



Absentee Ballots

Voters who want to vote by absentee ballot for the August 25th Runoff Primary Election must apply at the McClain County or Grady County Election Board by 5pm on Tuesday, August 18th.

After-Hours Incidents

For Public Works after-hour incidents (ie: water leaks, sewer backups, low-water pressure, no water, 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.

Alert System

Sign up for the City's NEW Emergency Alert System by going to the City's website [below](http://blanchardok.pt7.civic-cms.com/.../pa.../emergency-alerts) at <http://blanchardok.pt7.civic-cms.com/.../pa.../emergency-alerts>.

August Events

- August 16th ~ National Airborne Day
- August 21st ~ Bluegrass Festival
- August 22nd ~ Bluegrass Festival
- August 25th ~ Primary Run-off Election

Blanchard's Bluegrass Festival

Plans for the City's 10th annual Bluegrass Festival is scheduled for **Friday, August 21st** from 6pm to 10pm and **Saturday, August 22nd** from 3pm to 10pm.

- Activities will include:
- * Friday Gospel Night;
 - * Saturday is traditional Bluegrass;
 - * Food;
 - * Vendors;
 - * Featuring live music by:
 - The Horn Family
 - H&W Bluegrass Express
 - Genetic Connection
 - Honey Creek Pass
 - Southbound Mule
 - Pearlgrace & Co
 - Graystone Bluegrass Revival
 - The Russell Clan; and
 - * FREE Entry.



The City is seeking qualified candidates to fill the following position:

- * Full-Time CLEET Certified Police Officer or obtain CLEET Certification within one-year of hire; must be 21 years of age or older.

*** Full-Time Street Maintenance Laborer.**

An application can be downloaded from the City's website at www.cityofblanchard.us. Please return to City Hall, 122 North Main, Blanchard, OK 73010 or mail to City Hall, P.O. Box 480, Blanchard, OK 73010.

The City of Blanchard is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Health Testing

The Health Department located on North Main Street in Blanchard provides COVID testing on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9am to 10am and every other Fridays.

Hotel-Motel Tax

A question for or against a proposed hotel-motel tax for Blanchard will be on the General Election on Tuesday, November 3rd.

WHO WOULD PAY THIS TAX?

Visitors must pay this tax when staying in a "dwelling unit used for temporary overnight human occupancy" for business, pleasure, or recreational purposes. This includes overnight rental of spaces used for parking recreational vehicles during period of human occupancy. This is not a tax that a resident of Blanchard would pay.

The City is recruiting hotels and motels to locate in Blanchard. Part of the pro forma calculations is the amount lodging tax charged in a community. This determines the feasibility of a hotel-motel, rates and number of rooms.

Main Street Repairs

Main Street north of 10th and Main will be reopened to traffic on Thursday morning after allowing the concrete to cure.

Mandatory Water Restrictions

Due to an increase in water usage, Blanchard citizens are experiencing low water pressure and/or NO water at all.

Blanchard and Central Oklahoma is in a dry to moderate drought due to the extreme lack of rain in June. The City is experiencing a massive increase in water usage (over 31,000,000 gallons purchased from OKC in July and 29,000,000 gallons in August). In addition, we purchase an additional 10million gallons in August from the City of Newcastle. This increase has had a negative impact on our system's water pressure.

Therefore, a mandatory odd/even watering (Stage 1) is in effect until further notice.

Meeting Calendar

August 18th ~ Board of Adjustment

August 20th ~ Code/Juvenile Court

August 25th ~ Traffic Court

August 25th ~ City Council

August 25th ~ BMIA

National Airborne Day



August 16th is a day designated by the United States Congress to honor the nation's airborne units of the armed forces. It was created in 2001 by President George W. Bush.

August 16, 1940 marked the first official Army parachute jump, validating the innovative concept of inserting United States ground combat forces behind a battle line by parachute. During World War II, airborne tactics were critical to the success of important missions, including the D-Day invasion at Normandy, the Battle of the Bulge, the invasion of Southern France, and many others. In Korea and Vietnam, airborne soldiers played a critical combat role, as well as in later conflicts and peacekeeping operations, including Panama, Grenada,

Desert Storm, Haiti, Somalia, and the Balkans. Most recently, airborne forces were vital to liberating the people of Afghanistan from the repressive and violent Taliban regime; and these soldiers continue to serve proudly around the world in the global coalition against terrorism.

The elite airborne ranks include prestigious groups such as the 82nd Airborne Division, "America's Guard of Honor," and the "Screaming Eagles" of the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault). Paratroopers in the Army's XVIII Airborne Corps, the 75th Infantry (Ranger) Regiment and other Special Forces units conduct swift and effective operations in defense of peace and freedom.

Airborne combat continues to be driven by the bravery and daring spirit of sky soldiers. Often called into action with little notice, these forces have earned an enduring reputation for dedication, excellence, and honor. All citizens are encouraged to recognize the contributions of these courageous soldiers to our Nation and the world.

Planning Commission Action

The Blanchard Planning Commission held their August meeting on Thursday,

August 13th, discussed, considered and took appropriate action to:

- Opened, conducted and closed Public Hearing on a Conditional Use Permit for Medical Marijuana Growing Facility (Home Occupation);
- Tabled this application until September 10th;
- Opened, conducted and closed Public Hearing on a Conditional Use Permit for Medical Marijuana Growing Facility (Home Occupation);
- Adopted Resolution No. 2020-07 recommending approval to the City Council regarding the CUP as submitted by the applicant;
- Opened, conducted and closed Public Hearing on an application to rezone property from S-1 to A-1;
- Adopted Resolution No. 2020-08 recommending approval to the City Council regarding the reclassification of property as submitted by the applicant;
- Opened, conducted and closed Public Hearing on an application to rezone property from C-3 to R-E;
- Adopted Resolution No. 2020-09 recommending approval to the City Council regarding the reclassification of property as submitted by the applicant;
- Approved Lot Split application SUBJECT to rezoning approval;
- Approved Lot Split application;
- Approved Consent Agenda.

The next Planning Commission meeting is scheduled for Thursday, 10 September.

Permits Required

Residents may experience an increase in door-to-door sales associates. If you do encounter a solicitor at your door, they are required to have a permit from the City of Blanchard. These permits are required because they allow the City to perform background checks on applicants, which then allows the City to approve or deny the permit request. Not only are solicitors required to carry the permit on them at all times, they are also restricted to go door-to-door from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., Monday through Saturday. Residents who wish to have no interaction with solicitors are asked to display "No Solicitation Allowed" or "No Peddlers Allowed" sign that can be easily visible. If you suspect that a person in your neighborhood is soliciting without a permit, please call the Blanchard Police Department at 405.485.9391.

Pet Care

IF IT'S TOO HOT FOR YOU, IT'S TOO HOT FOR YOUR PET!

Keep your pets safe and cool in the summer by remembering that if it's too

hot for you, it's too hot for them. Bring pets inside when it's hot, and provide them with plenty of shade and fresh water when they're outside. Walk your pets at cooler times of the day and never leave an animal in a car. Contact Animal Control at 405-485-9392 if you see an animal in distress.

Police Blotter

Jail activity:

8.7 ~ WALTERS, Tim arrested for Assault;

8.9 ~ NANNEY, Leslie arrested on Carrying Firearm after Felony Conviction;

8.10 ~ SOUTHWORTH, Seth arrested on Illegal Possession of Weapon

8.11 ~ HAYS, Shadow arrested on Obstruction; and

8.12 ~ STEPHENS, Jamaury arrested on Outstanding Warrants from Union City.

Primary Run-off Election



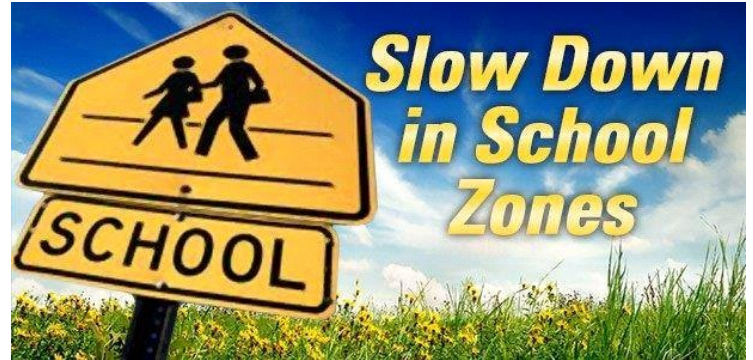
Exercise Your
Constitutional Right!

PLEASE VOTE! on
Tuesday, August 25th.

The state of Oklahoma
will conduct its primary
run-off election for

candidates seeking to represent their
respective parties in the General Election

which will be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2020.



Senior Nutrition

The Blanchard Senior Nutrition Center is still delivering lunches to area seniors (60 years & older) who are currently on the Center's delivery list and to any other area seniors in need. If you are a senior adult in need who is not already on the delivery list (currently about 50 residents), can call the Center at 485.9260 to be added to the list.

The Center will remain closed 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 stay in effect. However, curbside pickup and home delivery will still be provided until then.

LUNCH MENU

(August 17th ~ August 21st)

Monday ~ Beef Tamale Casserole, Salad, Hominy, Cornbread, Dessert.

Tuesday ~ Beef Stroganoff, Sweet Potato, Mixed Vegetables, Dessert.

Wednesday ~ Chicken Pasta Salad, Triple Bean Salad, Fruit, Crackers, Dessert.

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

Friday ~ Salmon Patty, Blackeyed Peas, Cabbage, Cornbread, 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 still delivering lunches daily.

Shop Local!

Here's what happens when you "shop local."

1. More of your money will be kept in the Blanchard economy: For every \$100 you spend at a locally owned businesses, \$68 will stay in Blanchard. What happens when you spend that same \$100 at a national chain? Only \$43 stays in the community.*

2. You embrace what makes Blanchard unique: You wouldn't want your house to

look like everyone else's in the U.S. So why would you want your community to look that way?

3. You create local jobs: Local businesses are better at creating higher-paying jobs for your neighbors. When you shop locally, you help create jobs for teachers, firemen, police officers, and many other essential professions.

4. You help the environment: Buying from a locally owned business conserves energy and resources in the form of less fuel for transportation and less packaging.

5. You nurture community: Local business owners know you, and you know them. Studies have shown that local businesses donate to community causes at more than twice the rate of chains.

6. You conserve your tax dollars: Shopping in a local business district means less infrastructure, less maintenance, and more money available to beautify the community. Also, spending locally instead of online ensures that your sales taxes are reinvested where they belong— in Blanchard!

7. You create more choice: Locally owned businesses pick the items and products they sell based on what they know you like and want. Local businesses carry a wider array of unique products because they buy for their own individual markets.

8. You take advantage of their expertise: You are their friends and neighbors, and locally owned businesses have a vested interest in knowing how to serve you. They're passionate about what they do. Why not take advantage of it?

9. You invested in entrepreneurship: Creativity and entrepreneurship are what the American economy is founded upon. Nurturing local business ensures a strong community.

10. You made Blanchard a destination: The more interesting and unique Blanchard community, the more we will attract new neighbors, visitors and guests. This benefits everyone!

**Source: Civic Economics - Andersonville Study of Retail Economics.*

Tall Grass & Weeds

The City of Blanchard is committed to maintaining clean and attractive residential neighborhoods. To help accomplish this goal, the City of Blanchard has adopted regulations concerning the abatement of tall grass, weeds and trash.

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.

2020 Election Dates



August 25th ~
 Primary Runoff
 Election
 November 3rd ~
 General Election



United States
**Census
 2020**

The Census is being cut back by a month. The final push will be hard for the next 2 months. The Census Bureau is hiring additional people and reducing the time the door-to-door workers will be in the field. The date has changed from October 31 to September 30th. Self Responses will also end at this time.