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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.

Burn Ban

McClain County Commissioners remains under a burn ban for the county in response to high fire danger as verified by McClain County fire chiefs.

This ban is effective immediately and prohibits all fires, campfires, bonfires, burning trash or other materials due to the tinder dry conditions.

Business & Employment Notice

The City of Blanchard is preparing to carry out the CDBG Grant Waterline Replacement Project through the use of Community Development Block Grant Funds. In the implementation of this project, the following job types may be available:

Laborers, Pipe Layers, Equipment Operators

All job openings will be posted at Blanchard City Hall. To the greatest extent feasible, employment and training positions will be made available to qualified persons who permanently reside in McClain County or in the City of Blanchard. Persons qualified for the jobs listed should register at the City of Blanchard, City Hall, 122 N. Main, Blanchard, OK 73010-0480.

Additionally, the following contracts and procurements will/may be made and to the greatest extent feasible, businesses located in and owned by persons residing in McClain County will

possibly be utilized:

Waterline Replacement Project
Equipment Rental
Materials- Waterline PVC Pipe,
Valves, Fire Hydrants

All above-referenced procurements will be made on a competitive basis. The names of businesses who respond to this notice will be included on procurement lists for this project. Names of job seekers will be given to contractors.

Any person residing or firm located in the above-named areas may request to participate in procurement opportunities associated with this project by contacting City Hall, at 405-485-9392 within ten (10) days of this notice.

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.

Farmers Market

The 2022 Blanchard Farmers Market begins the first Saturday in April.

More information is forthcoming!

February Meetings

22nd ~ City Council (6pm)

22nd ~ BMIA (6pm)

February Special Events

21st ~ Presidents' Day (City Offices Opened)

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.



looking for city
employment

The City of
Blanchard
is looking

for

qualified people to fill the following positions:

1. **Police Officers** (Full-time with Benefits).
2. **Reserve Officers** (No benefits).
3. **Volunteer Firefighters** (Pension Only).
4. **911 Communications Specialist** (Full-time with Benefits).
5. **Park Laborers** (No Benefits - Seasonal)
6. **Utility (water/sewer) Laborers** (Full-time with Benefits).

Benefits for full-time employment include but not limited to:

- Health, Dental and Vision paid for by the City for the employee;
- Nationwide Retirement Solutions Plan;
- Oklahoma Police Pension and Retirement System (OPPRS) - Police Officers Only;
- 10 paid Vacation days per year;
- 10 paid Sick days per year;
- 9 paid Holidays per year;
- No cost Life Insurance paid by the City;
- Employee Assistance Program (EAP) provided by the City.

The City of Blanchard is an Equal Opportunity Employer (EOE). For more information, please contact the Human Resource Officer at 405-485-9392 or download an application at www.cityofblanchard.us.

Oil 'n Gas

The Oklahoma Corporation Commission reported since **February 11th** that NO oil or gas wells were completed or permitted within the municipal limits of the City.

On the BMIA Agenda

The Board of Trustees of the Blanchard Municipal Improvement Authority will hold their regular meeting on **Tuesday, February 22nd** to discuss, consider and take appropriate action re:

- * **Emergency Declaration** pursuant to Section 1-402(6) based on damaged fire hydrants.
- * **Contracting** with Wee Construction in the amount not to exceed \$19,500.
- * **DEQ Email** regarding improvements.
- * **Resolution** authorizing the issuance of the Sales Tax Revenue Note, Series 2022.
- * **Resolution** authorizing the issuance of the Utility System and Sales Tax Revenue Note, Series 2022.
- * **Consent Agenda.**

The next City Council meeting will be **Tuesday, March 22nd**.

On the Council Agenda

The Blanchard City Council will hold their regular meeting on **Tuesday, February 22nd** to discuss, consider and will take appropriate action re:

- * **Ordinance** granting PSO a non-exclusive franchise for 25 years.
- * **Emergency Clause** for said Ordinance.
- * **Resolution** authorizing Mayor to call special election on June 28, 2022.
- * **Proclamation & Notice** calling Special Election.
- * **Ordinance** adopting Official Zoning Map.
- * **Emergency Clause** for said Ordinance.
- * **Ordinance** amending Subdivision Regulations.
- * **Emergency Clause** for said Ordinance.
- * **Resolution** approving installation of "Children at Play" at NE 9th & Jackson.
- * **Resolution** amending Resolution No 2013-18, as amended, pertaining to annual Special Event Permits.
- * **Resolution** nominating and appointing Jeff Lister to the BETA Board of Trustees.
- * **Prescriptive Roads** within the SE4 of Section 31-T9N-R4W of the Indian Meridian.
- * **ReThread** amending Special Event Permit to add Sundays.

* **Lease-Purchase** of three (3) 2021 Ford Police Interceptors.

* **Road Improvements** for discussion, Consideration and possible action.

* **Street Striping** for discussion, Consideration and possible action.

* **Resolution** authorizing the issuance of the Sales Tax Revenue Note, Series 2022.

* **Resolution** approving the BMIA authorization to the issuance of the Sales Tax Revenue Note, Series 2022.

* **Resolution** approving the BMIA authorization for the issuance of the Utility System and Sales Tax Revenue Note, Series 2022.

* **Consent Agenda.**

* **Executive Session.**

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Park Events

The upcoming 2022 events are:

March 12th • St. Patrick's Day Parade

May 5th • Cinco De Mayo

Fridays in June • Movies and Concerts in the Park

July 2nd • Independence Day Celebration

August 19th & 20th • Bluegrass Festival

September 24th • Mufflers on Main

October 22nd • Ride for the Memorial Poker Run

October 31st • Pumpkinfest

November 12th • Veterans Day Parade

December 10th • Christmas Events & Parade of Lites

March - October • Pop Up Parties (food truck & live music)

More information will be forthcoming regarding each event posted on the City's Facebook page and the City's website.

Police Blotter

2/13/22 ~ CLANTON, Walker arrested for Domestic Assault and Battery and DUI.

Presidents' Day

Monday, 21st of February, will be observed as Presidents' Day.

In the United States, Presidents Day is always celebrated on the third Monday of February. Trash service is unaffected.

City Offices are opened for business.

Redistricting

The City's redistricting process will start soon. Redistricting of the City's Municipal Ward boundaries is required by law following the release of the U.S. Census every ten (10) years to ensure all wards have similar populations. Higher rates of growth in certain areas have occurred, therefore, the need to rebalance the

population in the City's four (4) wards is necessary.

Blanchard has a 2020 population of 8,897, it is the 49th largest city in Oklahoma. Blanchard grew at a rate of 15.8% from the last census, which recorded a population of 7,670 in 2010.

The average household income in Blanchard is \$100,179 with a poverty rate of 6.68%. The median rental costs in recent years comes to \$743 per month, and the median house value is \$191,700. The median age in Blanchard is 37.6 years, 37.2 years for males, and 37.9 years for females.

Blanchard Demographics

According to the most recent ACS, the racial composition of Blanchard is:

- White: 89.0%
- Two or more races: 4.6%
- Native American: 5.00%
- Black or African American: 0.5%
- Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander: 0.0%
- Asian: 0.3%
- Hispanic or Latino: 3.9%
- Other 0.7%

Senior Dining

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:

MENU

- 21st ~ Spaghetti, Salad, Corn, Dessert.
- 22nd ~ Ham & Potatoes, Green Beans, Fruit, Dessert.
- 23rd ~ Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Vegetables, Bread, Dessert.
- 24th ~ Pinto Beans, Tomato Spoon Relish, Spinach, Cornbread, Dessert.
- 25th ~ Sloppy Joes, Tater Tots, Corn, Bun, 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 on this week's lunch menu, please call (405) 485-9260.

School Board Election

A run-off election for the Blanchard School Board will be held on Tuesday, April 5th. Voters will select one of the 2 top candidates for Office No. 2 serving a new 5-year term on the Board:

Kristi Mitchell; or

Justin Smith.

Please exercise your constitutional right to VOTE! TUESDAY, APRIL 5th, 7 AM - 7 PM.

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>.

Water Project

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 week with an anticipated bid opening on March 24th.