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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.

Code Enforcement Officer

The City hired a new Code Enforcement Officer who started her duties on July 1st. Jennifer Smithee hails from Wichita Falls, Texas area and has family in Blanchard. She previously served as an Animal Control Officer in Texas.

Farmers Market



The Blanchard Farmers Market is open every **Saturday**, from **8am - Noon** until **October 2nd**. It is located at 316 E. Veterans Memorial (in the former campground site

adjacent to the Blanchard Trinity Holiness Church).

The same vendors with their products will be on hand and new vendors with vegetables will be present.

Please support our local market!

Fight the Bite!

These insects kill more people in 1 day than sharks do in a century!



Individuals can reduce their risk of contracting mosquito-borne diseases, such as the West Nile virus, by getting rid of standing water around houses and by using insect repellent. Here is a simple way to remember how to "Fight the Bite" using mosquito safety.

Just remember 3 D's and a P!

- DRAIN stagnant water;
- DRESS wear long sleeves and pants;
- DEET repel when you're outside;
- PREVENT reduce your exposure.

Unfortunately, there is no easy solution for managing mosquitoes. Countless products on the market claim to be effective and easy to use but few have appreciable value in lessening the annoyance and incidence of bites. Unlike most insects found around homes, mosquitoes are pervasive outdoor pests and there are limits to what can be done to minimize their abundance, nonetheless,

there are measures that can afford some relief.

July Meeting Calendar

- 8th ~ Planning Commission [6:30pm]
- 20th ~ BOA [6pm]
- 22nd ~ Code/Juvenile Court [4pm]
- 27th ~ Traffic Court [2pm]
- 27th ~ City Council [6 pm]
- 27th ~ BMIA Board of Trustees [6 pm]



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.

Oil 'n Gas

The Oklahoma Corporation Commission reported since **June 25th** 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, July 28th**, at **8:30 am**.

Planning Comm Agenda

The Planning Commission of the City of Blanchard will conduct their regular July meeting on **Thursday, July 8th**, and will discuss, consider and take appropriate action, including, but not limited to, the approval, denial, amendment, revision or conditional approval, in whole or in part of:

- * Nomination and Confirmation of a new Chairman.
- * Nomination and Confirmation of a new Vice Chairman.
- * Public Hearing to receive public comments on the proposed application filed by Troy & Cyndi Hanneman for the reclassification of property from the R-E, Residential Estates District to the R-1, Single Family Residential District.
- * Resolution recommending approval or denial of the rezoning request.
- * Resolution approving or denying the Preliminary Plat for Oasis Ranch Section No. 5.
- * 2035 Comprehension Plan progress.
- * Time change from 6:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- * Consent Agenda.

The next regular meeting of the Planning Commission will be **Thursday, August 12th, 2021**.

Police Blotter

The following arrests were made by the Blanchard PD:

- **6/28/21** ~ TREADWAY, Stephen arrested on Felony Eluding and transported to McClain County;
- **6/30/21** ~ MEDINA, Elodia arrested on Domestic and transported to McClain County.

Senior Nutrition

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

Monday ~ Closed for 4th of July.

Tuesday ~ Smoked Sausage and Cabbage, Blackeyed Peas, Cornbread, Dessert.

Wednesday ~ BBQ Meatballs, Parsley Potatoes, Mixed Vegetables, Rolls, Dessert.

Thursday ~ Navy Beans, Tomato Spoon Relish, Potatoes, Cornbread, Dessert.

Friday ~ Chef Salad, Fruit, Crackers, 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.

July Special Events

3rd ~ Farmer's Market

4th ~ Independence Day

5th ~ City Hall Closed

10th ~ Farmer's Market

17th ~ Farmer's Market

24th ~ Farmer's Market

31st ~ Farmer's Market

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!

Upcoming Events

The first half of 2021 is over! However, some of the best events are coming up in the 2nd half of this year. This events are:

Friday, August 20th ~ Blanchard's Bluegrass Festival

Saturday, August 21st ~ Blanchard's Bluegrass Festival

Saturday, September 25th ~ Mufflers on Main

Saturday, October 30th ~ PumpkinFest

Saturday, November 13th ~ Veterans Day Parade

Saturday, December 11th ~ Christmas Parade of Lights

