

# BLANCHARD E~NEWSLETTER

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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 planning our annual Christmas on Main events 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,

with Santa from 2 - 4pm. Then step outside for more festivities:

Shop Blanchard Give-away at 4pm;  
Blanchard Kindergarten sings at 5pm.  
Christmas Parade at 6pm.

The Blanchard Annual Lighted Christmas Parade will step off at North Main beginning at 6pm on **Saturday, December**

**11<sup>th</sup>**. The theme of the Parade is a "Cajun Christmas." Come celebrate Christmas from the deep South with Jed Castles, News9 Meteorologist and the JEDI of Oklahoma. For more information, please visit the City's website at [www.cityofblanchard.us/events](http://www.cityofblanchard.us/events).



The Parade Entry Form is on the City's website 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.

## Community Food Bank

Fresh and frozen food items will be available to anyone in need on Tuesday, December 14<sup>th</sup>. Food is distributed on a first-come, first served basis for the 73010 zip code area, at the First Baptist Church in Blanchard from 4-6pm.

All participants are requested to stay in their cars at all times and restrooms in the church will not be available.

## December Meetings

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

## December Special Events

- 7<sup>th</sup> ~ Pearl Harbor Day
- 11<sup>th</sup> ~ "CAJUN" Christmas Parade
- 11<sup>th</sup> ~ Christmas on Main
- 11<sup>th</sup> ~ Pictures with Santa
- 21<sup>st</sup> ~ Winter Solstice (9:59am CST)
- 24<sup>th</sup> ~ Christmas Eve
- 24<sup>th</sup> ~ Christmas Observance (City Hall CLOSED)
- 25<sup>th</sup> ~ Christmas
- 31<sup>st</sup> ~ 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](mailto:payroll@cityofblanchard.us) or deliver to City Hall, Monday thru Friday from 8am to 5pm.

The City is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

## Holiday Closing

City offices will be closed for the observance of Christmas and New Year's on:

- Friday, December 24<sup>th</sup> (for Xmas Eve)
- Monday, December 27<sup>th</sup> (for Xmas)
- Friday, December 31<sup>st</sup> (New Year's)

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 collection as usual.

City Offices will reopen on the **Tuesday** following the Christmas Holidays. And Monday, January 3<sup>rd</sup> after New Year's.

## Oil 'n Gas

The Oklahoma Corporation Commission reported since **November 19<sup>th</sup>** that NO oil wells were completed or permitted within the municipal limits of the City.

## Pictures w/Santa



Santa will be available on **Saturday, December 11<sup>th</sup>** from **2 to 4pm** for pictures.

Santa will be visiting Blanchard to personally attend the

Christmas Parade and while he is here, he will be at Old City Hall for pictures.

## Police Blotter

No arrests.

## 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

- 29<sup>th</sup> ~ Chicken 'n Noodles, Carrots, Peas, Dessert.
- 30<sup>th</sup> ~ Salisbury Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Vegetable, Dessert.
- 1<sup>st</sup> ~ Enchiladas, Beans, Salad, Chips, Dessert.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> ~ Navy Beans, Spinach, Potatoes, Cornbread, Dessert.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> ~ Salmon, Blackeyed Peas, Cabbage, Cornbread, 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.

## 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 11<sup>th</sup>.

The drawing will be **December 11<sup>th</sup>** 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.

## 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 21<sup>st</sup>** at 9:59 a.m. CST.

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

