

BLANCHARD E-NEWSLETTER

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

The City of Blanchard is advertising sealed bids for debris removal from the City's public right-of-way. Bids will be received at City Hall, located at 122 N. Main Street, Blanchard, until **1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 9th**.

For more information, please visit the legal notices in the Blanchard News on Thursday, November 19th or visit the City's website at www.cityofblanchard.us of the City's Facebook Page.

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 at <http://blanchardok.pt7.civic-cms.com/.../pa.../emergency-alerts>.

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 is 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.

CHRISTMAS PARADE



Blanchard's
A Magical Disney Christmas
Lighted Christmas Parade
December 12th @ 6 PM

FREE Picture with Santa
2-4 pm @ Senior Center on Main

Carriage Rides
2-4 pm

Christmas Concert @ 5 pm

Main Street
Blanchard, OK

Shop Blanchard
Give-a-ways
4-6 pm

Debris Removal Update

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

A couple of weeks ago, 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. Bids for debris removal are due on Wednesday, December 9th. 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 Closing



City offices will be closed on Christmas Eve, **Thursday, December 24th** and on Christmas Day, **Friday, December 25th**.

If you have a police or fire emergency, please call 911.

If you have a water or sewer emergency, please call 485.9391.

Offices will reopen on **Monday, December 28th**.

Meeting Calendar

December 7th ~ BPS Board of Ed

December 7th ~ BETA

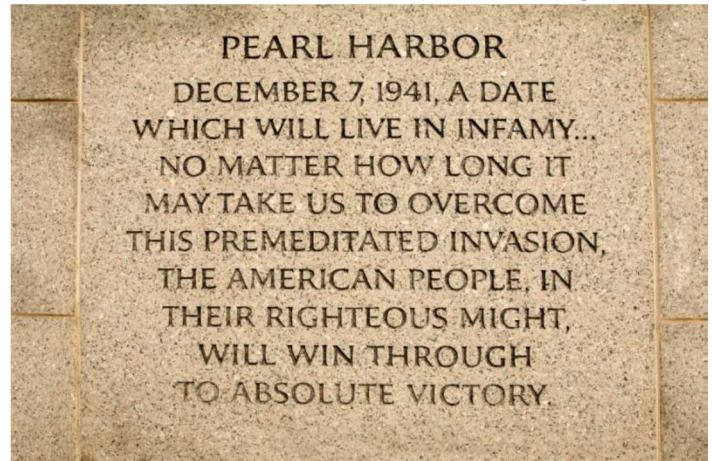
December 8th ~ City Council

December 8th ~ BMIA

December 10th ~ Planning Commission

December 15th ~ BOA

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. Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day is also referred to as Pearl Harbor Day.

Police Blotter

Jail activity:

11/21 - BROWDER, Lisa arrested on local Warrants and Possession of CDS.

Top 20 Safest Places in Oklahoma

If someone is considering a move to Oklahoma, then they're probably wondering which city is the safest place to move their family. While there is little that can be done to prevent natural disasters in Tornado Alley, the warning

systems are improving all the time. Some areas seem more prone to violent storms than others. You can however, choose a city or town than has a low rate of crime. This lessens your chance of becoming a victim of a violent or property crime. Money Inc. gathered data from the most reliable sources to provide you with current crime rates and other factors that makes their selections for the best places to live so appealing.

Blanchard is rated in the top three (3) Oklahoma cities and towns in Oklahoma out of twenty (20) to be the safest.

Shop Local

Citizens are encouraged to stay local and spend their money where they live all year long, however, during these dates, they can keep their receipts and turn them into the Chamber on **December 12th** to win multiple items donated by local businesses and Chamber members.

Shop Blanchard sponsored by the Blanchard Chamber of Commerce kicks off beginning **November 11th** and runs thru **December 12th**.

Special Events

- 12/7th ~ Pearl Harbor Day
- 12/12th ~ Magical Disney Parade
- 12/21st ~ Winter Begins
- 12/21 - 1/1st ~ School Holidays

12/24th ~ Xmas Eve (Closed)

12/25th ~ Xmas Day (Closed)

12/31st ~ New Year's Eve

Ways to Shop Local



* Connect with local owners and let them know that you support them!

- * Buy a local gift card for use later!
- * Shop online or by phone!
- * Order take-out!
- * Order food ahead of time (don't wait in line!
- * Utilize delivery options!
- * Send online flowers or gifts!

Winter Solstice



The winter solstice is one of the two time 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.

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