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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.

Autumnal Equinox



Fall begins
Wednesday,
September 22nd
at **2:21** p.m.
CST.

The Autumnal Equinox is defined as the point at which the Sun appears to cross the celestial equator from north to south. The celestial equator is the circle in the celestial sphere halfway between the celestial poles. Another definition of fall are nites of below-freezing temperatures combined with day of

temperatures below 70 degrees Fahrenheit. The word equinox means "equal nite"; nite and day are the same length of time. The equinoxes are times when the Sun's apparent motion undergoes the most rapid change. Around the time of the equinoxes, variations in the position on the horizon when the Sun rises and sets can be noticed from one day to the next by alert observers.

Citizenship Day



Formerly called Constitution Day, Citizenship Day will be observed on Friday, **September 17th**. However, September 17th marks the anniversary of the date in 1787 when the

final draft of the Constitution of the United States was signed by delegates to the Constitutional Convention after months of wrangling. The framers had been arguing constantly as they met in secret, but they had leaked reports to the press indicating that all was well. The Federalists [as they were called] argued thru June and most of July and reached an agreement on July 16. After deciding to leave out a bill of rights - because everyone was worn-out and they thought there was no need for such a list - the framers completed the final draft on September 17 and made it ready for submission to the states for ratification.

It also recognizes all who, by coming of age or by naturalization, have become US citizens.

The Mayor proclaimed the week of **September 17th - 23rd** for observance of National Constitution Week.

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).

We have a total of eighteen (18) vendors who have signed up and may be on hand with fresh fruit and vegetables, breads, and other products.

Please come out and support our local market!

Fire Prevention Week

As Fire Prevention Week™ approaches, the City of Blanchard's Fire Department reminds residents to "Learn the Sounds of Fire Safety™"

The Blanchard Fire Department is teaming up with the National Fire Protection Association® (NFPA®)—the official sponsor of Fire Prevention Week

Constitution Week

Celebrate
**CONSTITUTION
★ ★ ★ ★ ★ DAY**



September 17

Constitution Day and Citizenship Day is a combined event that is annually observed in the United States on **September 17th**.

This event commemorates the formation and signing of the Constitution of the United States on September 17, 1787.

for more than 90 years—to promote this year's Fire Prevention Week™ campaign, "Learn the Sounds of Fire Safety™."

This year's campaign, **October 3-9th**, works to educate everyone about simple but important actions they can take to keep themselves and those around them safe.

The Blanchard Fire Department encourages all residents to embrace the 2021 Fire Prevention Week theme.

The Blanchard Fire Department wants to share safety tips to help you "Learn the Sounds of Fire Safety"

- A continuous set of three loud beeps—beep, beep, beep—means smoke or fire. Get out, call 9-1-1, and stay out.
- A single chirp every 30 or 60 seconds means the battery is low and must be changed.
- All smoke alarms must be replaced after 10 years.
- Chirping that continues after the battery has been replaced means the alarm is at the end of its life and the unit must be replaced.
- Make sure your smoke and CO alarms meet the needs of all your family members, including those with sensory or physical disabilities.

For more general information about Fire Prevention Week and fire prevention in general, visit www.fpw.org.

Memorial Donation

The Blanchard High School Class of 1967 collected from its members and donated \$5,000 to the construction of the new Veterans Memorial Park in honor of their 37 classmates and the 12 who served in the Vietnam War.

To date, the Veterans Memorial Committee has collected \$158,374 of the \$268,000 or 59.10% needed to construct the Memorial.

Visit the City's website at www.cityofblanchard.us/community/pages/blanchard-veterans-memorial for more information.

Mufflers on Main

The City's annual car and truck show will be held on



Saturday, September 25th from 10am to 2pm, on Main Street.

There will be live music and food vendors. Some of the best classic cars & trucks in the area, with over 40 trophies awarded and \$500 awarded to the Grand Champion, Join as we take a look into the Past and the future!

For more information, contact Chris Wittenbach at 248-6521 or parks@cityofblanchard.us.

OCC Hearing

The Oklahoma Corporation Commission hearing regarding the Wildcat Saltwater Disposal Well 1 LLC has been scheduled to be heard on **Wednesday, September 29th** at **8:30 am**.

Oil 'n Gas

The Oklahoma Corporation Commission reported since **September 3rd** that NO oil wells were completed or permits issued within the municipal limits of the City of Blanchard.

Odd-Even Watering

The City of Blanchard is contractually obligated to follow the City of OKC's mandatory odd-even watering schedule.

If your address ends with an odd number, you can irrigate or use sprinklers on odd-numbered calendar days. If your address ends with an even number, you can irrigate or use sprinklers on even-numbered calendar days.

For more information, the City's Code Enforcement Officer can be contacted at 405.485.9392 regarding violations.

Oklahoma State Fair



The Great State Fair of Oklahoma will be held **September 16th** to the **26th**. **BACK 2 FUN IN 21!**

One lucky winner will receive a prize

package valued at \$500 comprising of:
 8-State Fair General Admission Tickets
 4-Disney On Ice Tickets
 4-Tickets to the Sky Wheel
 4-Unlimited Carnival Ride Armbands
 4-State Fair Polo Shirts
 2-Preferred Parking Passes; and a \$100 Gift Card (for all the corn dogs and cinnamon rolls you can eat)!

Visit www.oklahoman.com/contests.

Sweepstakes runs August 15 -September 13, 2021.

The State Fair was canceled last year (2020) due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

PC Action

The Blanchard Planning Commission met in regular session on **Thursday, September 9th** and discussed, considered and took appropriate action on the following agenda items:

- **HELD** Public Hearing for public comments on the proposed rezoning from A-1-Agricultural District to the R-E, Residential Estates District.

- **ADOPTED** Resolution recommending to the City Council the approval of the rezoning request as submitted by the applicant.
- **APPROVED** Lot split of 22-acres into 2-tracts comprising of 1-21-acres and 1-1 acre tract;
- **APPROVED** Lot split of 4.25 acres into 2-tracts comprising of 1-3.2 acres and 1-1.05 acres;
- **DISCUSSED** update of Comprehensive Plan; and
- **APPROVED** Consent Agenda.

The next regular meeting will be **Thursday, October 28th**.

Police Blotter

- **9/06/21** ~ PAXTON, Christopher arrested by Newcastle on Outstanding Blanchard Warrants.
- **9/06/21** ~ STUBBLEFIELD, Leslie arrested on Outstanding Warrants (which he paid in full).

Request for Proposals

The City Council of the City of Blanchard is requesting proposals from well qualified developers and/or development teams who have the capacity and expertise to develop city-owned property comprising of four (4) lots approximately 25 x 140' each for a total of 14,000 square feet MOL with 2-story style buildings with

residential uses on top and commercial sales tax generating components on the bottom. This parcel "for sale" comprises Lots 1 -4 of Block 87, Original Plat of the Town of Blanchard located at the northwest corner of Main Street and 2nd Street SW within the Central Business District. The City encourages teams who have experience with masterplans and these type of developments that employ creative design elements.

The Request for Proposals (RFP) can be downloaded from the City's website at www.cityofblanchard.us homepage. For more information, please contact the City Manager at 405.485.9392.

Proposals are due by 5:00 O'clock P.M., Monday, September 27, 2021.

Sales Tax Collections

The sales tax collections for the month of September is more than sixteen (16.83%) percent below the monthly budgeted projections.

The retail sales generated in Blanchard in the month of July 2021 was \$5,889,034.75, and 31.22% less than last month's collections.

This month's collections are more than seventeen (17.31%) percent lower than this time last year.

Month	\$ Amount	% +/-
Jul '21	285,497.11	5.12
Aug '21	342,497.79	20.77

Sep '21	235,561.39	-17.32
Oct '21		
Nov '21		
Dec '21		
Jan '22		
Feb '22		
Mar '22		
Apr '22		
May '22		
Jun '22		
Totals	863,231.50	2.80

Senior Dining Program

The Blanchard Senior Nutrition Center serves a fully balanced lunch (entrees, sides, desserts, tea and coffee) for all senior citizens five (5) days a week beginning at 11:30am.

MENU

- 9/13 ~ Taco Salad, Beans, Corn, Chips Dessert.
- 9/14 ~ Beef Stroganoff, Sweet Potato, Mixed Vegetables, Dessert.
- 9/15 ~ Chicken Pasta Salad, Beets, Crackers, Dessert.
- 9/16 ~ Pinto Beans, Tomato Spoon Relish, Spinach, Cornbread, Dessert.
- 9/17 ~ Ham Salad, Tomato Soup, Salad, Bread, Dessert.

If you are 60 or older, you are eligible to participate free of charge. However, a suggested donation of \$2.00 is requested to insure the continuance in meeting the nutritional needs of our

elderly citizens. Citizens under the age of 60 may participate but are required to pay \$5.00 for the meal. If you need a ride to the Center located at 101 S. Main Street, the City contracts with Delta Transit to provide bus service. Rides are available by calling 1-866-THAT-BUS.

For more information or this week's lunch menu, please call (405) 485-9260.

September Meeting Calendar

- 13th: TEAM Blanchard [8am]
- 14th: Special City Council [6pm]
- 16th: Juvenile/Code Court [4pm]
- 20th: Ad Hoc Road Committee [6pm]
- 21st: BOA [6pm]
- 28th: Traffic Court [2pm]
- 28th: City Council [6pm]
- 28th: BMIA Board of Trustees [after Council meeting]

September Special Events

- 11th ~ McClain County Free Fair
- 11th ~ 12th Cleveland County Free Fair
- 11th ~ Farmer's Market
- 11th ~ Patriot Day
- 16th ~ 26th Great State Fair of OK
- 17th ~ Citizenship Day
- 17th ~ 23rd Constitution Week
- 18th ~ Farmer's Market
- 22nd ~ Fall Begins
- 25th ~ Farmer's Market

Tall Grass & Weeds Use Tax Collections

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.

For more information, please contact Carol Mueller, Code Enforcement Officer, at 405.485.9392.

Upcoming Events

Saturday, 9-25 ~ Mufflers on Main

Saturday, 10-30 ~ PumpkinFest

Saturday, 11-13 ~ Veterans Day Parade

Saturday, 12-11 ~ Christmas Parade of
Lights

The use tax collections for the month of September is more than six percent (6.42%) below the monthly budgeted projections.

The retail sales generated outside the City of Blanchard during the month of July 2021 was \$2,213,550.75. This month's collections are 9.10% less than last month.

Month	\$ Amount	% +/-
Jul '21	82,173.33	-12.03
Aug '21	97,410.72	24.96
Sep '21	88,542.83	13.13
Oct '21		
Nov '21		
Dec '21		
Jan '22		
Feb '22		
Mar '22		
Apr '22		
May '22		
Jun '22		
Totals	268,126.08	7.41