



City News

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MEETINGS

September 25th

- 2p – Traffic Court
- 6p – City Council
- 6p – BMIA

October 1st

- 6p – BETA
- 6p – BPS Board

October 11th

- 6:30p – Planning Commission

October 16th

- 6p – BOA

October 18th

- 3p – Juvenile/Code Court

October 23rd

- 2p – Traffic Court
- 6p – City Council
- 6p – BMIA

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

Autumnal Equinox

Fall begins **Saturday, September 22nd** at **8:54p.m.** CST. The



Autumnal Equinox is defined as the point at which the Sun appears to cross the celestial equator from north to south. The celestial equator is the circle in the celestial sphere halfway between the celestial poles.

Another definition of fall is nites of below-freezing temperatures combined with day of temperatures below 70 degrees Fahrenheit. The word equinox means "equal nite"; nite and day are the same length of time. The equinoxes are times when the Sun's apparent motion undergoes the most rapid change. Around the time of the equinoxes, variations in the position on the horizon when the Sun rises and sets can be noticed from one day to the next by alert observers.

AYCE Breakfast

The Blanchard Masonic Lodge located at 10th (OK-76) and Main



Street will be hosting several All You Can Eat (AYCE) breakfasts from **7am - 11am** for the remainder of the year on **Saturdays**. The cost is only \$6 and proceeds will benefit certain youth organizations in Blanchard,

Events Calendar

September 22nd

◆ – Fall Begins

7a – AYCE Breakfast

September 25th

11a – Food Truck
Tuesday

September 28th

1:30p – Homecoming
Parade

September 29th

10a – Mufflers on Main

October 1st

5:30p – Circus Show
Time

7:30p – Circus Show
Time

October 3rd

◆ – Walk To School Day

October 8th

◆ – Columbus Day

October 12th

8a – Chamber Golf
Tournament

October 13th

10a – Treasures &
Tunes

October 16th

◆ – Boss's Day

October 31st

6p – PumpkinFest

6p – Trick or Treat

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

Bridge Creek and Dibble. Thank you for supporting our youth! The remaining AYCE Breakfast schedule is:

Saturday, September 22nd Blanchard Band Booster Club

Saturday, October 13th Dibble FCCLA

Saturday, November 3rd Blanchard Takedown Club

Chamber Golf Tournament

The Blanchard Chamber 16th Annual Golf Tournament! will be held on **Friday, October 12, 2018** at Winter Creek Golf &



Country Club. 4 Person Scramble \$400

Team/\$100 Person. Registration & practice

begins at **8:00 A.M.** Tournament starts at **9:00 A.M.** Lunch & Snacks provided.

HOLE IN ONE: win a 2017 pick-up courtesy of Knipplemier Chevrolet!

For more information or to register, please email: chamber@blanchardchamber.com.

Circus Day

AMERICA'S FAVORITE OLD-FASHIONED BIG TOP!



The Circus is coming to town!

Monday, October 1st

Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$7 for kids and available at Spencers and City Hall. Get your tickets early and save money!

Big top will be located on 10th Street beside Spencers & behind the Junior High Gym (vacant field).

Show times are 5:30pm & 7:30 pm

Fire Prevention Week



**FIRE
PREVENTION
WEEK™**

As Fire Prevention Week approaches, the Blanchard Fire Department encourages residents to "Look. Listen. Learn."

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Today's home fires burn faster than ever. In a typical home fire, you may have as little as one to two minutes to escape safely from the time the smoke alarm sounds. Knowing how to use that time wisely takes planning and practice.

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, "Look. Listen. Learn. Be aware. Fire can happen anywhere," which works to educate the public about basic but essential ways to quickly and safely escape a home fire.

NFPA statistics show that the number of U.S. home fires has been steadily declining over the past few decades. However, the death rate per 1000 home fires that are reported to fire departments was 10 percent higher in 2016 than in 1980.

"These numbers show that while we've made significant progress in teaching people how to prevent fires from happening, there's still much more work to do in terms of educating the public about how to protect themselves in the event of one," said Lorraine Carli, NFPA's vice president of Outreach and Advocacy. "This is particularly critical given the increased speed at which today's home fires grow and spread."

Carli also notes that although people feel safest in their home, it is also the place people are at greatest risk to fire, with four out of five U.S. fire deaths occurring at home. That over-confidence contributes to a complacency toward home escape planning and practice.

"Working in the fire service for many years, we know that people often make choices in fire situations that jeopardize their safety or even cost them their lives," said Charlie Largent, Fire Chief, Blanchard Fire Department. "We need to do a better job of teaching people about the potentially life-saving difference escape planning and practice can make and motivating them to action."

This year's "Look. Listen. Learn." campaign highlights three steps people can take to help quickly and safely escape a fire

- Look for places fire could start.
- Listen for the sound of the smoke alarm.
- Learn 2 ways out of every room.

While NFPA and the Blanchard Fire Department are focusing on home fires, these fire safety messages apply to virtually anywhere.

"Situational awareness is a skill people need to use wherever they go," said Chief Largent. "No matter where you are, look for available exits. If the alarm system sounds, take it seriously and exit the building immediately."

For more information about Fire Prevention Week and home escape planning, visit www.firepreventionweek.org.

Food Truck Tuesdays

FOOD TRUCK TUESDAYS located at US-62 & Jackson from 11am to 2pm:



DATE

Sep 25th

VENDOR

Pops Pocket

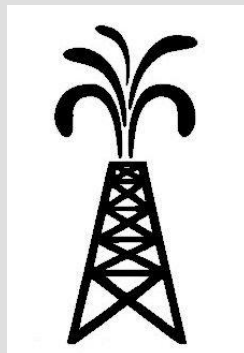
Mufflers On Main



The City's 4th annual car and truck show will be held on **Saturday, September 29th** from 10am to 2pm, on Main Street.

There will be entertainment for all with food vendors, games and live bands. For more information, contact Chris Wittenbach at 485-9392 or parcs@cityofblanchard.us.

Oil n Gas Complaints



With the increase of oil and gas drilling activities in and around Blanchard, comes an increase in complaints of trucks, noise and odor.

All drilling activities complaints are to be reported directly to the Oklahoma Corporation Commission at 580-255-0103 (Duncan Field Ofc) or 405-521-2271 (OKC).

The Oklahoma Department of Health is the official agency to

investigate all noise complaints. Their number to call is 405-271-5779.

The Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality is the authorized agency to investigate all air quality complaints to include odor. Their complaint hot line is 1-800-522-0206.

Trucking complaints (speeding, signs, etc) are to be filed with the Blanchard Police Department at 405-485-9392.

On The Agenda

The Blanchard City Council and the BMIA Board of Trustees will discuss, consider and take appropriate action on the following items at their regular scheduled meeting on **Tuesday, 9/25**:



§ CITY COUNCIL §

- Fire Prevention Week Proclamation;
- Public Hearing on Planning Commission's zoning change recommendation;
- Zoning Ordinance;
- Emergency Clause;
- Resolution approving Oasis Ranch Addition Section 2 and utilities;
- Consent to Annexation for 360 acres in Section 3-T8N-R4W;
- Resolution amending Interlocal Agreement with Board of County Commissioners of McClain County;
- Special Event Permit Applications for Blanchard Public School's Pep Rally for Homecoming and Blanchard PTO for a 5K Run and Fun Run;
- Halloween observance for Trick or Treat on Wednesday, October 31st from 6pm to 9pm;
- Nominaton & Appointment of Ben Whitt to BOA;
- Nomination & Appointment of Jeff Heefner to BETA;
- Intersection Improvements for NW 10th & Morgan Road;
- Signalization Improvements for Main & NW 10th Street;
- 3-Way Stop for 250th & South County Line Road;
- Oil and Gas activities;
- Consent Agenda; and
- Executive Session;

§ BMIA §

- Equipment Purchase (mini-tracked excavator);
- Citizens Collection Center; and



■ Consent Agenda.

The next meeting will be **Tuesday, October 23rd**.

Police Blotter

JAIL ACTIVITY REPORT: no arrests from September 15th to September 20th.

Sales Tax Collections

The City's September Sales Tax collections are more than forty-three (43.39%) percent higher than the budgeted amount based on the June retail sales of \$6,125,809 but it is more than thirty-one (31.5%) percent less than last month's collections in August:

Month	Collections	Prior Year Δ
July 2018	\$216,325.54	8.91%
August 2018	\$322,241.98	42.89%
SEPTEMBER 2018	\$245,032.34	19.07%
October 2018	\$-0-	0%
November 2018	\$-0-	0%
December 2018	\$-0-	0%
January 2019	\$-0-	0%
February 2019	\$-0-	0%
March 2019	\$-0-	0%
April 2019	\$-0-	0%
May 2019	\$-0-	0%
June 2019	\$-0-	0%
TOTALS	\$538,567.52	26.98%

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**.

SENIOR CITIZEN'S MENU:

(September 24 - September 28)

Monday - Chef Salad, Beets, Fruit, Cookie Bars, Crackers

Tuesday - Smothered Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Cabbage, Rolls, Dessert

Wednesday - BBQ Chicken, Potato Salad, Green Bean Salad, Rolls, Dessert

Thursday - Hobo Beans, Pickles and Onions, Okra, Cornbread, Dessert

Friday - Chicken Fried Steak, Mashed Potatoes Green Beans, Rolls, 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 (405) 485-9260.

Veterans Day Parade



Plans are under way for the annual Blanchard Veterans Day Parade to be held on **Saturday, November 10th**.

The Parade Marshal will be announced at a later date.

Parade Entry Forms will be available on the City's website at

www.cityofblanchard.us

Walk to School Day



Join the Celebration on **October 3rd**! Join students, families, school leaders, community partners and government officials around the country to celebrate the benefits of walking to school during International Walk to School Day.

For more information, please contact Chris Wittenbach at City Hall, 405.248.6521 or parks@cityofblanchard.us.