



# City News

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## MEETINGS

April 17<sup>th</sup>

6p – Bd of Adjustment

April 19<sup>th</sup>

4p – Code/Juvenile  
Court

April 24<sup>th</sup>

2:30p – Traffic Court

6p – City Council

6p – BMIA

## Advertisement for Bids

The Blanchard Municipal Improvement Authority will receive separate sealed bids for the Relocation of Fire Hydrants. Bids will be received at City Hall, located at 122 N. Main St., Blanchard, OK 73010, until 11:00 AM, on Thursday, April 19, 2018. Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud, at 11:00 AM at City Hall.

Four (4) potential bidders attended the mandatory pre-bid conference on Tuesday, April 10<sup>th</sup>.

The Project includes installing tapping sleeves and valves, and relocating 11 fire hydrants and anchor couplings.

All work shall be performed, and all construction and material used and furnished shall be in accordance with the Contract Documents prepared by Glenn Sullivan & Associates, Inc., and on file in the office of the Blanchard Municipal Improvement Authority, located at Town Hall.

The Notice to Bidders, Form of Bid, Form of Contract, Plans and Specifications, Forms of Bid Bond, Performance and Statutory Payment Bond, and other Contract Documents may be examined at the following:

1. City Hall  
122 N. Main St.  
Blanchard, OK 73010  
(405) 485-9392
2. Glenn Sullivan & Associates, Inc.  
103 N. Mercedes Drive, Suite A  
Norman, OK 73069  
(405) 321-7232

A complete set of Plans and Specifications to prospective bidders may be obtained at the office of Glenn Sullivan & Associates, Inc., (405) 321-7232, upon receipt of a non-refundable deposit of \$50.00.

Each bidder shall accompany his original bid, with a certified or Cashier's Check on a solvent bank located in Oklahoma or a Bidder's Bond, in the amount of five (5) percent of the amount bid, as a guarantee of his ability to perform the contract bid upon, and that he will enter into a written contract with the Owner to perform said work and/or furnish said materials in accordance with said plans and specifications

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

## Events Calendar

April 17<sup>th</sup>

11a ♦ Food Truck

Tuesday

April 22<sup>nd</sup>

♦ Earth Day

April 24<sup>th</sup>

11a ♦ Food Truck

Tuesday

April 25<sup>th</sup>

♦ Administrative  
Professionals Day

April 27<sup>th</sup>

♦ Arbor Day

For Blanchard Library  
Events: Please visit their  
website at  
[pioneer.lib.ok.us/home](http://pioneer.lib.ok.us/home)

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City of Blanchard  
P.O. Box 480  
122 N. Main Street  
Blanchard, OK 73010

Phone: (405) 485-9392

Fax: (405) 485-3199

and furnish the required bonds within seven (7) days after the acceptance of his bid.

The deposit will be retained by the Owner as, and for, liquidated damages in case the successful bidder fails to enter in said contract and furnish the required bonds provided for in the specifications within the time required. Deposit of the unsuccessful bidders will be returned upon the execution of the Contract and required bonds.

Each bidder shall accompany his bid with a sworn statement in writing that the Bidder has not directly or indirectly entered into an agreement, express or implied, with any other bidder or the price or amount of such bid or any bids, the limiting of the bids or bidders, the paying to anyone any money for promotion expenses, the parceling or farming out to any bidder or bidders or other persons of any part of the contract or any part of the subject matter of the bid or of the profits thereof.

A Performance, Maintenance and Statutory Bond in the amount of 100% of the contract price with a Corporate Surety licensed in Oklahoma and approved by the Owner and Engineer, will be required for the faithful performance of the contract, and the bidder shall state in the proposal the name and address of the Surety or Sureties who will sign this bond in case the contract is awarded to him. The Maintenance Bond required will guarantee the repair of all damage due to improper materials or workmanship for a period of one (1) year after the acceptance of the work by the Owner.

All bids shall remain on file at least forty-eight (48) hours. Bids received more than ninety-six (96) hours prior to the Bid Opening will be returned.

Contract to be awarded to low responsive responsible bidder. The Owner reserves the right to waive any informalities in the bidding and the right to reject any and all bids in accordance with the Oklahoma Competitive Bidding Act. Conditional bids shall not be accepted.

## AYCE Breakfast

The Blanchard Masonic Lodge No. 395, A.F. & A.M 2018 Charity  
Breakfast schedule:



April 14<sup>th</sup> - Blanchard Girl Scouts Troop  
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The Lodge is located at 10<sup>th</sup> (OK-76) and  
Main Street and serves an AYCE  
breakfast from 7am-11am on the above

Saturday. The cost is \$6.00 and proceeds benefit and supports the  
youth of these organizations.

# Animal Cruelty Prevention Month



Preventing animal cruelty starts with responsible pet ownership. The City Council adopted new animal regulations at their regular meeting on Tuesday nite. Cruelty may include but not limited to animal *neglect* of unreasonable deprivation of necessary food, care or shelter or *inhumane treatment* includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- ◆ Any physical punishment inconsistent with the health of such animal;
- ◆ Lack of food or water for more than a twenty-four (24) hour period;
- ◆ Knowingly permitting obvious nutritional deficiencies or other evident health problems involving any animal;
- ◆ Improper use of any collar or harness or a fixed leash for the purpose of confining any animal which results in flesh laceration, obvious pain or to cause choking to such animal;
- ◆ Depriving animal of adequate shelter; and
- ◆ Inhumane killing or attempting to kill any animal.

You can report instances of animal cruelty to the City of Blanchard to be investigated by calling 485-9392.

## Chamber Luncheon

The Chamber's monthly luncheon will be **Thursday, April 19<sup>th</sup>** at **12Noon** held at the Pioneer Telephone Community Room. Lunch is \$5.00.

## Fair Housing Month



April is 'Fair Housing Month' in Blanchard. The City encourages each citizen to implement the provisions of the City's Fair Housing Ordinance and requests that any person, or group of persons, planning activities to promote fair housing to inform the City Clerk of such activities. A copy of the Ordinance may

be obtained from the Office of the City Clerk.

## Fight the Bite!

Individuals can reduce their risk of contracting mosquito-borne diseases, such as the West Nile virus, by getting rid of standing water around houses and by using insect repellent. Here is a simple way to remember how to "Fight the Bite" using mosquito safety. Just remember 3 D's and a P!



- DRAIN stagnant water;
- DRESS wear long sleeves and pants;
- DEET repel when you're outside;
- PREVENT reduce your exposure.

Unfortunately, there is no easy solution for managing mosquitoes. Countless products on the market claim to be effective and easy to use but few have appreciable value in lessening the annoyance and incidence of bites. Unlike most insects found around homes, mosquitoes are pervasive outdoor pests and there are limits to what can be done to minimize their abundance, Nonetheless, there are measures that can afford some relief.

## Food Truck Tuesdays

FOOD TRUCK TUESDAYS ARE BACK! Located at US-62 & Jackson from 11am to 2pm:



<u>DATE</u>	<u>VENDOR</u>	<u>TYPE</u>
April 17 <sup>th</sup>	Midway Deli	Deli
April 24 <sup>th</sup>	Rolled Up	Rolled Sandwiches

## House Numbering

In an emergency, first responders (fire, police and ambulance) and utility service technicians depend on clearly marked addresses to find the right home as quickly as possible. Finding a residence can be challenging if street addresses (house numbers) are unreadable, hidden, unlit or missing. You can help emergency responders and service technicians locate your home by following these tips:

- Replace aging or faded numbers;
- Clear all obstructions (hanging plants, bushes, flags, etc.) from blocking your house number;
- Post large numbers to allow visibility from the street;
- Place your numbers near the street or on the curb, with a reflective coating and contrasting background;
- Allow numbers to be seen from all directions (if your home is on a corner, have numbers posted on all sides).

City Code at §4-402 requires all building and houses to be numbered. The even numbers (2, 4, 6, 8 etc.) shall be on the east side of the streets extending north and south, and on the south side of the streets extending east and west; the odd numbers (1, 3, 5, 7, etc.) shall be on the opposite side of such streets.

# Planning Commission Action

The Blanchard Planning Commission took appropriate action on the following items at their regular scheduled meeting on **Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup>** day of **April**:

- Tabled to May meeting the Public Hearing soliciting public comments regarding the reclassification application to rezone approximately 13.35 acres of land from S-1, Suburban District to R-E, Residential Estates on property located in the SW4 of SW4 of Section 28-T8N-R4W (412 S. Rockwell Avenue); and
- Tabled to May meeting the Resolution recommending to the City Council, the approval of the Zoning Application; and
- Tabled to May meeting the Lot Split Application splitting the 13.35 acres subject to rezoning; and
- Held Public Hearing soliciting public comments regarding the reclassification application to rezone approximately 5.3 acres of land from A-1, Agricultural District to C-5, Automotive & Commercial Recreation District on property located in the NW4 of Section 31-T9N-R4W (8177 Skyline Drive); and
- Adopted Resolution No. 2018-01 recommending to the City Council, the approval of the Zoning Application; and
- Adopted Resolution No.2018-02 recommending amendment to the Subdivision Regulations pertaining to the requirement of Maintenance Bonds on public improvements (ie: water, sewer, drainage, streets, sidewalks, etc.).
- Adopted Resolution No.2018-03 recommending amendments to Section 22-323 pertaining to Subdivision Regulations Maintenance Bonds on public improvements (ie: water, sewer, drainage, streets, sidewalks, etc.).
- Adopted Resolution No. 2018-04 recommending to the City Council, the adoption of a new Official Zoning Map which include Zoning Ordinances adopted up to and as of December 31, 2017.

The next Planning Commission meeting will be **Thursday, May 10<sup>th</sup>**.

## Police Blotter

- 3/31 VANCE, Jeremy - arrested on A&B and vandalism;
- 4/01 SUSNIC, Susan - arrested on DUI;
- 4/04 McCOOK, David - arrested on possession of CDS & possession of dangerous weapon;
- 4/04 MEADOWS, Leesa - arrested on possession of CDS & possession of dangerous weapon;
- 4/04 BAKER, Todd - arrested on warrants.



# Sales Tax Collections

The City's April Sales Tax collections are more than sixteen (16.79%) percent higher than the budgeted amount based on the February retail sales of \$5,916,065, but it is more than fourteen (14.38%) percent less than last month's collections in March:

Month	Collections	Prior Year $\Delta$
July 2017	\$198,621.83	11.68%
August 2017	\$225,512.22	-18.65%
September 2017	\$205,922.04	12.71%
October 2017	\$209,018.25	-2.37%
November 2017	\$218,185.96	23.34%
December 2017	\$210,906.37	19.23%
January 2018	\$250,068.43	22.18%
February 2018	\$318,586.66	6.21%
March 2018	\$206,895.42	5.56%
<b>APRIL 2018</b>	<b>\$236,642.59</b>	<b>3.28%</b>
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$2,280,359.77</b>	<b>12.22%</b>

## Senior Dining Program

The Blanchard Senior Nutrition Center serve a fully balanced lunch (entrees, sides, desserts, tea and coffee) for all senior citizens five (5) days a week beginning at **11:30am**.

### SENIOR CITIZEN'S MENU:

(April 16 - April 20)

**Monday** - Loaded Baked Potato, Chili, Cheese, Salad, Bread, Dessert

**Tuesday** - Spaghetti, Green Beans, Corn, Dessert

**Wednesday** - Chicken & Dumplings, Carrots, Peas, Dessert

**Thursday** - Hobo Beans, Onions & Pickles, Coleslaw, Cornbread, Dessert

**Friday** - Chicken Salad, Broccoli, Salad, Sliced Bread, 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, please call the Center at (405) 485-9260.

# Tornado Safety



In Oklahoma, tornados are most frequent in the spring and summer months. An average of 800 tornados are reported each year, causing 80 deaths and over 1,500 injuries per year. These storms are capable of tremendous destruction with wind speeds of 250 mph or greater. The following guidelines will assist in keeping you safe:

**Tornado Watch** - means a tornado is "possible". When the National Weather Service issues a warning, it is time to turn on a TV or radio, look out the window from time to time, and be more alert to what is happening outside.

**Tornado Warning** - means that a tornado has actually been spotted, or is strongly indicated on radar, and it is time to go to a safe shelter immediately.

**Warning Signs** -

- ◆ A sickly greenish or greenish black color to the sky.
- ◆ If there is a tornado warning or watch posted, then the fall of hail should be considered as a real danger.
- ◆ A strange quiet that occurs within or shortly after the thunderstorm.
- ◆ Clouds moving by very fast, especially in a rotating pattern or converging toward one area of the sky.
- ◆ A sound a little like a waterfall or rushing air at first, then turning into a roar as it comes closer.
- ◆ Tornados usually move from southwest to northeast.

**Possible Shelters** -

- ◆ Basements.
- ◆ Interior rooms or hallways on the lowest floor.
- ◆ Small rooms - restrooms, closets, etc. Avoid rooms with wide span roof areas.
- ◆ Get under a piece of sturdy furniture - heavy table, cubicle work surface, etc.
- ◆ Stay away from exterior walls, windows, mirrors, items hanging overhead.
- ◆ Do not stay in vehicles.
- ◆ If no other shelter is available, lay down in a depression in the ground, such as a ditch.
- ◆ Use your arms to protect your head and neck.

## Use Tax

The City's April Use Tax collections are more than one (1.55%) percent less than the budgeted amount based on the February

collections of \$557,019.25. In addition, it is more than four (4.29%) percent less than last month's collections in March:

Month	Collections	Prior Year $\Delta$
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%
December 2017	\$28,986.37	8.25%
January 2018	\$41,072.35	85.40%
February 2018	\$38,646.71	101.80%
March 2018	\$23,274.16	44.61%
<b>APRIL 2018</b>	<b>\$22,280.77</b>	<b>0.21%</b>
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$289,753.67</b>	<b>24.54%</b>

## Work Zone Awareness Months



The months of April and May 2018 have been declared Work Zone Awareness Months in Oklahoma to encourage residents to exercise

attentiveness and patience on public roadways.

Construction and maintenance of our streets, highways and utility infrastructure are critical to maintaining Oklahoma's economic vitality and keeping the state "open for business."

Accidents cause unexpected work zones along Oklahoma streets and highways, which places crews and first responders in direct contact with traffic. Preliminary 2017 statistics show 5 people were killed and 230 injured in 181 collisions in Oklahoma work zones. The Oklahoma Department of Transportation (ODOT) reports a total of 60 crewmembers have been killed in the line of duty, more than any other state agency; many of these fatalities and injuries were caused by inattentive driving or speeding in construction zones.

By Oklahoma law, the fines for speeding in work zones are doubled and texting while driving is prohibited. In Blanchard, the fine is \$150.

Drivers should set aside distraction, be extra courteous and give work zones their individual attention when traveling.