



City News

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MEETINGS

October 12th

6:30p - Planning
Commission

October 17th

6p - BOA

October 19th

4p - Code/Juvenile
Court

October 24th

2:30p - Traffic
Court

6p - City Council

6p - BMIA

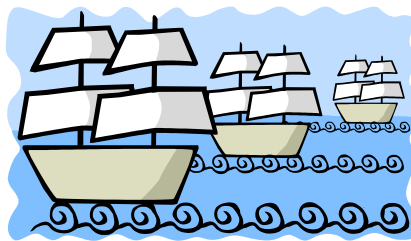
CDBG Grant

After a complete review and analysis of The City of Blanchard's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) application for a Water/Wastewater Construction Project, the Oklahoma Department of Commerce/Community Development (ODOC/CD) has approved and awarded a matching Community Development Block Grant in the funding amount of \$243,969.00 for the continued replacement of problem areas of the City's old town sanitary sewer.

The project will get under way as soon as the City Engineer completes the detailed engineering plans and bids are taken and awarded.

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 9th**. However, City offices will be open for business.



Daylite Saving Time

FALL BACK SUNDAY, November 5th, when Daylight Saving Time ends at **2 a.m.** Clocks will "fall back" one-hour. The credit for Daylite Saving Time belongs to Benjamin Franklin, who first suggested the idea in 1784. The idea was revised in 1907, when William Willett, an Englishman, proposed a similar system in the pamphlet 'The



*All City Boards, Commissions, & Authorities meet at Blanchard Municipal Courthouse unless otherwise noted.

EVENTS

October 8th - 14th

♦ FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

October 9th

♦ COLUMBUS DAY

October 19th

♦ FALL BREAK

October 20th

♦ FALL BREAK

October 26th

♦ LEGISLATIVE BREAKFAST

October 20th

♦ FALL BREAK

October 31st

6p ♦ HALLOWEEN

6p ♦ PUMPKINFEST

For Blanchard Library Events: Please visit their website at pioneer.lib.ok.us/home

Waste of Daylight'. The Germans were the first to officially adopt the light-extending system in 1915 as a fuel-saving measure during World War 1.

The British switched one year later, and the United States followed in 1918, when Congress passed the Standard Time Act, which established our time zones. This experiment lasted only until 1920, when the law was repealed due to opposition from dairy farmers [cows don't pay attention to clocks]. During World War II, Daylight Saving Time was imposed once again [this time year around] to save fuel.

REMEMBER! When you change the clocks, change your batteries in your smoke and CO² detectors.

Fall Break

The Blanchard Public Schools will be out of class on **Thursday, October 19th** and **Friday, October 20th**. **NO SCHOOL!**

Fire Prevention Week



In a fire, seconds count. Seconds can mean the difference between residents of our community escaping safely from a fire or having their lives end in tragedy.

That's why this year's Fire Prevention Week theme: "Every Second Counts: Plan 2 Ways Out!" is so important. It reinforces why everyone needs to have an escape plan. Here's this year's key campaign messages:

- Draw a map of your home (PDF) with all members of your household, marking two exits from each room and a path to the outside from each exit.
- Practice your home fire drill twice a year. Conduct one at night and one during the day with everyone in your home, and practice using different ways out.
- Teach children how to escape on their own in case you can't help them.
- Make sure the number of your home is clearly marked and easy for the fire department to find.
- Close doors behind you as you leave – this may slow the spread

CITY NOTES

Ever bridge System

Please go to www.mcclain-co-ok.us to sign up for the McClain County Mass Notification System.

This free service is only available to residents of McClain County and allows citizens to receive general and emergency information that may affect you and your family as well as automated weather alerts specific to addresses you enter to include notices of water shut-off due to leaks, road closures, and other emergency notices from the City of Blanchard.

Since alert emails are sent as mass-mailings, your email filter may send it to your SPAM Folder. Be sure to allow emails from @everbridge.net into your email inbox.

See more at: <http://mcclain-co-ok.us/everbridge-the-new-notification-system/#sthash.FDJKUVoF.dpuf>

Meetings All City meetings are held at the new Blanchard Municipal Courthouse located at 300 N. Main Street.

Recycling The City's Citizen Collection Center is opened to receive recyclables Monday thru Friday from 6:30am to 8:30am and from 4pm to 6:30pm. Also on Saturday from 8am to 12Noon. Visit our website for more information.

of smoke, heat, and fire.

- Once you get outside, stay outside. Never go back inside a burning building.

And remember to change batteries in your smoke detectors and (if applicable, carbon monoxide detectors).

Food Truck Schedule



The Blanchard Parks & Recreation has scheduled the following food trucks to be in Blanchard listed below. The food trucks will be set up each **Tuesday** from **11am** to **2pm**, located on the empty lots at 200 North Jackson Avenue (just East across the street

from Pioneer Telephone). BON APETITE!

The Healthy Hippo

Tuesday, October 10th

Tasty Beats

Tuesday, October 17th

Rolling Cafe

Tuesday, October 24th

2 Cajuns Express

Tuesday, November 7th

Pops Pockets

Tuesday, November 14th

Halloween



Trick or Treat Nite will be **Tuesday, October 31st** in Blanchard from **6 pm** to **9 pm**.

Please drive with caution and watch out for little ghosts and goblins!

For Halloween safety tips for your kids, pets, etc. please go to www.halloween-safety.com.

Job Opportunities

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

- Animal Control Officer ~ Full-time with Benefits;
- Service Worker: Public Works ~ Full-time with Benefits;
- Parks Laborer ~ Seasonal.

Job descriptions will be posted on the City's website shortly. Applications are available at City Hall or on the City's website at

www.cityofblanchard.us. The City of Blanchard is an 'Equal Opportunity Employer.'



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comments to:
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Or, email comments
to:
citymanager@cityofblanchard.us

Legislative Breakfast

The Blanchard Chamber of Commerce and the City of Blanchard will be hosting a Legislative Breakfast on **Thursday, October 26th, 9am**, at the restored Old City Hall, 114 W. Broadway.

The special guests will be Senator Paul Scott (R) and Representative Tim Downing (R).

Odd/Even Water

Effective as of July 1st, the City is under a mandatory odd-even watering schedule. For example: If your address is 1400, you can water on the 2nd, 4th, 6th of the month and so on. If your address is 1401, you can water on the 1st, 3rd, 5th, etc.

All watering shall be supervised in person to limit unproductive runoff. Water running in drainage ditches or streets shall be determined to be in violation of this restriction and punishable by a fine in the Blanchard Municipal Court.

Planning Commission Agenda

The Blanchard Planning Commission will discuss, consider and take appropriate action at their regular meeting on Thursday, 12 October, 6:30 p.m. on the following agenda items:

- **PRE-PLANNING MEETING** for proposed Hidden Acres Addition, a development by Timothy and Barbara Kilkenny and located on South Morgan Avenue south of NW 10th Street.
- **LOT SPLIT APPLICATION** submitted by Timothy and Barbara Kilkenny to subdivide 36.76 Acres MOL into three (3) tracts of land: 29.86 acres MOL; 3.15 acres MOL; and 3.75 acres MOL.
- **ORDINANCE** amending Section 22-323, Article III, Chapter 22 of the Subdivision Regulations for the City of Blanchard pertaining to the requirement for Maintenance Bonds and Supervision and Inspection Fees on public improvements (ie: water, sewer, drainage, streets, sidewalks, etc.).
- **AMENDED SUBDIVISION REGULATIONS** for the City of Blanchard.
- **2035 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN** review; and
- **CONSENT AGENDA.**

The agenda is posted on the City's website at www.cityofblanchard.us.

Police Blotter

JAIL REPORT for September 29rd – October 1st:

- 9.29.17 • Joshua Cornelius arrested for DUI;
- 10.01.17 • Shilo Schwartz arrested for DUI;
- 10.01.17 • Steven Perez arrested.

Public Notice

Our water system recently violated a drinking water standard. Although this is NOT an emergency, as our customers, you have a right to know what happened, what you should do, and what we are doing to correct this situation.

The City of Blanchard Has Levels of Chloramines Above Drinking Water Standards. Testing results we received for July 2016 through June 2017 show that our system exceeds the standard, or maximum residual disinfectant level (MRDL), for chloramines. The standard or MRDL for chloramines is 4.0 mg/l. It is determined by averaging all the samples collected at each sampling location for the past 12 months. The level of chloramines averaged at our system's locations was 5 mg/L.

What Should I Do? There is nothing you need to do unless you have a severely compromised immune system, have an infant or are elderly. These people may be at increased risk and should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers.

What Does This Mean? Some people who use water containing chloramines well in excess of the MRDL could experience irritating effects to their eyes and nose. Some people who drink water containing chloramines well in excess of the MRDL could experience stomach discomfort.

What Happened? What is Being Done? The City does not produce NOR treat water but purchases 100% of our water from the cities of Newcastle, Oklahoma City and Tuttle. These cities use Chloramine which is a water additive (disinfectant) used to control microbes. However, if the problem continues, then the City will have to dechlorinate the purchased water at our service connections at each location with all three (3) cities.

For further information contact: Allen Chalender, Utilities Supervisor or Kenny Sullivan, City Engineer.

PumpkinFest

Get ready for a SPOOKY good time!

The City's annual event will be held on **Tuesday, October 31st** from **6pm** to **9pm** on Main Street.





Activities include:

- Costume Contest (Ages 0-10) (11-18) & (19-over)
- Pet Costume Contest (all pets must be on a leash)
- Face Painting
- Free Candy & Refreshments
- Games and Trunk or Treats
- Safe Candy Walk & Music

New EVENTS:

- Downtown hayrides
- Dunktank

For more information, please contact Chris Wittenbach at 248.6521 or parks@cityofblanchard.us.

Veterans Day Parade

Plans are under way for the annual Blanchard Veterans Day Parade on **Saturday, November 11th**. The Parade theme is "For God and Country" recognizing the 100th anniversary of America's beginning involvement in World War I in 1917.



The Armistice signed on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month in 1918 was an armistice signed during the First World War between the Allies and Germany – also known as the Armistice of Compiègne after the location in which it was signed – and the agreement ended the fighting on the Western Front.

Mr. Vernon Mitchell has been selected as the Veterans Day Parade Grand Marshal.

Parade Entry Forms will be available on the City's website at www.cityofblanchard.us.

Water Conservation Tips



Thinking about redesigning your landscape? Add water-wise and Oklahoma native plants instead of cool-season grasses, like tall fescue. Drought tolerant plants are attractive and require less water and maintenance than tall fescue lawns.

For more Oklahoma appropriate plants go to Oklahoma City's www.squeezeverydrop.com.