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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.

Annual Fall Bazaar

The ladies of the First United Methodist Church of Blanchard are pleased to announce their 18th Annual Fall Bazaar to be held on **Saturday, October 2nd**.

There will be all kinds of goodies to shop for ranging from homemade items, gift items, clothing, jewelry, accessories, and homemade baked goods and more. Lunch will be provided for \$5. The Bazaar will run from **9am to 4pm**.

Please call the FUMC at 485-3579 or the Bazaar Chairwoman Patsy Wehrer at 405-823-4396 for more information.

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.

Blowin' Smoke Cook-off

The 3rd Annual Blowin' Smoke Cook-Off happens at Lions Park, tomorrow, Saturday, September 18th.

The Event is hosted by the Blanchard Chamber of Commerce and Liberty National Bank. Entry fees are \$150 a team. Grand Prize is \$500, 2nd Place is \$200, 3rd Place is \$100 and there will be a People's Choice Prize awarded this year.

Wristbands for the event is \$15.00.

CENA Grant

The City received notification on Thursday from the Association of South Central Oklahoma Governments (ASCOG) that we were awarded an \$8,020.00 Community Expansion of Nutrition Assistance (CENA) FY 2022 NGA Grant beginning July 1, 2021 and ending July 30, 2022.

These funds will be used strictly for senior citizens' meals. The Center serves nutritional hot meals 5-days a week for anyone over the age of 60.

Next week's menu is published below.

Constitution Week

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

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

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.

Golf Tournament



The 18th
Annual
Chamber
Golf

Tournament is scheduled for Friday, October 1st at the Winter Creek Golf and Country Club, featuring 4-person scramble play.

Entry fees are \$400 per team, \$100 a player. Hole-in-one sponsored by Knippelmier Chevrolet, so come out for a chance to win a new truck! Check in and practice begin at 8:00 a.m. on the 1st and the tournament begins at 9:00 a.m.

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.



The City of Blanchard is accepting applications for employment for the following positions:

- Police Officers (3-vacancies)
- Dispatcher (1-vacancy)
- Water/Sewer Technician (1-vacancy)

An application can be downloaded or filled out on line at the City's website at www.cityofblanchard.us under Forms and Applications. Please email to the HR Director at payroll@cityofblanchard.us or deliver to City Hall, Monday thru Friday from 8am to 5pm.

The City is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

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 10th** 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.

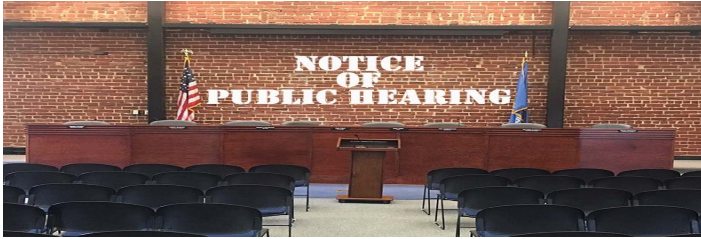
For more information, the City's Code Enforcement Officer can be contacted at 405.485.9392 regarding violations.

Oklahoma State Fair

BACK 2 FUN IN 21!



The Great State Fair of Oklahoma is open and runs thru **Sunday, September 26th**.



The Blanchard City Council will hear a Zoning Case at their regular session on **Tuesday, September 28th**. The Case was heard by the Blanchard Planning Commission on Thursday, September 9th and was recommended for approval.

The Public Hearing will solicit public comments on the Planning Commission's recommendation to reclassify property located at 1660 S. County Line Road from the A-1-Agricultural District to the R-E, Residential Estates District.

Police Blotter

9/06/21 ~ PAXTON, Christopher arrested by Newcastle PD on Outstanding Blanchard Warrants.

9/06/21 ~ STUBBLEFIELD, Leslie arrested on Outstanding Warrants (which he paid in full).

9/12/21 ~ BOONE, April arrested for Domestic Assault and Battery.

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 or citymanager@cityofblanchard.us.

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

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

- **9/20** ~ Chicken Patty, Mashed Potatoes, Broccoli, Bread, Dessert.

- **9/21** ~ Sausage Gravy, Potatoes, Biscuit, Dessert.
- **9/22** ~ Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Bread, Dessert.
- **9/23** ~ Black-eyed Peas, Cabbage, Potatoes, Cornbread, Dessert.
- **9/24** ~ Chicken Salad, 3-Bean Salad, Jello Salad, Crackers, 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 on this week's lunch menu, please call (405) 485-9260.

September Meeting Calendar

- 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

- 18th** ~ Farmer's Market
- 18th** ~ Blowin' Smoke Cook Off

- 22nd** ~ Fall Begins
- 25th** ~ Farmer's Market
- 25th** ~ Mufflers on Main

Tall Grass & Weeds

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