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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.

BMIA Action

The Board of Trustees of the Blanchard Municipal Improvement Authority held their regular meeting on **Tuesday, February 22nd** and discussed, considered and took appropriate action re:

* **Declared** an emergency pursuant to Section 1-402(6) based on damaged fire hydrants.

* **Approved** contracting with Wee Construction in the amount not to exceed \$19,500.

* **Discussed** the DEQ Email regarding improvements.

* **Adopted** Resolution No. 2022-01 authorizing the issuance of the Sales Tax Revenue Note, Series 2022.

* **Adopted** Resolution No. 2022-02 authorizing the issuance of the Utility System and Sales Tax Revenue Note, Series 2022.

* **Approved** Consent Agenda, as presented.

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

Burn Ban

Both Grady County and McClain County remains under a burn ban in response to high fire danger as verified by McClain County and Grady 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;
- 7♦ 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.

Council Action



The Blanchard City Council held their regular meeting on **Tuesday, February 22nd** and discussed,

considered and took appropriate action re:

- * **Adopted** Ordinance No. 750 granting PSO a non-exclusive franchise for 25 years SUBJECT to special election.
- * **Adopted** Emergency Clause for Ordinance No. 750.
- * **Adopted** Resolution No. 2022-03 authorizing Mayor to call special election on June 28, 2022.
- * **Approved** Proclamation & Notice calling Special Election.
- * **Adopted** Ordinance No. 751 adopting Official Zoning Map.
- * **Adopted** Emergency Clause for Ordinance No. 751.
- * **Adopted** Ordinance No. 752 amending Subdivision Regulations.
- * **Adopted** Emergency Clause for Ordinance No. 752.
- * **Tabled** Resolution regarding the installation of "Children at Play" at NE 9th & Jackson.
- * **Voted** to leave Resolution, as amended, pertaining to annual Special Event Permits.
- * **Adopted** Resolution No. 2022-05 nominating and appointing Jeff Lister to the BETA Board of Trustees.
- * **Discussed** Prescriptive Roads within the SE4 of Section 31-T9N-R4W of the Indian Meridian.
- * **Approved** ReThread's request to amend their Special Event Permit to add Sundays.

* **Approved** the Lease-Purchase of three (3) 2021 Ford Police Interceptors with equipment from JW Auto Sales.

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

* **Authorized** the City Manager to seek seal bids for street striping of various locations in Blanchard.

* **Adopted** Resolution No. 2022-06 authorizing the issuance of the Sales Tax Revenue Note, Series 2022.

* **Adopted** Resolution No. 2022-07 approving the BMIA authorization to the issuance of the Sales Tax Revenue Note, Series 2022.

* **Adopted** Resolution No. 2022-08 approving the BMIA authorization for the issuance of the Utility System and Sales Tax Revenue Note, Series 2022.

* **Approved** Consent Agenda, as presented.

* **Held** Executive Session.

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

Farmers Market

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

More information is forthcoming!

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 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.

March Meetings

1st ~ Veterans Committee (1pm)

7th ~ TEAM Blanchard (8am)

7th ~ BPS School Board (6pm)

10th ~ Planning Commission (6pm)

14th ~ Traffic Court (2pm)

15th ~ Board of Adjustment (6pm)

17th ~ Code/Juvenile Court (4pm)

22nd ~ BMIA (6pm)
 22nd ~ City Council (6pm)

March Special Events

2nd ~ Ash Wednesday
 12th ~ St Patty Day Parade (4pm)
 13th ~ Daylite Saving Time Begins (2am)
 14th ~ Spring Break (School Closed)
 15th ~ Spring Break (School Closed)
 16th ~ Spring Break (School Closed)
 17th ~ Spring Break (School Closed)
 17th ~ St Patrick's Day
 18th ~ Spring Break (School Closed)
 20th ~ Spring Begins (2:20pm)

Oil 'n Gas

The Oklahoma Corporation Commission reported since February 18th that NO oil or gas wells were completed or permitted within the municipal limits of the City.

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

2/22/22 ~ KAHRIS, George S. arrested on DUI-D, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, Possession of CDS and Failure to Maintain Lane.

2/21/22 ~ GREENE, Tyler arrested on DUI and Eluding.



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.**

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

- **28th** ~ Goulash, Carrots, Peas, Dessert.
- **1st** ~ Breakfast Sausage, Potatoes, Biscuits, Dessert.
- **2nd** ~ Tetrizzini, Sweet Potatoes, Vegetables, Dessert.
- **3rd** ~ Hobo Beans, Okra, Pickles and Onions, Cornbread, Dessert.
- **4th** ~ Ribbette, Coleslaw, Baked Beans, 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.



The Blanchard Public School District will be on Spring Break beginning **Monday,**

March 14th thru Friday, March 18th. NO Classes for students.

Spring Forward

Daylight Saving Time begins at **2 a.m.** when clocks will "spring forward" one-

hour on **Sunday, March 13th.** The exceptions are Arizona, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, and American Samoa.



Credit for Daylite Saving Time belongs to Benjamin Franklin, who first suggested the idea in 1784. The idea was revised in 1907, when William Willett, an Englishman, proposed a similar system in the pamphlet 'The Waste of Daylight'. The Germans were the first to officially adopt the light-extending system in 1915 as a fuel-saving measure during World War 1. The British switched one year later, and the United States followed in

1918, when Congress passed the Standard Time Act, which established our time zones. This experiment lasted only until 1920, when the law was repealed due to opposition from dairy farmers [cows don't pay attention to clocks]. During World War II, Daylight Saving Time was imposed once again [this time year around] to save fuel. **REMEMBER!** When you change the clocks, change your batteries in your smoke and CO² detectors.

St Patrick's Day



If you're inclined toward legend, lore and festivities of the Saint and how the Irish honor him, then check out this St. Patrick's Day site at www.st-patricks-day.com, where you'll find everything from parades to recipes. In Dublin Ireland, the St. Patrick's Day Festival at www.stpatricksdays.ie is described as four (4) days of "madness and mayhem." St. Patrick's Day is **Thursday, March 17th**.

St Patty's Day Parade

The annual St Patty's Day Parade will be **Saturday, March 12th** beginning at 4pm. Parade lineup begins at 3:30pm at Legacy Bank and the parade kicks off at 4pm. Events will feature the annual parade,

games, live entertainment, Irish jigs, costume contests and plenty more activities and fun for the whole family on Main Street following the parade.

For more info
contact
Chris
Wittenbach



@ 485.9392.

Vernal Equinox



Spring will begin on **Thursday, March 20th** at **2:20p.m. CDT**. The word equinox is derived from the Latin words meaning "equal nite." The Vernal, or spring, equinox is the point at which the Sun appears to cross the celestial equator from south to north, signaling the beginning of nature's renewal in the Northern Hemisphere.

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 starting **Thursday, March 3rd** with a bid opening on April 1st.