



City News

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MEETINGS

November 14th

6p – Board of Adjustment

November 16th

3p – Juvenile Court

6p – BMIA/CITY Joint Special Meeting

November 28th

2:30p – Traffic Court

6p – City Council

6p – BMIA

CHRISTMAS ON MAIN

Each December, the City comes alive with lights and fun for the whole family. Old City Hall will be a great place to see and visit with your friends and get a FREE picture with the jolly ole elf, himself. Then step outside for more festivities:

Pics with Santa from 2 - 4pm

Free hot chocolate from 2 - 4pm

Blanchard Kindergarten Kids sing at 5pm

The Blanchard Annual Lions Club Lighted Christmas Parade will step off at 6pm on **Saturday, December 9th**. The theme of the Parade is a "Comic Con Christmas." Come dressed as your favorite superhero.

For more information, please visit the City's website at www.cityofblanchard.us. The Parade Entry Form is on the site for downloading.

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!

Pops Pockets

Tuesday, November 14th

HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

City offices will be closed on **Thursday and Friday, November 23rd** and **24th** for the observance of Thanksgiving.

If you have a police or fire emergency, please call 911. If you have a water or sewer emergency, please call 306.9532.

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

EVENTS

November 10th

♦ Veterans Day (City Hall Closed)

November 11th

10a ♦ Veterans Day Parade

November 14th

11a ♦ Food Truck Tuesday

November 23rd

♦ Thanksgiving (City Hall Closed)

November 24th

♦ Thanksgiving Day After (City Hall Closed)

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

Trash service on Thanksgiving Day will be Friday (November 23rd) and Bulk Trash and Recycling will be picked up on Saturday (November 25th).

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.'

MOMENT OF SILENCE

In 2016, the President of the United States, signed the Veterans Day Moment of Silence Act. The Proclamation calls for the American people everywhere to observe a two-minute national moment of silence on Veterans Day, November 11th at 1:11 p.m. Central Standard Time.

A century ago, America was fighting a war to liberate Europe. However, the U.S. involvement was relatively short in time compared to other countries ... but the sacrifices were enormous. A total of 116,516 Americans paid the ultimate price. Another 200,000 were wounded.

The Armistice signed on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month in 1918 was 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.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Blanchard City Council will hold a public hearing on **Tuesday, November 28th** regarding the Planning Commission's recommendation approving the to rezone property (old KT's BBQ location on north OK-76) from S-1, Suburban District to C-4, Restricted Commercial District.

For more information, please contact Ryan Conner, City Planner, at 405.485-9392 or by email at cityplanner@cityofblanchard.us.

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 in-box.

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.

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.

OKLAHOMA HERITAGE WEEK

The signing of the Statehood Proclamation on November 16, 1907, was the most significant action in the history of the State of



Oklahoma. The week of November 12 through 18 has been declared 'OKLAHOMA HERITAGE WEEK' in the State of Oklahoma.

All Oklahomans should pause during this time and reflect on our Oklahoma heritage, as well as our

national heritage. Blanchard has the obligation and privilege to play an important role in the observance of this great week! The Blanchard City Council issued a proclamation declaring the week of November 12th thru the 18th to be 'Oklahoma Heritage Week' in Blanchard and encourages all citizens, families, clubs, churches, business organizations and schools in Blanchard to give personal attention to all special Statehood Day observances, to fly the State Flag and the National Colors, to participate in and help sponsor programs, projects, and activities emphasizing the heritage of our great State.

PARADE

The annual Blanchard Veterans Day Parade will be held tomorrow **Saturday, November 11th** at **10:00am**. The Parade theme is "For God and Country" recognizing the 100th anniversary of America's beginning involvement in World War I in 1917.

During the War to end all Wars, 90,527 Oklahomans had served their country's cause. Of these, 4,154 were wounded in battle, 502 were missing in action, 1,064 were killed in action, and another 502 died of diseases.

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We're on the Web!
www.cityofblanchard.us

FEEDBACK

Please mail your
comments to:

City Manager's Office,
P.O. Box 480, Blanchard,
OK 73010

Or, email comments to:
citymanager@cityofblanchard.us

A special recognition honoring four (4) young men from Blanchard who lost their lives defending America in Europe:

- Private Julius E. Garner died of an accident;
- Sergeant James N. Bond died of wounds received in battle;
- Private Luther N. Jones killed in action; and
- James E. Nowlin killed in action.

Please observe a two-minute national moment of silence for these brave HEROES and for all Veterans at 1:11 p.m.

POLICE BLOTTER

JAIL REPORT for November 4th - November 10th:

- 11/4 Haley Kinsley arrested on a Warrant;
11/4 Tommy Hogan arrested on a Warrant (possession of stolen vehicle);
11/5 Chad Franklin arrested on a Warrant;
11/5 Zane Dunn arrested for Obstruction;
11/6 Rene Zuniga arrested on DUI; and
11/6 Matthew Langley arrested on Public Intox.

PROCLAMATIONS

The City Council of the City of Blanchard issued three (3) proclamations at their regular meeting on October 24th. They proclaimed:

- § The week of November 12th through the 18th as 'Oklahoma Heritage' week; and
- § The month of November as 'National American Indian Heritage' Month.

PUBLIC NOTICE

EARLY PUBLIC REVIEW...The City of Blanchard is proposing to expend Federal funds in an area that is subject to flooding as identified by Federal Emergency Management Administration. The subject funds are Community Development Block Grant funds administered by the Oklahoma Department of Commerce.

The City of Blanchard is proposing to undertake the following activities in a floodplain area:

The City of Blanchard has received Community Development Block Grant funds CDBG Contract Numbers: 10753, 10754, 10755, 10756 all in the amount of \$243,969 from the Oklahoma



Department of Commerce. Matching funds from the City of Blanchard will be in the amount of \$243,789.

The City will use grant and matching funds to construct a sanitary sewer rehab project including sewer line replacement by open cut and pipe bursting method, replacement rehab of manholes, point repairs, and paving repair. The project serves a target area of the Town, (Old Town). The City is under an ODEQ Consent Order because of excessive inflow and infiltration. The project will not require additional land but will be constructed in existing easements and ROW. The project is located in sections 30, 31, T8N, R4W, Blanchard, McClain County, OK.

The purpose of this notice is to give an early opportunity for interested agencies, persons or groups to comment on the proposed action. The City of Blanchard is willing to consider any feasible alternatives or adjustments to the anticipated project that might minimize any potential adverse effects upon the floodplain as a result of the project. The project is to solve or reduce inflow and infiltration problems into the sewer system.

The City of Blanchard has additional information concerning this project available for public review and copying, upon request, at the Blanchard City Hall located at 122 N. Main Street Blanchard, OK 73010. Any comments relative to this proposed expenditure of Federal funds in an area identified as a flood hazard area should be submitted in writing to Eddie Odle, Mayor, at 122 N. Main Street Blanchard, OK 73010-5716 on or before November 20, 2017.

Sales Tax Collections

The City's November sales tax collections are more than seven (7.65%) percent higher than the budgeted amount based on the September retail sales of \$5,454,649. In addition, it is more than four (4.39%) percent higher than last month's collections in October:

Month	Collections	Prior Year Δ
July 2017	\$198,621.83	11.6%
August 2017	\$225,512.22	-18.65%
September 2017	\$205,922.04	12.64%
October 2017	\$209,018.25	-2.37%
November 2017	\$218,185.96	23.34%
TOTALS	\$1,057,260.30	2.76%

Use Tax

The City's November use tax collections are more than nine (9.46%) percent higher than the budgeted amount based on the September collections of \$619,289.00. In addition, it is more than forty (43.1%) percent less than last month's collections in October:

Month	Collections	Prior Year Δ
July 2017	\$23,374.90	11.6%
August 2017	\$21,593.52	49.76%
September 2017	\$22,215.36	-56.27%
October 2017	\$43,537.97	190.62%
November 2017	\$24,771.56	-7.49%
TOTALS	\$135,493.31	7.32%

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.squeezeeverydrop.com.

IF YOU CAN READ THIS



THANK A VETERAN

BLANCHARD together
today & tomorrow