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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.

Best Places to Live!

Oklahoma has so many great cities! What's the best place to live in Oklahoma for 2021? There can only be one number one, and that city would be Jenks.

However, for the 2nd year in a row, Blanchard has been ranked the 8th 'Best Places to Live in Oklahoma'. Here are the 10 Best Places to Live in Oklahoma for 2021:

1. Jenks
2. Bixby
3. Broken Arrow
4. Mustang
5. Edmond
6. Owasso
7. Piedmont
8. Blanchard
9. Choctaw
10. Tuttle

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.



The City of Blanchard is now hiring for the following positions:

- ☐ Animal Control Officer
- ☐ Code Enforcement Officer
- ☐ Heavy Equipment Operator
- ☐ Seasonal Laborer
- ☐ Street Maintenance Laborer
- ☐ Transfer Site Operator

If interested, applications are available on-line at www.cityofblanchard.us. The City is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

July Meeting Calendar

- 19th ~ Special Council [3pm]
- 20th ~ BOA [6pm]
- 22nd ~ Code/Juvenile Court [4pm]
- 27th ~ Traffic Court [2pm]
- 27th ~ City Council [6 pm]
- 27th ~ BMIA Board of Trustees [6 pm]

Oil 'n Gas

The Oklahoma Corporation Commission reported since July 2nd 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 Action

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:

- * Nominated and confirmed the appointment of D Smith as the Chairman for 2-years.
- * Nominated and Confirmed the appointment of Christina Short as the new Vice Chairman for 2-years.
- * Held 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.
- * Adopted Resolution recommending approval of the rezoning request.
- * Adopted Resolution approving the Preliminary Plat for Oasis Ranch Section No. 5.
- * Discussed the 2035 Comprehension Plan progress.
- * Approved the time change for meetings from 6:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- * Approved the 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:

- 7/6/21 ~ FLOREZ, Ricardo arrested on trafficking methamphetamine, possession of paraphernalia and obstruction.

Senior Nutrition



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

However, 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

(July 12th ~ July 16th)

Monday ~ Goulash, Carrots, Peas, Dessert

Tuesday ~ Chili Pie, Salad, Corn, Corn Chips, Dessert.

Wednesday ~ BBQ Pork, Baked Beans, Bun, Dessert.

Thursday ~ Pinto Beans, Beets, Potato, Cornbread, Dessert.

Friday ~ Cook's Choice.

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

10th ~ Farmer's Market

17th ~ Farmer's Market

24th ~ Farmer's Market

31st ~ Farmer's Market

Sales Tax Collections

The sales tax collections for the month of July was less than one (0.69%) percent higher than the monthly budgeted amount based on \$7,129,308 retail sales in Blanchard.

Month	\$ Amount	% +/-
Jul '21	285,172.32	5.12
Aug '21	00,000.00	00.00
Sep '21	00,000.00	00.00
Oct '21	00,000.00	00.00
Nov '21	00,000.00	00.00
Dec '21	00,000.00	00.00
Jan '22	00,000.00	00.00
Feb '22	00,000.00	00.00
Mar '22	00,000.00	00.00
Apr '22	00,000.00	00.00
May '22	00,000.00	00.00
Jun '22	00,000.00	00.00
Totals	285,172.32	5.12

Sales Tax Holiday



Oklahoma's annual sales tax holiday will begin at **12:01 am on Friday, August 6, 2021** and end at twelve Midnight on **Sunday, August 8, 2021**. Certain clothing and shoe purchases are exempt from sales tax for this time period only. Qualified items are exempt from state, city, county and local municipality sales taxes.

Retailers are required to participate and may not collect state and local sales or use tax on most footwear and clothing that are sold for less than \$100 during the holiday.

For more information and answers to common questions on the sales tax holiday, as well as a listing of sales tax exempt items, please refer to the Oklahoma Tax Commission website at www.tax.ok.gov.

Tall Grass & Weeds



The City of Blanchard is committed to adopted regulations concerning the abatement of tall grass, weeds and trash.

The City of Blanchard Municipal Code concerning public nuisances and property enhancement requires that owners or responsible persons of property located within the municipal city limits are prohibited from allowing debris, junk, waste or trash to accumulate, or weeds or tall grass over twelve (12") inches in height, dead trees, bushes, and shrubs

to grow or stand upon the premises. This regulation is based upon the Oklahoma State Law Title 11, Section 22-111 which sets forth the procedure and definitions for the cleaning and mowing of property.

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

Use Tax Collections

The use tax collections for the month of July was more than thirteen (13.16%) percent less than the monthly budgeted amount based on \$2,054,333.25 retail sales for Blanchard.

Month	\$ Amount	% +/-
Jul '21	82,172.33	-12.03
Aug '21	00,000.00	00.00
Sep '21	00,000.00	00.00
Oct '21	00,000.00	00.00
Nov '21	00,000.00	00.00
Dec '21	00,000.00	00.00
Jan '22	00,000.00	00.00
Feb '22	00,000.00	00.00
Mar '22	00,000.00	00.00
Apr '22	00,000.00	00.00
May '22	00,000.00	00.00
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