



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>.

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

CDBG Public Hearing

The City of Blanchard will hold a Public Hearing on a proposed FY-2021 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) to update and replace existing water lines in old town Blanchard.

The Hearing is scheduled on **Tuesday, December 8th, 2020**, at **6:00 p.m.** at the Blanchard Municipal Courthouse located

at 300 North Main Street, Blanchard, OK.

The Public meeting will provide citizens with information on:

- » Type of projects for which funding is available.
- » Identify needs and priorities.
- » The amount of funds available.
- » How much of the funding will be for low and moderate income.
- » A timetable for implementation of proposed program when funded.
- » Opportunity for comment on proposed activities.
- » Discussion of proposed budget.

It is anticipated that the City will make an application to the State of Oklahoma Department of Commerce for CDBG Grant funds to carry out the proposed activities. All interested citizens are invited to attend this hearing. The application will be available from the City Clerk for review at the time of submission. The project serves the Blanchard Old Town Area.

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.

Last week, we received our permit from DEQ in order to accept and burn tree damage from the October 26th 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 on the City's FACEBOOK page when we will begin accepting debris from 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 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, November 26th** and **Friday, November 27th** in observance of Thanksgiving.

Meeting Calendar

December 7th ~ BPS Board of Ed

December 7th ~ BETA

December 8th ~ City Council

December 8th ~ BMIA

December 10th ~ Planning Commission

December 15th ~ BOA

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.

Pearl Harbor Day

The National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day, which is annually on **December 7th**, commemorates the attack on Pearl Harbor, in Hawaii, during World War II. Many American service men and women lost their lives or were injured on December 7, 1941. National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day is also referred to as Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day or Pearl Harbor Day.

Police Blotter

Jail activity:

11/10 - THOMPSON, Nichole arrested on Possession of Marijuana & Possession of a Firearm;

11/10 - MOODY, James arrested on Warrants from Cleveland County;

11/15 - ROY, Morgan arrested on DUI;

11/15 - VANCE, Jeremy arrested on Eluding (Pursuit).

Special Events

November:

26th ~ Thanksgiving Day (**City Closed**)

27th ~ Thanksgiving Day After (**City Closed**)

December:

7th ~ Pearl Harbor Day

21st ~ Winter Begins

24th ~ Xmas Eve (**Closed**)

25th ~ Xmas Day (**Closed**)

31st ~ New Year's Eve

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.

Ways to Shop Local

The winter solstice is one of the

- Buy a gift card to use later
- Shop online or by phone
- Order take-out
- Utilize delivery options
- Order food ahead of time (don't wait in line)
- Send an online gifts or flowers
- Update your memberships
- Connect with local business owners let them know you support them!

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

The halcyon Days also occur around this time. According to ancient legend, a grieving wife named Alcyone, or Halcyon, threw herself into the sea upon discovering the drowned body of her beloved husband, Ceyx. The gods took pity on the pair, transforming them into kingfishers with the power to still the stormy seas for 14 days around the time of the winter solstice while they built their nest and hatched their young.

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 Monday, December 21st at 4:02 p.m. CST.