



After Hours

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>.

AYCE Breakfast



The Blanchard Masonic Lodge will begin hosting several All You Can Eat (AYCE) Breakfasts from 7am - 11am for the

remainder of the year on **Saturdays** at the Methodist Church Activity Center:

Saturday, October 24th ~ Blanchard High School Cheerleaders.

Saturday, November 21st ~ Blanchard Junior High Cheerleaders.

Saturday, December ~ TBA

The cost is only \$6 and ALL proceeds benefit certain youth organizations in Blanchard, Bridge Creek and Dibble.

THANK YOU for supporting our youth!

Animal Control

There has been a recent increase in the number of barking dog complaints.

Therefore, the Blanchard Municipal Court has set forth the following policy:

1. After the initial complaint, the owner of the premises where the animal is located will receive a letter from the City of Blanchard Animal Control stating that complaints of a barking animal has been received alleging that the barking was creating a nuisance and that pursuant to Section 3-101(30)(e) of the Blanchard Code of Ordinances, any dog that engages in loud, frequent or habitual barking, howling, yelping or other noise or action that disturbs

any person or neighborhood within the city limits is defined as a Nuisance Dog;

2. On a subsequent complaint regarding events that occurred after the owner of the premises had received the ACO's letter, the owner of the premises shall receive a formal written warning from the ACO for a violation of Section 12-302 and attaching to the formal written warning a copy of the letter previously served on the property owner.
3. On a subsequent complaint regarding events the occurred after the owner of the premises had received the ACO's formal written warning, a Citation for a violation of Section 12-302 will be issued.
4. On a subsequent complaint regarding events that occurred after the Citation had been issued and served, the City Manager and City Council may proceed with formal abatement of the nuisance pursuant to Section 12-303 and after an Order of Abatement is issued, a new citation may be issued each day that the nuisance is allowed to continue.

Ballot Questions



Voters will consider the following two (2) state questions on the upcoming General Election Ballot. They are as follows:

STATE QUESTION NO. 805:
 This measure seeks to add a new Article II-A to the Oklahoma Constitution. This new Article excepts and does not apply to persons who have ever been convicted of a violent felony. It would prohibit the use of a former felony conviction to increase the statutorily allowable base range of punishment for a person subsequently convicted of a felony. Individuals who are currently incarcerated for felony sentences that were enhanced based on one or more former felony convictions, and whose sentences are greater than the maximum sentence that may currently be imposed for such felonies, may seek sentence modification in court. The new Article sets forth a detailed process for such sentence modification, including but not limited to requirements for a hearing, appointment of counsel for indigent petitioners, and notification of victims, and requires that the court impose a modified sentence no greater than the current maximum sentence which may be

imposed on a person convicted of the same felony with no former felony convictions, and which results in no greater time served in prison than under the original sentence. It establishes an appeal procedure, provides an effective date, and contains a severability clause.

STATE QUESTION NO. 814:

This measure seeks to amend Article 10, Section 40 of the Oklahoma Constitution (Section 40), which directs proceeds from the State's settlements with or judgments against tobacco companies. Currently, Section 40 directs 75% of proceeds to the Tobacco Settlement Endowment Trust Fund (TSET Fund), where earnings may only be used for tobacco prevention programs, cancer research, and other such programs to maintain or improve the health of Oklahomans. Meanwhile, the remaining 25% of proceeds are directed to a separate fund for the Legislature (Legislative Fund). The Legislature can also direct some of that 25% to the Attorney General.

This measure amends Section 40 to reduce the percentage of proceeds that go into the TSET Fund from 75% to 25%. As a result, the remaining 75% will go to the Legislative Fund and the Legislature may continue to direct a portion to the Attorney General. The measure would also restrict the use of the Legislative Fund. Section 40 currently states only

that the Legislative Fund is subject to legislative appropriation. If this measure passes, money from the Legislative Fund must be used to get federal matching funds for Oklahoma's Medicaid Program.

Please exercise your constitutional right to vote! **Tuesday, November 3rd**. More information on all State Questions can be found on the Secretary of State's website.

BMIA Agenda

The Board of Trustees of the Blanchard Municipal Improvement Authority will meet during the October regular meeting on **Tuesday, October 27th** to discuss, consider and take appropriate action on the following agenda items:

- ◆ Resolution selecting Options for oil and gas royalties;
- ◆ Reimbursement request for payments on electric service for Oasis Ranch lift station;
- ◆ Old town water pressure issues;
- ◆ Household hazardous waste and e-waste collection events; and
- ◆ Consent Agenda.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, **November 10, 2020**.

Citizen Collection Center

The Center is currently operating under new hours until November 1 as follows:

- Sunday ~ **CLOSED**
- Monday ~ **3pm to 7pm**
- Tuesday ~ **8am to 10am**
3pm to 7pm
- Wednesday ~ **3pm to 7pm**
- Thursday ~ **8am to 10am**
3pm to 7pm
- Friday ~ **3pm to 7pm**
- Saturday ~ **7am to 12Noon**

These temporary hours will remain in effect until **November 1st**. Please visit the City's website at www.cityofblanchard.us to see what is accepted and what is not.

Code Enforcement

Help beautify Blanchard! The City of Blanchard issues citations that are heard in Municipal Court monthly for violations of any of the following:

- * Trash and/or debris on your property.
- * Tall weeds or grass (including edging along the street and sidewalk).
- * Inoperable and/or junk vehicles.
- * Trailers and autos in alleyways.
- * Tree limbs over hanging the street with less than 8 foot clearance.
- * Failure to trim trees, grass and weeds in alleys.
- * Leaving grass in the street after mowing.

City Council Agenda

The City Council of the City of Blanchard will meet during the October regular meeting on **Tuesday, October 27th** to discuss, consider and take appropriate action on the following agenda items:

- ◇ Public hearing re: public comments on a Notice of Determination of Sufficiency of Petition of Detachment of Territory from the municipal limits;
- ◇ Ordinance on the Petition of Detachment of Territory;
- ◇ Emergency Clause;
- ◇ Public hearing re: rezoning of property from A-1 to R-E;
- ◇ Ordinance on rezoning;
- ◇ Emergency Clause;
- ◇ Public hearing on a Medical Marijuana Conditional Use Permit for 1383 S. State Highway 76;
- ◇ Resolution for Conditional Use Permit;
- ◇ Resolution authorizing OMAG to distribute escrow account funds to Blanchard;
- ◇ Resolution for street lighting at SW 14th Street and SH-76 south;
- ◇ Resolution for Mayor's nominations and appointment of members to serve on the Emergency Management Advisory Committee;
- ◇ Resolution amending the FYE2021 Budget to include revenues/expenditures

for the newly established Emergency Management Department;

◇ Resolution selecting the City's Option No. 4 regarding oil and gas royalties;

◇ Proclamation for:

○ Proclaiming Wednesday, November 11th as "Veterans Day" in Blanchard;

○ Proclaiming the week of November 10th - 16th as "Oklahoma Heritage Week" in Blanchard;

○ Proclaiming the month of November as "American Legion Appreciation Month" in Blanchard;

○ Proclaiming the month of November as "American Indian Heritage Month" in Blanchard;

◇ Agreement for Engineering Services with Glenn Sullivan & Associates for 1-mile improvement of NE 10th Street from US62 to SH76;

◇ Change Order No. 2 to add \$9,433.39 for quick disconnect of vehicle exhaust in new fire station;

◇ Joint public trust creation with regional cities and towns for water resources;

◇ Halloween observance for Saturday, October 31st from 6pm to 9pm;

◇ Special Event Permit for the Blanchard Touchdown Club;

◇ Consent Agenda; and

◇ Executive Session.

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Daylite Saving Time

FALL BACK SUNDAY, **November 1st**, when Daylight Saving Time ends at **2 a.m.** Clocks will "fall back" one-hour.



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.

EMPLOYMENT Opportunities

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

* 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.

FOOD TRUCK TUESDAYS

Food Truck Tuesdays are back during the month of **October** from **11am to 2pm**:

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Type</u>
27 th	Trevino's	Mexican/BBQ.

Groundbreaking

The Blanchard Veterans Committee will be holding a Groundbreaking Ceremony on the site of the future Veterans Memorial on Saturday, November 7th at 9am.

The event is open to the public and the site is located at 305 E Veterans Memorial Highway.

To date, the Committee has raised over \$64,000 for the Memorial.

Please visit the City's website at www.cityofblanchard.us/community to learn more on the Memorial.

Halloween

'Trick or Treat' nite in Blanchard will be **Saturday, October 31st** from **6 pm to 9 pm**.



Please drive with caution and watch out for little ghosts and goblins!

For Halloween safety tips for your kids, pets, etc. please go to www.halloween-safety.com.

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 Ballot on **Tuesday, November 3rd**.

WHAT ARE OTHER CITIES IN OKLAHOMA THAT COLLECT A LODGING TAX & WHAT IS THE TAX RATE?

- Ardmore - 5%
- Atoka - 5%
- Bartlesville - 5%
- Bethany - 5%
- Carlton Landing - 5%
- Chandler - 5%
- Cherokee - 5%
- Chickasha - 5%
- Claremore - 5%
- Drumright - 4%
- Durant - 5%
- Eufaula - 9%
- Elk City - 5%
- Grove - 5%
- Lawton - 5%
- Midwest City - 5%
- Muskogee - 8%
- Mustang - 5%
- Norman - 4%
- Owasso - 5%
- Perry - 5%
- Ponca City - 8%
- Purcell - 5%*
- Sand Springs - 7%
- Stillwater - 4%
- Stroud - 4%
- Sulphur - 5.5%
- Waynoka - 8%
- Woodward - 6%
- Yukon - 5%

*On the election ballot in February 2021.

In addition, fourteen (14) counties assess a lodging tax.

DO TULSA AND OKLAHOMA CITY COLLECT A LODGING TAX?

Yes. Tulsa's lodging tax is 5% and Oklahoma City's is 5.5%.

For more information, see IRS Publication 535, Business Expenses, or consult a professional tax preparer regarding exemptions.

If approved on the upcoming ballot, collections will begin on January 1, 2021, at Midnite and will be used exclusively for the purpose of encouraging, promoting, and fostering tourism for the City of Blanchard.

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

HH Hazardous Waste

A Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event will be held on **Saturday, October 24th** from **1pm to 5pm**.

Items that will be accepted will include tires, batteries, oil, paints, etc.

Further information will be sent to all citizens in the October utility billing.

Meeting Calendar

October 27th ~ Traffic Court

October 27th ~ City Council

October 27th ~ BMIA

NOTICES OF CONTINUANCE

The Oklahoma Corporation Commission continued the application for an administrative authorization to drill and complete the Goose 1-4, as a Commercial Saltwater Disposal Well (55th & Rockwell) requested by Wildcat SWD 1 LLC from **October 23rd to November 23rd at 8:30 a.m.**, Corporation Commission, Jim Thorpe Office Building, First Floor, 2101 N Lincoln Blvd.

October Events

24th ~ AYCE Breakfast (Masonic Lodge)

24th ~ HH Hazardous Waste Collection

27th ~ Food Truck Tuesday

31st ~ Pumpkin' Fest

31st ~ Halloween

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.

Police Blotter

Jail Activity Report for:

10/16 ~ SHARRON, Darren arrested on outstanding Local Warrant;

10/07 ~ SCHORNICK, Taylor arrested on outstanding Warrants;

10/20 ~ STONE, Andrew arrested on outstanding local Warrants;

10/22 ~ HAMMOND, Jason arrested on Possession of Dangerous Weapon.

PumpkinFest

Are you ready for a real SPOOKY GOOD TIME?

The City's annual event will be held on **Saturday, October 31st** from 6pm to 9pm on Main Street.



Activities include:

- Costume Contest (Ages 0-10) (11-18) & (19-over)
- Pet Costume Contest (all pets must be on a leash)

- Free Candy & Refreshments
- Games and Trunk or Treats
- Safe Candy Walk & Music

For more information, please contact Chris Wittenbach at 248.6521 or parks@cityofblanchard.us.

Senior Citizens Notice

Curbside pickup and home deliveries will continue for the Blanchard Senior Citizens Center. The dining area will reopen with a limited occupancy of 12, so RESERVATION ONLY. However, diners will follow safety protocols of social distancing and wearing masks when appropriate. All other activities (exercise, bingo, dominos, etc.) are still on hold until further notice.

LUNCH MENU

(Oct 26 - Oct 30)

Monday ~ Spaghetti, Salad, Hominy, Dessert.

Tuesday ~ Chicken and Rice, Carrots, Peas, Dessert.

Wednesday ~ Ham and Potato Casserole, Fruit, Green Beans, Dessert.

Thursday ~ Navy Beans, Spinach, Potatoes, Cornbread, Dessert.

Friday ~ Ham Salad, Tomato Soup, Salad, Bread, Dessert.

If you are 60 or older, you are eligible to participate free of charge in the City's daily nutrition program. 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 between 8am to Noon the day prior to reserving your meal, if you would like to be considered for a home delivered meal the next day. Please be advised, the home delivery will begin the next business day.

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 General Election



Tuesday (November 3rd)

Polls are open from 7am to 7pm.

Veterans Day Parade

Plans are under way for the annual Veterans Day Parade. So grab a flag and come to the Historic Downtown Blanchard to honor those who have served or serves our country.



One of the best Veteran's parade in

Oklahoma is sponsored by the Blanchard Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Blanchard American Legion and the City of Blanchard.

This year's Parade will be **Saturday, November 7th at 10:30am**. The Parade Marshal is Walter Crews (a Korean War Naval veteran).

Parade Entry Forms are available on the City's website at www.cityofblanchard.us.

Veterans Day



Known as Armistice Day, commemorating the signing of the agreement that ended World War I at 11:00am, on November 11, 1918, this federal holiday was changed to Veterans Day in 1954 by Congress. At that time, it became a day to honor all the men and women who have served in the armed forces of the United States. Each year, special ceremonies are held around the nation honoring our Veterans. Please consider spending some time on-line learning more about our nation's true HEROES [the American Veteran] who have served our

Water Restrictions

Water users in Blanchard are still under mandatory odd/even watering (Stage 1) which is in effect until further notice as required under the contract with OKC.

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