or in front of the building line.
- * Allowing tree limbs over hang the street with less than 8-foot clearance.
- * Failure to trim trees, grass and weeds in alleys or between sidewalk and pavement.
- * Leaving grass in the street after mowing.

Any questions, please contact Carol Mueller at City Hall.

Daylite Saving Time



FALL BACK SUNDAY, November 7th, when Daylight Saving Time ends at 2 a.m. Clocks will "fall back" one-hour.

REMEMBER! When you change the clocks, change your batteries in your smoke and CO² detectors.

Code Enforcement

Help beautify Blanchard! It is a violation of the Municipal Code of any of the following:

- * Allow the accumulation of trash and/or debris and our junk on your property.
- * Allow tall weeds or grass (including edging along the street and sidewalk) to exceed 12-inches or higher.
- * Accumulation of inoperable and/or junk vehicles and parts on your property.

Halloween

'Trick or Treat" nite in Blanchard will be **Saturday, October 30th** from **6 pm to 9 pm**.

Please drive carefully with caution and watch out for little ghosts and goblins!

For Halloween safety tips for your kids, pets, etc. please go to <https://nnw.org/halloween-safety-tips>.

Homicide #1

The Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigations (OSBI) announced the arrest of two (2) suspects (Mother and Son) in Wyoming of the murder of a male victim found dead Friday inside a trailer located on Garvin Drive just off of Oak Forest Drive south of 85th Street west of OK-76.

Job Openings

The City of Blanchard is accepting applications for employment for the following positions:

- Police Officer (2-vacancies) full-time
- Dispatcher (1-vacancy) full-time
- Water/Sewer Technician (1-vacancy) full-time
- Street Laborer (1-vacancy) full-time
- Park Laborer (3-vacancies) - Seasonal

An application can be downloaded or filled out on line at the City's website at www.cityofblanchard.us under Forms and Applications.

Please email to the HR Director at payroll@cityofblanchard.us or deliver to City Hall, Monday thru Friday from 8am to 5pm.

The City is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

November Meeting Calendar

1st: BPS Board of Education [6pm]

9th: City Council [6pm]

9th: BMIA Board of Trustees

11th: Planning Commission [6pm]

16th: Traffic Court [2pm]

16th: Board of Adjustment [6pm]

November Special Events

2nd ~ Election Day (7am-7pm)

7th ~ Daylite Saving Time Ends

11th ~ Veterans Day (City Hall Closed)

13th ~ Veterans Day Parade (10am)

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25th ~ Thanksgiving Day (City Hall Closed)

26th ~ Thanksgiving Day After (City Hall Closed)

26th ~ Black Friday

Oil 'n Gas

The Oklahoma Corporation Commission reported since **October 15th** that NO oil

wells were completed or permitted within the municipal limits of the City.

On the BMIA Agenda

The BMIA Board of Trustees will meet in regular session on **Tuesday, October 26th**, to discuss, consider and take possible action including, but not limited to, the approval, denial, amendment, revision or conditional approval, in whole or in part of:

- Request by Trustee Scalf, allowing certain trailers to off-load at the Citizen's Collection Center.
- Request by the Public Works Director, for the approval of a proposal by IMR Systems to provide an enzyme treatment and bimonthly maintenance on the City's Total Retention Lagoon system for \$1,530 per month for a one-year contract in the total amount of \$18,360.
- Consent Agenda.

The complete Agenda Packet can be accessed on the City's website at www.cityofblanchard.us/minutes-and-agendas.

The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, November 9th.

On the Council Agenda

The City Council will meet in regular session on **Tuesday, October 26th**, to discuss, consider and take possible action including, but not limited to, the approval, denial, amendment, revision or conditional approval, in whole or in part of:

- Resolution approving the CDBG Section 3 requirements.
- 3 Quotes for the purchase of a new GPS tracking system for all city-owned vehicles.
- authorize the solicitation of bids for the purchase and construction of a new building to serve the Parks Department; and authorize the City Manager to seek local banks for financing.
- Engage the services of Municipal Finance Services to provide financial services, to include but not limited to, the financing and the construction of street improvements as recommended by the Roads Ad Hoc Committee.
- Ordinance of the City of Blanchard, Oklahoma, amending Section 17-101 of Article 1 of Chapter 17 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Blanchard by providing that the mowing, trimming and maintenance of grass, trees, shrubs and other

vegetation within streets, alleys and public ways shall be the responsibility of the owner of the owner and occupant of the adjacent property; that the adjacent property owner is responsible to remove trees and shrubs that are detrimental to the public welfare and assigning to citizens the maintenance thereof; that the owner and occupant of property shall have the duty to maintain various vegetation in front, on the side and at the rear of their property in a non-dangerous condition and so that vegetation or landscaping is not a traffic hazard, an obstruction to view or a hazard to the health, safety, or welfare of the public; providing for severability; declaring repealer; and declaring an emergency.

- Whereas, it being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public health, peace and safety of the City of Blanchard and the inhabitants thereof, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, by reason whereof, this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval, as provided by law.
- Requested by Councilman Davis to address the City of Tuttle's

response to oil and gas related costs.

- Engineering paving plans for NE 10th Street as prepared by Glenn Sullivan and Associates; and authorize City Engineer to submit to the Oklahoma Department of Transportation (ODOT).
- Resolution authorizing the installation of a 4-way stop at the intersection of Main Street and Bailey Street, as requested by a Traffic and Safety Petition.
- Consent Agenda.
- Executive Session.

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Police Blotter

Inmate/hold roster: **NO ARRESTS** after October 13th to date.

PumpkinFest

Are you ready for a real **SPOOKY GOOD TIME?**

The City's annual PumpkinFest will be held on **Saturday, October 30th** from **6pm to 9pm** on Main Street. Activities include:

- Costume Contest (Ages 0-10) (11-18)

& (19-over)

- Pet Costume Contest (all pets must be on a leash)
- Face Painting
- Free Candy & Refreshments
- Games and Trunk or Treats
- Safe Candy Walk & Music

For more information, please contact Chris Wittenbach at 248.6521.

Senior Dining Program

The Blanchard Senior Nutrition Center serves a fully balanced lunch (entrees, sides, desserts, tea and coffee) for all senior citizens five (5) days a week beginning at 11:30am. **MENU**

- 10/25 ~ Spaghetti, Salad, Corn, Dessert.
- 10/26 ~ Ham n Potatoes, Green Beans, Fruit, Dessert.
- 10/27 ~ Chicken n Dumplings, Carrots, Peas, Dessert.
- 10/28 ~ Hobo Beans, Okra, Pickle n Onion, Cornbread, Dessert.
- 10/29 ~ Grilled Cheese, Tomato Soup, Bread, Dessert.

If you are 60 or older, you are eligible to participate free of charge. However, a suggested donation of \$2.00 is requested to insure the continuance in meeting the nutritional needs of our elderly citizens. Citizens under the age of 60 may participate but are required to pay \$5.00 for the meal. If you need a

ride to the Center located at 101 S. Main Street, the City contracts with Delta Transit to provide bus service. Rides are available by calling 1-866-THAT-BUS.

For more information or this week's lunch menu, please call (405) 485-9260.

Tall Grass & Weeds

The City of Blanchard Municipal Code concerning public nuisances and property enhancement requires that owners or responsible persons of property located within the municipal city limits are prohibited from allowing debris, junk, waste or trash to accumulate, or weeds or tall grass over twelve (12") inches in height, dead trees, bushes, and shrubs to grow or stand upon the premises.

This regulation is based upon the Oklahoma State Law Title 11, Section 22-111 which sets forth the procedure and definitions for the cleaning and mowing of property.

For more information, please contact Carol Mueller, Code Enforcement Officer, at 405.485.9392.

Upcoming Events

- Saturday, 12-11 ~ Christmas Parade
- Tuesday, 12-21 ~ Winter Begins
- Friday, 12-24 ~ Christmas Eve
- Saturday, 12-25 ~ Christmas Day
- Friday, 12-31 ~ New Year's Eve