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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.

Bluegrass Festival

Plans are underway for the City's annual 2021 Bluegrass Festival is scheduled for **Friday, August 20th** and **Saturday, August 21st**:

- ☐ Friday Night is Gospel Night
- ☐ Food
- ☐ Vendors
- ☐ FREE Entry

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
- ☐ Communications Officer (911 Dispatcher)
- ☐ Heavy Equipment Operator
- ☐ Seasonal Laborer
- ☐ Street Maintenance Laborer
- ☐ Transfer Site Operator

If interested, applications are available on-line at www.cityofblanchard.us. Job descriptions available upon request.

The City is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

July Meeting Calendar

20th ~ BOA [6pm]

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 9th 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 from Wednesday, July 28th to **Wednesday, September 29th** at 8:30 am.

On the BOA Agenda

The July meeting of the Blanchard Board of Adjustment will be held, **Tuesday, July 20th** beginning at 6pm.

The following items will be discussed, considered and take possible action re:

- Open, conduct and close Public Hearing regarding a variance from

Section 21-603 referring to a non-conforming structure:

Applicant: Elisa Taft

Address: 823 Rainbow Lane

Legal: See legal documents

Variance: To allow an enlargement to a non-conforming structure (i.e. replacing an existing manufactured housing unit with a newer and larger manufactured housing unit)

- Approve or deny by the Findings of Fact on the application as submitted.
- Consent Agenda.

The next meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, August 17th**.

Police Blotter

The following arrests were made by the Blanchard PD:

- 7/12/21 ~ MORGAN, Parker arrested on Larceny.
- 7/12/21 ~ TRAMELL, Earl arrested on Larceny.
- 7/12/21 ~ KUEHN, Thomas arrested on Grady County Warrant.

July Special Events

24th ~ Farmer's Market

31st ~ Farmer's Market

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.

School Begins



The first day of classes for Blanchard Public Schools start **Thursday, August 12, 2021**. PLEASE DRIVE CAREFULLY THRU SCHOOL ZONES AND IN AND ROUND SCHOOLS!

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