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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.

BETA Meeting

The Board of Trustees of the Blanchard Economic Trust Authority (BETA) will meet in regular session on **Monday, June 7th** beginning at **6:00p.m.** to discuss, consider and take action, including, but not limited to, approval, denial, amendment, revision or conditional approval, in whole or in part of the following agenda items:

- * **Economic Development;**
- * **Incubator Facility;**
- * **Farmers Market;**
- * **Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget;**
- * **Consent Agenda.**

See the full agenda packet on the city's website at www.cityofblanchard.us under 'Minutes and Agendas.' The next

regular meeting will be **Monday, August 2nd**.

Citizens Collection Center

City Staff are putting together a Public Notice to our sanitation customers regarding new regulations adopted by the BMIA Board of Trustees (City Council).

These new regulations will be mailed to all customers in the July utility billing.

Farmers Market



The new Blanchard Farmers Market opens for the season beginning **tomorrow (Saturday), June 5th** from **8am - Noon** located at 316 E. Veterans Memorial (in the former campground site adjacent to the Blanchard Trinity Holiness Church). Please support our local market!

Father's Day



Like Mother's Day, Father's Day has a modern origin. The idea came to Mrs. John Dodd as she sat listening to a Mother's Day sermon in 1909. Her father, William Smart, had raised his children alone on his Washington farm after his wife died giving birth to their sixth child. Mrs. Dodd proposed to the Spokane Ministerial Association and the YMCA that they celebrate a "father's day" on June 5, her father's birthday. The idea received strong support, but the good ministers of Spokane asked that the day be changed to give them extra time to prepare sermons on the unexplored subject of fathers. The first Father's Day was observed on June 19, 1910, in Spokane, Washington, and soon other towns had their own celebrations. In spite of widespread support, Father's Day did not become a permanent national holiday until 1972, when President Richard Nixon signed a law declaring that it be celebrated annually on the third Sunday in June (16th).

Flag Day

People across the United States celebrate Flag Day on **June 14** each year to honor the United States flag and to

commemorate the flag's adoption. On the same day, the United States Army celebrates its birthday.



Flag Day falls within National Flag Week, a time when Americans reflect on the foundations of the nation's freedom.

The flag of the United States represents freedom and has been an enduring symbol of the country's ideals since its early days. During both events, Americans also remember their loyalty to the nation, reaffirm their belief in liberty and justice, and observe the nation's unity.

Many people in the United States honor this day by displaying the American flag at homes and public buildings. Other popular ways of observing this holiday include: flag-raising ceremonies; Flag Day services; school quizzes and essay competitions about the American flag; musical salutes; street parades; and awards for special recognition.

Organizations such as The National Flag Day Foundation are actively involved in coordinating activities centered on the event and keeping the flag's traditions alive. Following Flag Day is Honor America Days, a 21-day period through to Independence Day (July 4) to honor America. During this period, people hold

public gatherings and activities to celebrate and honor the nation.

Although Flag Day is a nationwide observance, it is not a public holiday in many parts of the United States. It is a legal holiday in a few areas in the USA, such as Montour County in Pennsylvania. On June 14, 1777, the Continental Congress replaced the British symbols of the Grand Union flag with a new design featuring 13 white stars in a circle on a field of blue and 13 red and white stripes - one for each state. Although it is not certain, this flag may have been made by the Philadelphia seamstress Betsy Ross, who was an official flag maker for the Pennsylvania Navy. The number of stars increased as the new states entered the Union, but the number of stripes stopped at 15 and was later returned to 13.

In June 1886 Bernard Cigrand made his first public proposal for the annual observance of the birth of the flag when he wrote an article titled "The Fourteenth of June" in the old Chicago Argus newspaper. Cigrand's effort to ensure national observance of Flag Day finally came when President Woodrow Wilson issued a proclamation calling for a nationwide observance of the event on June 14, 1916. However, Flag Day did not become official until August 1949, when President Harry Truman signed the legislation and proclaimed June 14 as Flag Day. In 1966, Congress also requested

that the President issue annually a proclamation designating the week in which June 14 occurs as National Flag Week.

The President issues a proclamation each year to call on government officials in the USA to display the flag of the United States on all government buildings on Flag Day; and to urge US residents to observe Flag Day as the anniversary of the adoption on June 14, 1777, by the Continental Congress of the Stars and Stripes as the official flag of the United States.

June Meeting Calendar

7th ~ BETA [6pm]

7th ~ BPS Board of Education [6pm]

10th ~ Planning Commission [6:30pm]

15th ~ BOA [6pm]

17th ~ Code/Juvenile Court [4pm]

22nd ~ Traffic Court [2pm]

22nd ~ City Council [6 pm]

22nd ~ BMIA Board of Trustees [6 pm]



The Blanchard's First Annual Father's

Day Kid's Fishing Derby and Crawfish Boil will be held on **Saturday, June 19th**.

The Blanchard Parks Department will be teaming up with several local businesses and the Oklahoma Wildlife Department, to introduce our community to our newest Crystal Lake Park. We will conduct our first annual Kid's Fishing Derby allowing "Catch and Release" fishing for kids under the age of 16 to participate.

We encourage and invite ALL dad's to bring their kids for some bonding time and your kids can win some cool prizes for catching the largest fish and the most, etc.

The Derby will start at 9:00 a.m. and will end at 12 Noon. Lunch will be provided FREE for all participants from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. by Restore Christian Church and Out of the Box Church and will feature a Crawfish Boil, red beans and rice and hotdogs.

All children under the age of 16 DO NOT need a fishing license. NO FISHING for 16 years of age or older during this time.

For more information, contact Chris Wittenbach, Parks Director at 405.248.6521.

OFFICES CLOSED FOR HOLIDAY

City offices will be closed **Monday, July 5th** in observance of Independence Day. If you have a police or fire emergency, please call 911.

If you have a water or sewer emergency, please call 485.9391. Trash services will run as usual.

Next Generation 9-1-1

The City of Blanchard has signed an agreement to join the ACOG 9-1-1 Association. The City intends to upgrade our 9-1-1 PSAP (Public Safety Answering Point) from the old 9-1-1 system to the new Next Generation 9-1-1 (NG9-1-1) in order to provide our citizens with the state of the art, lifesaving, emergency communication technology.

The NG9-1-1 is a standards-based, all Internet Protocol (IP) emergency communications infrastructure that will enable voice and multimedia communications between a Blanchard 9-1-1 caller and the PSAP to be passed on to responders in the field.

Instead of the current 9-1-1 system, the NG9-1-1 has the capability to evolve more quickly to meet advancements in technology and the expectations of

individuals seeking emergency assistance. The NG9-1-1 uses an IP-based system and modernizes the 9-1-1 infrastructure to accommodate communications through mobile and digital services. As technology evolves, NG9-1-1 allows for the delivery of data, images, text, and video with an emergency request for assistance.

Final transition is expected October 2021.

Oil 'n Gas

The Oklahoma Corporation Commission reported since **May 28th** that NO oil wells were completed or permitted within the municipal limits of the City of Blanchard.

OCC Hearing

The Oklahoma Corporation Commission hearing regarding the Wildcat Saltwater Disposal Well 1 LLC has been re-scheduled to be heard on **Wednesday, June 23rd**, at **8:30 am**, with the Oklahoma Corporation Commission.

Planning Commission Agenda

The Blanchard Planning Commission will meet in regular session on **Thursday, June 10th** beginning at **6:30p.m.** to discuss, consider and take action, including, but not limited to, approval, denial, amendment, revision or conditional

approval, in whole or in part of the following agenda items:

- * **Public Hearing** to reclassify property from S-1 to R-E;
- * **Resolution** recommending approval or denial of reclassifying property;
- * **Lot Split** of approximately 4.63 acres into 3 tracts;
- * **Lot Split** of approximately 5.06 acres into 2 tracts;
- * **Resolution** recommending approval or denial of reclassifying property for PUD Overlay;
- * **Preliminary Plat** for proposed The Preserve PUD;
- * **Preliminary Plat** for the Blanchard U Haul Storages;
- * **Final Plat** for the Blanchard U Haul Storages;
- * **Consent Agenda.**

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Police Blotter

05/30/21 ~ HARRIS, Tony arrested for hit and run, no driver's license and no insurance;

05/30/21 ~ RODRIGUEZ, Carlos arrested on Outstanding Warrants;

05/30/21 ~ FORD, Collin arrested on Domestic Assault and Battery and strangulation in the presence of a minor.

Thursday ~ Stew, Okra, Cornbread, Dessert.

Friday ~ Ribbette, Coleslaw, Baked Beans, Roll, Dessert.

Please call 485-9260, if you would like to be considered for a home delivered meal. Please be advised, the home delivery will begin the next business day. However, the Center is still delivering lunches daily.

Request for Proposals

The City of Blanchard is inviting qualified firms to submit a RFP for roadway base, sub-base and aggregate base core sampling of approximately 43 miles of Section Line roads in Blanchard.

Proposals are due NOT LATER THAN 2 p.m. on Friday, June 25th for the Road Ad Hoc Committee's review and recommendation to the City Council.

Special Events

5th ~ Farmer's Market

12th ~ Farmer's Market

14th ~ Flag Day

19th ~ Farmer's Market

19th ~ Kid's Fishing Derby

20th ~ Father's Day

20th ~ Summer Begins

26th ~ Farmer's Market

Senior Nutrition



SENIORS

If you are 60 or older, you are eligible to participate free of charge. 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.

LUNCH MENU

(June 7 - June 11)

Monday ~ Spaghetti, Salad, Hominy, Dessert.

Tuesday ~ Pig-n-Blanket, Pea Salad, Carrot and Raisin Salad, Biscuits, Dessert.

Wednesday ~ Chicken Tetrizzini, Carrots, Green Beans, Dessert.

Summer Solstice



The summer solstice heralds the beginning of summer! The timing of the summer solstice depends on when the Sun reaches its

farthest point north of the equator. This occurs annually sometime between June 20 and 22, depending on the time zone. This year, the event occurs at 10:32am (CDT) on **Sunday, June 20th**.

The word *solstice* is from the Latin *solstitium*, from *sol* (sun) and *stitium* (to

stop), reflecting the fact that the Sun appears to stop at this time (and again at the winter solstice). In temperate regions, we notice that the Sun is higher in the sky throughout the day, and its rays strike Earth at a more direct angle, causing the efficient warming we call summer. In the winter, just the opposite occurs: The Sun is at its southernmost point and is low in the sky. Its rays hit the Northern Hemisphere at an oblique angle, creating the feeble winter sunlight.

Shelter In-Place

The season of unstable, severe weather is upon us. FEMA recommends that families create a plan of their own to implement in order to shelter in-place at home.

Tax Payment Deadline

Oklahomans now have until **June 15, 2021** to pay their 2020 individual and business income taxes, and their first quarter 2021 estimated income tax payments. As a result of the recent disaster declaration issued by FEMA, the IRS announced the tax deadline extension for all individuals who reside or own a business in all of Oklahoma's 77 counties to provide relief for those affected by February's historic winter storms. Following the announcement from the IRS, the

Oklahoma Tax Commission ordered the payment deadline extension to provide further relief to Oklahoma taxpayers. The Oklahoma Tax Commissioners elected to adjust the payment deadline extension from April 15 to June 15 for all individuals that reside or own a business in Oklahoma.

Due dates for other tax types, including sales and withholding, remain the same. For more information, visit the Oklahoma Tax Commission website.

Think, Shop, Live Blanchard!

Please keep in mind that Blanchard's quality of life and local economy rely upon where residents spend their money and do their shopping. Sales tax is a direct and vital lifeline to essential services like public safety (police & fire), facilities (city hall, etc.), projects (water & sewer and street improvements), programs (4th of July Celebration) and services (senior citizens nutrition).

Shopping locally keeps businesses here in Blanchard, providing jobs and benefiting public schools and non-profits. If there's one thing we can all do to make our dollars work for this community, it's to shop local. Grab dinner in Blanchard on your way home. You'd be surprised what a difference that can make. Shopping locally benefits the entire community. Make your tax dollars work for you and the City!

Tornado Safety



In Oklahoma, tornadoes are most frequent in the spring and summer months. An average of 800 tornadoes are reported each year, causing 80 deaths and over 1,500 injuries per year. These storms are capable of tremendous destruction with wind speeds of 250 mph or greater. The following guidelines will assist in keeping you safe:

Tornado Watch - means a tornado is "possible". When the National Weather Service issues a warning, it is time to turn on a TV or radio, look out the window from time to time, and be more alert to what is happening outside.

Tornado Warning - means that a tornado has actually been spotted, or is strongly indicated on radar, and it is time to go to a safe shelter immediately.

Warning Signs -

- A sickly greenish or greenish black color to the sky.
- If there is a tornado warning or watch posted, then the fall of hail should be considered as a real danger.
- A strange quiet that occurs within or shortly after the thunderstorm.
- Clouds moving by very fast, especially in a rotating pattern or converging toward one area of the sky.

- A sound a little like a waterfall or rushing air at first, then turning into a roar as it comes closer.

- Tornadoes usually move from southwest to northeast.

Possible Shelters -

- Basements.
- Interior rooms or hallways on the lowest floor.
- Small rooms - restrooms, closets, etc. Avoid rooms with wide span roof areas.
- Get under a piece of sturdy furniture - heavy table, cubicle work surface, etc.
- Stay away from exterior walls, windows, mirrors, items hanging overhead.
- Do not stay in vehicles.
- If no other shelter is available, lay down in a depression in the ground, such as a ditch.
- Use your arms to protect your head and neck.

