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After Hours

For Public Works after-hour incidents (ie: water leaks, waterline breaks, sewer backups, sewer line 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.

Carbon-Monoxide

Due to the upcoming extreme cold and potential power outages, please be aware of the hazards of the following types of heating:

◆ **Never** use gas grills, propane grills, charcoal grills in a house, garage or enclosed area;

- ◆ All gas fire heaters **MUST** be vented to the outside to remove carbon monoxide from an enclosed area; and
- ◆ **Please** read and follow all manufacturer instructions for any heater.

January Meetings

- 3rd ~ Ad Hoc Committee (6pm)
- 4th ~ Special City Council/BMIA (6pm)
- 10th ~ Traffic Court (2pm)
- 10th ~ BPS Bd of Education (6pm)
- 13th ~ Planning Commission (6pm)
- 18th ~ Board of Adjustment (6pm)
- 20th ~ Juvenile/Code Court (4pm)
- 21st ~ Board of Adjustment
- 25th ~ City Council (6pm)
- 25th ~ BMIA (6pm)

January Special Events

- 1st ~ New Year's Day (City Hall **CLOSED**)
- 17th ~ School Holiday (**CLOSED**)
- 17th ~ Martin Luther King Day

Joint Meeting

The City Council and the Blanchard Municipal Improvement Board of Trustees will meet jointly in special session on **Tuesday, January 4th** to discuss, consider and take appropriate action in accepting the FYE2021 Financial Audit as performed by Angel, Johnston, Blasingame of Chickasha.

Moving Forward!

Attached is an informational flyer https://www.cityofblanchard.us/sites/g/files/vyhlf2821/f/news/12-20-2021_version_blanchard_road_replacement_plan.pdf regarding the upcoming municipal sales tax election slated for **Tuesday, February 8th, 2022**.

New Year's Day



In Scotland, December 31st is known as Hogmanay, the word children use to ask for their traditional present of an oatmeal cake (which is why this is also called Cake Day). The first person to cross the threshold into your home, called the first footer, is an indication of the year to come. Although the tradition

varies, if the first footer is tall and dark, the year will be a good one.

To celebrate, the City allows the discharge of fireworks on **Friday, December 31st** from 12:00 Noon to 12:00 Midnite; and on **Saturday, January 1st** from 12:01 am to 12:30 am.

Oil 'n Gas

The Oklahoma Corporation Commission reported since **December 24th** that NO oil or gas wells were completed or permitted within the municipal limits of the City.

Police Blotter

The following individuals were arrested by the Blanchard Police Department:

- 12/26/2021 ~ WRIGHT, Michael arrested on Grady Co Warrants.
- 12/26/2021 ~ JOHNSON, Jennifer arrested on Possession of CDS.
- 12/27/2021 ~ AMAYA, Paul arrested on Possession of CDS and Drug Paraphernalia.

Request for Proposals

The City of Blanchard thru the Blanchard Municipal Improvement Authority will be soliciting bids for the replacement of water lines as part of our CDBG project.

Advertising of the project will begin within the next few weeks.

School Break

The Blanchard Public Schools will be closed for the Christmas Holidays, NO CLASSES. Students will be out of school from December 20th, 2021 to January 2nd, 2022. School resumes on Monday, January 3rd.

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, Monday thru Friday.

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.

Statewide Road Conditions

If you are traveling out of state this winter, for road conditions in Oklahoma call 844.465.4997.



For road conditions in neighboring states call the following:

Arkansas 501.569.2374;

Colorado 303.639.1111;

Kansas 866.511.5368;

Missouri 888.275.6637;

Nebraska 800.906.9069;

New Mexico 800.432.4269; and

Texas 800.452.9292.

For more information visit <https://oklahoma.gov/odot/travel/current-traffic-conditions/road-condition-resources.html>.

Happy New Year