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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.

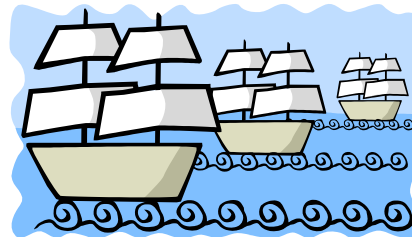
Annual Fall Bazaar

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.

Columbus Day



On **October 12, 1492**, Christopher Columbus landed on a small island in the Bahamas,

convinced that he had reached the East Indies. Now, by federal law, Columbus Day is celebrated on the second Monday in October which is **Monday, October 11th**.

City offices will be open for business.

Events

Plans are underway for the upcoming PumpkinFest (**October 30th**), Veterans Day Parade (**November 13th**) and Christmas Parade of Lights (**December 11th**) and Christmas on Main (**December 11th**).

To participate, please contact Chris Wittenbach, Parks Director for more information.

Fall Break

The Blanchard Public Schools will be out of classes on **Thursday, October 13th** and **Friday, October 15th** for Fall Break. **NO SCHOOL!**

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 tomorrow (**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 parcs@cityofblanchard.us.



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

- Police Officer (**3-vacancies**)
- Dispatcher (**1-vacancy**)
- Water/Sewer Technician (**1-vacancy**)
- Park Laborer (**3-vacancies**) - Seasonal

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 17th** 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.

On the BMIA Agenda

The Board of Trustees will hold their September regular meeting on Tuesday,

September 28th to discuss, consider and take possible action on the following items:

- Budget Supplement;
- Notice of Violation;
- Emergency Declaration;
- Engineering Agreement;
- Citizen's Collection Center;
- Vehicle Purchase; and
- Consent Agenda.

The full Agenda Packet can be assessed on the City's website at www.cityofblanchard.us.

The October meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, October 26th.**

On the Council Agenda

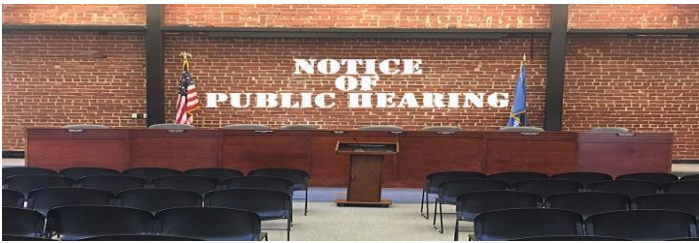
The City Council will hold their September regular meeting on **Tuesday, September 28th** to discuss, consider and take possible action on the following items:

- Public Hearing for rezoning;
- Zoning Ordinance;
- Emergency Clause;
- Resolution denying a Tort Claim;
- Resolution selecting National Bridge Inspection Standards (NBIS) choice;
- Resolution accepting CENA Grant;
- Resolution accepting 2021 CDBG grant;
- Halloween Observance;
- STBG-UZA Transportation Projects;
- Code Amendment;
- Main Street Traffic;

- Development Agreement MOU;
- Request for Proposal;
- Traffic & Safety Petition;
- MLPP Policy Renewal;
- 2018 Safe Oklahoma Grant Program;
- Consent Agenda; and
- Executive Session.

The full Agenda Packet is available on the City's website at www.cityofblanchard.us.

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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

No arrests.

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

- **9/27** ~ Goulash, Carrots, Peas, Dessert.
- **9/28** ~ Smoked Sausage and Cabbage, Black-eyed Peas, Cornbread, Dessert.
- **9/29** ~ BBQ Meatballs, Parsley Potatoes, Vegetables, Roll, Dessert.
- **9/30** ~ Navy Beans, Tomato Spoon Relish, Potatoes, Cornbread, Dessert.
- **9/31** ~ Chef Salad, Fruit, 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 or this week's lunch menu, please call (405) 485-9260.

September Meeting Calendar

28th: Traffic Court [2pm]

28th: City Council [6pm]

28th: BMIA Board of Trustees [after Council meeting]

September Special Events

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

Monday, 10-11 ~ Columbus Day

Monday, 10-11 ~ Indigenous Peoples Day

Wednesday, 10-13 ~ Fall Break (School)

Thursday, 10-14 ~ Fall Break (School)

Friday, 10-15 ~ Fall Break (School)

Saturday, 10-30 ~ PumpkinFest

Saturday, 10-30 ~ Halloween Observance

Sunday, 10-31 ~ Halloween

Sunday, 10-31 ~ Halloween

Thursday, 11-02 ~ Election Day

Thursday, 11-11 ~ Veterans Day

Saturday, 11-13 ~ Veterans Day Parade

Thursday, 11-25 ~ Thanksgiving Day

Friday, 11-26 ~ Black Friday

Saturday, 11-13 ~ Veterans Day Parade

Saturday, 12-11 ~ Christmas Parade of Lights

Tuesday, 12-21 ~ Winter Begins

Saturday, 12-25 ~ Christmas Day

Friday, 12-31 ~ New Year's Eve