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The Blanchard Masonic Lodge located at 10th

(OK-76) and Main Street will be serving an AYCE breakfast from 7am-11am on **Saturday, February 22nd**. The cost is only \$6.00. Proceeds will benefit the Dibble Band.

For more information contact Ms. Elizabeth Scott @ 405.834.2087 or escott@dibble.k12.ok.us. Thank you for supporting our youth!

Carbon-monoxide Warning

Due to the upcoming extreme cold and 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.

A note from the Parks & Recreation Department: a new event for this



Spring season. Cinco de Mayo will be held on Tuesday, May 5th in downtown Blanchard from 6pm-9pm, with Latino sounds coming live from the band Sin-Ley. This event will host Taco Truck's, dancing and a beer cantina sponsored by Black Mesa Bottling Company.

Watch for more information on our Facebook and our new city website.



The City of Blanchard is accepting applications for full- and part-time employment for the following positions:

- » Cook ~ Nutrition Center (Part-time position with Benefits);
- » Dispatcher ~ Police Dept;
- » Public Works Director ~ Public Works Dept; and
- » Utility Locator Technician.

Applications and Job Descriptions will be reposted on the new website at www.cityofblanchard.us

For more information, please contact the City at 405.485.9392.

Events Calendar

FEBRUARY

14th ~ Valentine's Day

17th ~ Presidents Day

Heart Health Month

February is Heart Health Month! Are you at risk for diabetes? If so, you may also be at risk for heart disease.



The American Heart Association says 65 percent of people with diabetes die from some form of heart disease or stroke. Do you have diabetes? Some symptoms of diabetes to look for include frequent urination, frequent hunger and thirst, blurry vision, feeling very tired, bruises and cuts that heal very slowly, unexplained weight loss, and numbness/tingling in the hands and feet. You may take the diabetes risk test at www.diabetes.org/are-you-at-risk/ by answering some basic health questions and your risk for diabetes will be calculated. For more information about diabetes prevention and education, you may contact the American Diabetes Association.

Meeting Calendar

FEBRUARY

13th ~ Planning Commission

18th ~ BOA

20th ~ Juvenile/Code Court

28th ~ Traffic Court

28th ~ City Council

28th ~ BMIA

Notice

In accordance with the requirements of Title 11 of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA), The City of Blanchard will not discriminate against qualified individuals with disabilities on the basis of disability in its services, programs or activities.

Oil 'n Gas Complaints

With the increase of oil and gas drilling activities in and around Blanchard, comes an increase in complaints of trucks, noise and odor.

All drilling activities complaints are to be reported directly to the Oklahoma Corporation Commission at 580-255-0103 (Duncan Field Ofc) or <http://www.occeweb.com/AspxForms/OGComplaintForm.aspx>.

The Oklahoma Department of Health is the official state agency to investigate all noise complaints. However, please use the OCC Complaint Form to file a noise complaint.

The Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality is the authorized agency to investigate all air and water quality complaints to include odor. Their complaint hot line is 1-800-522-0206.

Trucking complaints (speeding, signs, etc) are to be filed with the Blanchard Police Department at 405-485-9392.

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.

Planning Commission Agenda

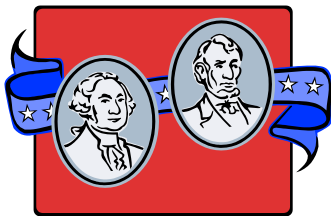
The Blanchard Planning Commission will meet in regular session on Thursday, February 13th at 6:30 p.m. to discuss, consider and take appropriate action on the following:

- ✓ Approval or denial of the Preliminary Plat for Walnut Creek Estates Phase II subject to any conditions outlined in Staff Report;
- ✓ Approval or denial of the submitted Lot Split application;
- ✓ Approval or denial of the submitted Lot Split application;
- ✓ Adopting Resolution (No. 2020-____) updating Official Zoning Map reflecting City Council adopted zoning changes since the last adopted Zoning Map on November 27th, 2018.

Police Blotter

No Jail Activity for this week.

Presidents Day



Monday, 17th of February, will be observed as President's Day. In the United

States, Presidents Day is always celebrated on the third Monday of February. Trash service is unaffected. City Offices are open for business.

Senior Assistance

ASCOG gratefully received a check from the Masonic Charity Foundation for \$64,158 at the December meeting of the Oklahoma Association of Regional Councils (OARC). The funds will be used in 2020 to assist those in need who are at least 55 years old residing in ASCOG's 8-county region (Caddo, Comanche, Cotton, Grady, Jefferson, McClain, Stephens, and Tillman). Typical types of assistance include funding of up to \$800 for ADA approved ramps, dental work including dentures, hearing aids, wheelchairs, scooters, lift chairs, durable medical equipment, minor home repairs, failing home appliances, heaters, air-conditioners. Vision services including glasses, utility assistance, and emergency medications are also available but at lower maximums. Applicants must submit a completed 2020 Masonic Grant application along with an approved vendor's estimate to be considered. Applications will be emailed to all city and county clerks where they can print a copy upon request. Printed versions will be available at the Senior Centers. Applications are also available on ASCOG's website www.ascog.org. Those with email capabilities can request an application be directly emailed to them by emailing ward_ro@ascog.org. Applications are not mailed out. Money that would be spent on postage, envelopes, printing, and labor are reserved for actual assistance as listed above.

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.

SENIOR CITIZEN'S MENU:

(February 10 ~ February 14)

Not Available!

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. 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 call 485-9260.

Sewer Project

Urban Contractors LLC began replacing approximately 360 LF of damaged existing 8-inch sanitary sewer line between Van Buren and Harrison and NE 6th and 7th.

The Contractor was awarded a contract in the amount of \$56,841 for being the lowest responsive bidder.

Spring Forward

When we change our clocks ... Change Smoke Detector Batteries on **Sunday, March 8th** - Most of the United States



begins Daylight Saving Time at 2:00 a.m. on the second Sunday in March (8th) and reverts to standard time on the first Sunday in November (1st). In the U.S., each time zone switches at a different time.

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 services), public facilities, projects, programs and services. 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.

Trash Service

The City contracts with Waste Connections for solid waste collection and disposal of residential trash. For a smooth operation, the following rules should be adhered to:

- ✓ Cans need to be set out by 7am;
- ✓ Carts need to be by the road, at the edge of the driveways, not in the driveway;
- ✓ If you have multiple carts they need to be 3 feet apart;
- ✓ Carts need to be 5 to 7 feet from mailbox, cars, etc;
- ✓ If carts are placed with wheels toward the house they are less likely to blow over;
- ✓ No bungee cords, straps, or rope to be placed on your cart, if it is windy, you can place a rock or brick on the lid to keep it closed;
- ✓ No limbs or trees or hazardous materials in either polycart.



United States
**Census
2020**

2020 CENSUS - BE COUNTED! The 2020 Census is fast approaching. Your participation in the census, and a full and accurate count, is very important to our local community. First, the census is the basis for equal political representation under the Constitution. Second, State and Federal tax dollars are allotted based on the number of people counted in the census. BE

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

Every 10 years, the US Census Bureau undertakes a mammoth task counting all the people residing in the United States.

Winter Water Conservation

While we might not be watering our lawn or maintaining much of garden during these winter months, there are still ways to cut back on our water usage in the chilly months! A big part of using less water in the winter is anticipating the cold weather's effects on your home and on your pipes.

- * If you haven't already done so, consider winterizing your pipes — both inside and outside.
- * When temperatures drop below freezing, consider dripping any vulnerable faucets to prevent frozen and burst pipes. Place a bucket under the drip to use for your house plants and cleaning.
- * The winter months are a great time to check for and fix any leaks inside your home.
- * A bucket in the shower can catch water for your houseplants and clean-up jobs.