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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.

Christmas on Main



Christmas on Main is Quickly Approaching! The Blanchard Parks and Recreation is in the process of planning our annual

Christmas on Main event for December 11th.

Each December, the City comes alive with lights and fun for the whole family. Old City Hall will be a great place to see and visit with your friends and get a FREE picture with the jolly ole elf, himself. Then step outside for more festivities:

Pics with Santa from 2 - 4pm;

Free hot chocolate from 2 - 4pm;

Blanchard Kindergarten sing at 5pm.

The Blanchard Annual Lighted Christmas Parade will step off at 6pm on **Saturday, December 11th**. The theme of the Parade is a "Cajun Christmas." Come celebrate Christmas from the deep South.

For more information, please visit the City's website at www.cityofblanchard.us/events.

The Parade Entry Form is on the site for downloading.

Code Enforcement

Help beautify Blanchard! It is a violation of the Municipal Code of any of the following:

- * Allow the accumulation of trash and/or debris and our junk on your property.
- * Allow tall weeds or grass (including edging along the street and sidewalk) to exceed 12-inches or higher.
- * Accumulation of inoperable and/or junk vehicles and parts on your property.
- * Parking of trailers, boats, and RVs in alleyways or in front of the building line.
- * Allowing tree limbs over hang the street with less than 8-foot clearance.
- * Failure to trim trees, grass and weeds in alleys or between sidewalk and pavement.
- * Leaving grass in the street after mowing.

Any questions, please contact Carol Mueller at City Hall.

December Meetings

- 6th ~ BETA (6pm)
- 6th ~ BPS Board of Education (6pm)
- 9th ~ Planning Commission (6pm)
- 14th ~ City Council (6pm)
- 14th ~ BMIA (6pm)
- 16th ~ Code/Juvenile Court (4pm)
- 21st ~ Traffic Court (2pm)
- 21st ~ Board of Adjustment

December Special Events

- 7th ~ Pearl Harbor Day
- 11th ~ "CAJUN" Christmas Parade
- 11th ~ Christmas on Main
- 11th ~ Pictures with Santa
- 21st ~ Winter Solstice (9:59am CST)
- 24th ~ Christmas Eve
- 24th ~ Christmas Observance (City Hall **CLOSED**)
- 25th ~ Christmas
- 31st ~ New Year's Eve (City Hall **CLOSED**)

Employment

The City of Blanchard is accepting applications for employment for the following positions:



- Police

Officer (1-vacancy) full-time

- Park Laborer (3-vacancies) - Seasonal
- An application can be downloaded or filled out on line at the City's website at <https://www.cityofblanchard.us/human-resources/files/employment-application>.

Please email to the HR Director at payroll@cityofblanchard.us or deliver to City Hall, Monday thru Friday from 8am to 5pm.

The City is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

OCC Hearing

The hearing regarding the proposed Wildcat Saltwater Disposal Well 1 LLC to be located in the SE4 SE4 SW4 of Section 4-T8N-R4W of the Indian Meridian, McClain County was dismissed today (Friday, November 19th),

The applicant withdrew its application that was scheduled to be heard before the Oil and Gas Pollution and Enforcement Docket of the Oklahoma Corporation Commission today.

The applicant no longer wished to pursue the case.

Holiday Closing



City offices will be closed on **November 25th** & **November 26th** for the observance of Thanksgiving.

If you have a police or fire emergency, please call 911. If you have a water or sewer emergency, please call 485.9391. Trash service will be delayed with Thursday's collection on Friday and Friday's usual collection on Saturday.

City Offices will reopen on **Monday, November 29th**.

No School

The Blanchard Public Schools will be closed for the Thanksgiving holiday the week of **Monday, November 22nd** thru **Friday, November 26th**.

Classes resume **Monday, November 29th**.

November Special Events

22nd ~ No Classes (BPS Closed)

23rd ~ No Classes (BPS Closed)

24th ~ No Classes (BPS Closed)

25th ~ Thanksgiving Day (City Hall Closed)

25th ~ No Classes (BPS Closed)

26th ~ After Thanksgiving (City Hall Closed)

26th ~ No Classes (BPS Closed)

26th ~ Black Friday

Oil 'n Gas

The Oklahoma Corporation Commission reported since **November 12th** that NO oil wells were completed or permitted within the municipal limits of the City.

Police Blotter

Inmate/hold roster:

- 11-13 ~ REDMON, Torrey arrested on Canadian County Warrant.

Senior Dining Program

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

- 22nd ~ Potato Soup w/Ham, Broccoli, Fruit, Crackers, Dessert.
- 23rd ~ Pizza, Salad, Vegetable, Dessert.
- 24th ~ Beans, Spinach, Potato, Cornbread, Dessert.
- 25th ~ CLOSED for Thanksgiving.
- 26th ~ CLOSED for Thanksgiving.

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.

Shop Blanchard!

The Chamber's annual Shop Blanchard promotion will begin on November 11th and end on December 11th. Cut-off time will be 3 PM on the 11th.

The drawing will be December 11th around 4pm to 6pm. All receipts must be from local businesses and dated from November 11 - December 11, 2021.

All giveaways are donated by local businesses.

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 each 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.

Safest Places in OK

We all want the finer things in life. Love, comfort and safety are at the top of everyone's list ... but for a lot of people who live in the great state of Oklahoma, safety isn't a problem, but we don't get to live in the safest cities - unless of course you live in Lone Grove and Blanchard.

Using the latest FBI crime data, cities were analyzed to determine the Top 10 Safest Cities in Oklahoma for 2021:

1. Lone Grove
2. Blanchard
3. Piedmont
4. Alva
5. Jenks
6. Bixby
7. Choctaw
8. Collinsville
9. Harrah
10. Broken Arrow.

Upcoming Events

Saturday, 12-11 ~ Christmas Parade
 Saturday, 12-11 ~ Christmas on Main
 Saturday, 12-11 ~ Pictures w/Santa
 Tuesday, 12-21 ~ Winter Begins
 Friday, 12-24 ~ Christmas Eve
 Saturday, 12-25 ~ Christmas Day
 Friday, 12-31 ~ New Year's Eve

Winter Solstice

The winter solstice is one of the two times each year that the Sun is at its farthest point from the equator and appears to stand still. It occurs on **Tuesday, December 21st** at 9:59 a.m. CST.



The word *solstice* is derived from the Latin *sol*, or "Sun," and *stitium*, or "stoppage."

