



City News

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MEETINGS

January 8th

6pm ■ BPS Bd of Ed

January 11th

**6:30pm ■ Planning
Commission
(Canceled)**

January 16th

6pm ■ BOA

January 18th

4pm ■ Juvenile Court

January 23rd

**2:15pm ■ Traffic
Court**

6pm ■ City Council

6pm ■ BMIA

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

Blanchard Park Events

Planning for calendar year 2018 has been well underway. The upcoming events are:



March ■ St. Patrick's Day Parade

May ■ May Daze

June ■ Movies and Concerts in the Park

July ■ Independence Day Celebration

August ■ Bluegrass Festival

September ■ Mufflers on Main

October ■ Pumpkinfest

November ■ Veterans Day Parade

December ■ Christmas Events & Parade

More information will be forthcoming regarding pop-up parties. Please visit the city's facebook page or the city's website for detail information on each event and announcements.

Canadian River Crossing

Due to the extreme cold and recent weather conditions, completion of the river crossing has slowed.

The contractor planned to take advantage of warming weather to finish all concrete and put all pipe in place this week.

Next week they plan on start running water in the pipe on the following schedule:

- .. Monday and Tuesday load the pipe and flush;
- .. Wednesday they will hold line under static test and look for leaks.
- .. Thursday possibly hydro test if line is ready.
- .. Friday if all goes really well, they will load with chlorine and leave over Weekend to disinfect and take bac-t tests.

If the schedule doesn't happen due to the weather, they expect it be tested out the following week.

CALENDAR

January 15th

■ *Martin Luther King, Jr. Day*

Carbon-Monoxide Warning

Due to extreme cold and power outages, please be aware of the hazards of the following types of heating:



- ◆ Never use gas grills, propane grills, charcoal grills in a house, garage or enclosed area;
- ◆ All gas fire heaters **MUST** be vented to the outside to remove carbon monoxide from an enclosed area; and
- ◆ Please read and follow all manufacturer instructions for any heater. Also, be careful with your heaters, fireplaces and candles.

Home and apartment fires are more common during the winter because of improperly used heating equipment, fireplaces and candles. Be sure anything that can burn is at least three (3) feet away from fireplaces or space heaters. Fireplaces should be inspected by a professional every year and cleaned when necessary, and make sure fires are fully extinguished before you go to bed.

It's important your home has working smoke alarms and your family knows how to escape a fire safely.

Holidays Observed

The City of Blanchard will observe nine (9) holidays in 2018 in which non-emergency City services will be closed:

- ◆ New Year's Day – Monday, January 1st
- ◆ Memorial Day – Monday, May 28th
- ◆ Independence Day – Wednesday, July 4th
- ◆ Labor Day – Monday, September 3rd
- ◆ Veterans Day – Monday, November 12th
- ◆ Thanksgiving Day – Thursday, November 22nd
- ◆ Thanksgiving Day After – Friday, November 23rd
- ◆ Christmas Eve – Monday, December 24th
- ◆ Christmas Day – Tuesday, December 25th

Job Opportunities

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

- Animal Control Officer ~ Full-time with benefits;
- Public Works Service Worker ~ Full-time with benefits;
- Parks Laborer ~ Seasonal;
- Police Officer ~ Full-time with benefits;

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.'

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

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Please mail your
comments to:
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Office, P.O. Box
480, Blanchard,
OK 73010
Or, email
comments to:
citymanager@cityofblanchard.us

Notice

The Blanchard Planning Commission meeting scheduled for **Thursday, January 11th** has been canceled.

The next meeting of the Commission will be **Thursday, February 8th** at **6:30pm**.

Odd-Even Water Rationing

The City of Blanchard is still 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.

Police Blotter

- 12/14/17 ROBERTSON, Michael ~ DUI
- 12/15/17 RICHARDSON, Anthony ~ Possession of Paraphernalia
- 12/17/17 KEPHART, April ~ Possession of CDS/Intent to Distribute/Possession of Marijuana/Possession of Paraphernalia/ DUI
- 12/18/17 ALCANTAR, Juan ~ Possession of Paraphernalia
- 12/20/17 LANDRY, Redajo ~ Possession of Paraphernalia/Marijuana
- 12/23/17 PENNER, Matthew ~ Possession of CDS/Illegal Possession of Firearm
- 12/26/17 Juvenile Male ~ DUI/ TOC/ Minor in Possession of Low Point Beer
- 12/30/17 CAMREN, CALEB ~ DUID

Postal Rate Increase



The U.S. Postal Service (USPS) filed a rate increase for Market Dominant products with the Postal Regulatory Commission (PRC) which was approved.

Set to go into effect on January 21, 2018, the new rates represent about a 1.9% increase over the current

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 to include notices of water shut-offs 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-notifications-system/#sthash.FDJKUVol.dpuf>

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

Recycling The City's Transfer Station 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.

prices from \$0.49 to \$0.50 for letters and a 3.9% increases for shipping, or "competitive" products.

Think, Shop, Live Blanchard!

Please keep in mind that Blanchard's quality of life and local economy rely on where residents spend their money and do their shopping. Sales tax is a direct and vital lifeline to essential services like public safety (police & fire), facilities (city hall, etc.), projects (water & sewer and street improvements), programs (4th of July Celebration) and services (senior citizens).

Shopping locally keeps businesses here in Blanchard, providing jobs and benefiting community schools and non-profits. If there's one thing we can all do to make our dollars work for this community, it's to shop local. Grab dinner in Blanchard on your way home. You'd be surprised what a difference that can make. Shopping locally benefits the entire community. Make your tax dollars work for you and your community.

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.

Water Tower Project

The painters indicate they are 99% complete, however they do have some coating on the interior wet and dry areas they need to complete. Unfortunately the temperatures aren't conducive for this right now to accomplish that.

Their hope is that the weather cooperates in the next few weeks. As quick as the inside wet is done and cured, the contractor can have it ready to fill within a couple days. However, they believe they will be 100% complete in less than forty-five (45) days which include filling the tower, bac-t tests, etc. prior to it being placed into service.

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Happy New Year!