



## *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's All You Can Eat (AYCE) Breakfast is CANCELLED due to the COVID-19 outbreak.

## *BMIA Action*

The Board of Trustees of the Blanchard Municipal Improvement Authority held their November meeting on **Tuesday, November 10<sup>th</sup>** and discussed, considered and took appropriate action on the following regular session agenda items:

- ◆ Adopted Resolution No. 2020-06 approving the 2021 Schedule of Meetings;
- ◆ Adopted Resolution No. 2020-07 approving the 2021 Holiday Schedule;
- ◆ Acknowledged Water Permit WL000044180772 extension;
- ◆ Acknowledged Sewer Permit SL000044180773 extension;
- ◆ Granted Transfer Site Credit;
- ◆ Operations of Transfer Site to be determined by City Manager; and
- ◆ Approved Consent Agenda.

The next meeting will be **Tuesday, December 8, 2020**.

## *City Council Action*

The City Council of the City of Blanchard held their November regular meeting on **Tuesday, November 10<sup>th</sup>** and discussed, considered and took appropriate action on the following regular meeting agenda items:

- ◇ Adopted Resolution No. 2020-26 approving the 2021 Schedule of Meetings;
- ◇ Adopted Resolution No. 2020-27 approving the 2021 Holiday Schedule;
- ◇ Adopted Resolution No. 2020-28 approving the establishment of an Emergency Management Fund in the amount of \$483,840.03;
- ◇ Accepted and approved the Offer to Purchase Agreement from ODOT for lots to construct Veterans Memorial;
- ◇ Provided status of debris removal;
- ◇ Approved Consent Agenda; and
- ◇ Did not hold Executive Session.

The next meeting will be **Tuesday, December 8, 2020.**

## *City Hall*

Due to the recent outbreak of COVID, City Hall will be closed to public walk-ins.

Citizens can contact personnel by phone or conduct as much business as possible on the City's website until we reopen to walk-in traffic.

## *Debris Removal Update*

The City appreciates everyone's patience during this natural disaster that has plagued forty-seven (47) counties in Oklahoma.

Late Tuesday afternoon, we received our permit from DEQ in order to accept

and burn tree damage from the October 26<sup>th</sup> winter storm.

The first contract has been issued to a contractor for the proper burning of the storm damage. As we progress, we will post it on the City's facebook page when we will begin accept debris for those that want to bring it directly to the site.

## *Free Breakfast & Lunch*

The Blanchard Public School has announced that the USDA is allowing the school district to feed breakfast and lunch to children 1-18 years of age, for FREE! This will last until December 31, 2020, or until funds run out.

They are working on getting everyone's accounts credited for the meals they have charged. If your child still has a balance on their account, please continue to pay this off, as the USDA will not pay for past charges.

If you would like to receive a meal, please contact Jamie Romine, [jromine@blanchard.k12.ok.us](mailto:jromine@blanchard.k12.ok.us) or by phone 405-485-3391 ext 270, please leave a message stating how many you request to pick up.

## Holiday Closings



City offices will be closed on **Thursday** and **Friday, November 26<sup>th</sup>** and **27<sup>th</sup>** in observance of Thanksgiving.

## Meeting Calendar

**November 17<sup>th</sup> ~ BOA (Cancelled)**

### 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 (55<sup>th</sup> & Rockwell) requested by Wildcat SWD 1 LLC from **October 23<sup>rd</sup> to November 23<sup>rd</sup> at 8:30 a.m.**, Corporation Commission, Jim Thorpe Office Building, First Floor, 2101 N Lincoln Blvd.

## Oklahoma Heritage Week

The signing of the Statehood



Proclamation on November 16, 1907, was the most significant action in the history of the State of Oklahoma. The week of

**November 15<sup>th</sup> through 21<sup>st</sup>** has been declared 'OKLAHOMA HERITAGE WEEK' in the State of Oklahoma.

All Oklahomans should pause during this time and reflect on our Oklahoma heritage, as well as our national heritage. Blanchard has the obligation and privilege to play an important role in the observance of this great week!

The Blanchard City Council issued a proclamation declaring the week of November 15<sup>th</sup> thru the 21<sup>st</sup> to be 'Oklahoma Heritage Week' in Blanchard and encourages all citizens, families, clubs, churches, business organizations and schools in Blanchard to give personal attention to all special Statehood Day observances, to fly the State Flag and the National Colors, to participate in and help sponsor programs, projects, and activities emphasizing the heritage of our great State.

## PC Meeting

The Blanchard Planning Commission was cancelled due to COVID and the November agenda items will be added to the next regular meeting on **Thursday, December 10<sup>th</sup>** beginning at **6:30 p.m.**

## 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)

- ◇ **Monday, 11/16** ~ Goulash, Carrots, Peas, Dessert.
- ◇ **Tuesday, 11/17** ~ Ham, Potato Soup, Salad Crackers, Dessert.
- ◇ **Wednesday, 11/18** ~ Salisbury Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Vegetables, Roll, Dessert.
- ◇ **Thursday, 11/19** ~ Navy Beans, Tomato Spoon Relish, Potatoes, Cornbread, Dessert.
- ◇ **Friday, 11/20** ~ Meatballs, Parsley Potatoes, Broccoli, Roll, 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.*

## Special Events

*November:*

26<sup>th</sup> ~ Thanksgiving Day

27<sup>th</sup> ~ Thanksgiving Day After

## Thanksgiving

Our modern Turkey Day has its origins in two very different holidays: the harvest home feast and the formal day of thanksgiving proclaimed



by church or government authorities in gratitude for a particular event, such as a military victory. Very few days of thanksgiving coincided with harvest celebrations. Thanksgiving Day began in Plymouth Colony in 1621, when the Pilgrims gave thanks for their survival and a good first crop.

In 1863, President Abraham Lincoln set aside the last Thursday in November for a national celebration of Thanksgiving. (In 1941, the U.S. Congress decreed that Thanksgiving should fall on the fourth Thursday of November.)

Roast turkey, stuffing, cranberry sauce, vegetables, and pumpkin pie were the main dishes of the New England harvest home feast and became popular because of their supposed connection to the Pilgrims.