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MEETINGS

December 18th

2p – Traffic Court

6p – City Council

6p – BMA

December 20th

2:30p – Juvenile/Code Court

December 27th

6:30p – BOA Sp Meeting

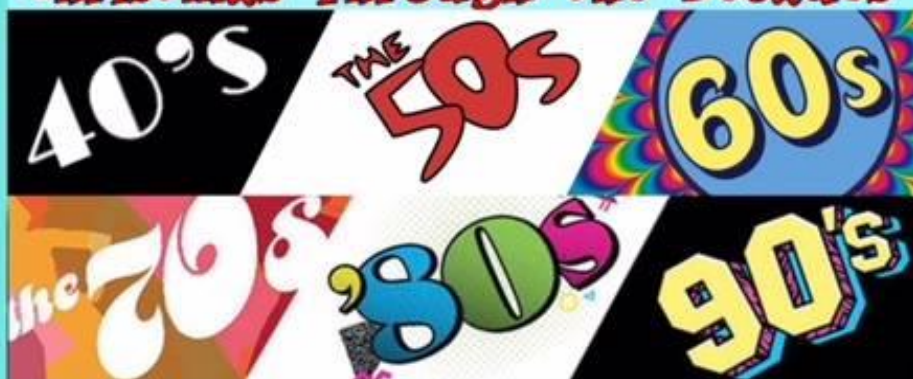


Blanchard's

**Dec. 15
2018**

LIGHTED CHRISTMAS PARADE

Christmas Through the Decades



Main Street

Decorate your float in your favorite decade!

2:30-4:30 PM

Children's Concert 5 PM

Parade Starts @ 6 PM

Pictures With Santa Hay Rides & Train Rides Kid's Crafts

Entry forms can be found at cityofblanchard.us

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

Events Calendar

December 15th

- ▼ CHRISTMAS ON MAIN
- ▼ CHRISTMAS PARADE

December 20th

- ▼ CHAMBER LUNCHEON - Noon
- ▼ BPS CLOSED

December 21st

- ▼ WINTER BEGINS
- ▼ BPS CLOSED

December 24th

- ▼ CHRISTMAS EVE
- ▼ CITY HALL CLOSED
- ▼ BPS CLOSED

December 25th

- ▼ CHRISTMAS DAY
- ▼ CITY HALL CLOSED
- ▼ BPS CLOSED

December 26th

- ▼ BPS CLOSED

December 27th

- ▼ BPS CLOSED

December 28th

- ▼ BPS CLOSED

December 31st

- ▼ NEW YEAR'S EVE
- ▼ BPS CLOSED

January 1st

- ▼ NEW YEAR'S DAY
- ▼ CITY HALL CLOSED
- ▼ BPS CLOSED

January 2nd

- ▼ BPS CLOSED

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

BOA Action

The Board of Adjustment discussed, considered and took appropriate action on the following agenda items at their regular meeting on **Tuesday, December 11rd**:

- ◇ Held Public Hearing on application for variance from S21-727 submitted by Kamil Pincek;
- ◇ Approved variance application;
- ◇ Held Public Hearing on application for variance from S21-733 submitted by Sims Property Management LLC;
- ◇ Approved variance application;
- ◇ Held Public Hearing on application from Oil & Gas Regulations submitted by EOG Resources Inc;
- ◇ Denied variance application;
- ◇ Held Public Hearing on application from Oil & Gas Regulations submitted by EOG Resources Inc.
- ◇ Denied variance application;
- ◇ Approved Consent Agenda.

Christmas Concert

Blanchard's own Grammy-winning recording artist Jody Miller will perform her 4th annual Christmas Concert in Blanchard.



The poster features a green background with holly leaves and red berries at the top. The text is centered and reads: 'JODY MILLER & ROBIN BROOKS present A Down Home Christmas with Three Generations A Concert Celebrating the Birth of Jesus Christ'. Below the text is a photograph of four people (two men and two women) sitting outdoors, with one man playing an acoustic guitar. At the bottom, the date and location are listed: 'Saturday, December 15th, 7:30 pm Pleasant Hill Baptist Church 3308 E. Veterans Hwy, Blanchard, OK Free Admission'.

JODY MILLER & ROBIN BROOKS
present
**A Down Home Christmas
with Three Generations**
A Concert Celebrating the Birth of Jesus Christ

Saturday, December 15th, 7:30 pm
Pleasant Hill Baptist Church
3308 E. Veterans Hwy, Blanchard, OK
Free Admission

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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 15th**. The theme of the Parade is "Christmas thru the Decades." Come dressed for your favorite decade.

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



Holiday Closings



In December, City offices will be closed on **Monday and Tuesday, December 24th and 25th** for the observance of Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

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

Trash service will be delayed one day.

On the BMIA Agenda



The Blanchard Municipal Improvement Authority will discuss, consider and take appropriate action on the following agenda items at their regular meeting on **Tuesday, December 18th**:

- ◆ No Business Items;
- ◆ Consent Agenda.

On the Council Agenda



The City Council of the City of Blanchard will discuss, consider and take appropriate action on the following agenda items at their regular meeting on **Tuesday, December 18th** at 6:00 p.m.

- ◆ Public Hearing on PC's recommendation regarding PUD Overlay;
- ◆ Zoning Ordinance adopting PUD;
- ◆ Emergency Clause;
- ◆ Public Hearing on PC's recommendation regarding R-2 Rezoning;
- ◆ Zoning Ordinance adopting R-2 reclassification;
- ◆ Emergency Clause;
- ◆ Presentation of FYE2018 Audit;
- ◆ Final Plat for accepting Hidden Acres;
- ◆ Ordinance amending the Oil & Gas Regulations, as amended;
- ◆ Emergency Clause;
- ◆ Appointments to Board of Adjustment to fill unexpired terms;
- ◆ Resolution calling for municipal election on Tuesday, April 2, 2019;
- ◆ Resolution programming NE 10th Street from US-62 to OK-76 for STBG-UZA federal funding;
- ◆ Road Improvements for oil and chip this summer;
- ◆ Agreements with EOG for road repair and maintenance on 40th NE Street;
- ◆ Ordinance amending the Commercial Zoning Regulations at Section 21-732;
- ◆ Emergency Clause;
- ◆ Consent Agenda; and
- ◆ Executive Session.

Planning Commission Action

The Planning Commission discussed, considered and took appropriate action on the following agenda items at their regular meeting on **Thursday, December 13th**:

- ◆ Held Public Hearing on application for PUD overlay on property zoned C-4 by Blanchard Professional Properties, LLC;
- ◆ Adopted Resolution No. 2018-15 recommending approval to the City Council;

- ◆ Held Public Hearing on application for rezoning of property from A-1 to R-2 by Bryce Binyon;
- ◆ Adopted Resolution No. 2018-16 recommending approval to the City Council;
- ◆ Held pre-planning for new development of unplatted property and in near Four Lakes;
- ◆ Held pre-planning of new development of unplatted property in and near Red Oaks Addition;
- ◆ Adopted Resolution No. 2018-17 recommending Final Plat of Hidden Acres; and
- ◆ Approved Consent Agenda.

Police Blotter

NO Jail Activity for Week of **December 6th** to **December 12th**.

Sales Tax Collections

The City's December Sales Tax collections are more than sixty-five (65.09) percent higher than the budgeted amount based on the October retail sales of \$9,275,155 but it is more than twenty-one (21.14%) percent higher than last month's collections in November:

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	\$271,304.16	29.80%
November 2018	\$292,570.00	34.09%
DECEMBER 2018	\$371,006.21	75.91%
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	\$1,718,48.23	35.51%

School Break

The Blanchard Public Schools will be closed for the Christmas Holidays, NO CLASSES. Students will be out of school from **December 20th, 2018** to **January 2nd, 2019**.

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:

(**December 17 - December 21**)

Monday ~ Chicken Fritter, Mashed Potatoes, Mixed Veggies, Roll, Dessert

Tuesday ~ Sausage Gravy, Tomato, Potato, Biscuit, Dessert

Wednesday ~ Christmas Dinner

Thursday ~ Pinto Beans, Potatoes, Tomato Spoon Relish, Cornbread, Dessert

Friday ~ Sloppy Joe, Tater Tots, Green Beans, Bun, 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.

Shop Blanchard!



The Shop Blanchard! Promotion is currently underway and runs through **Saturday, December 15th**. Simply save your purchase receipts from any Blanchard or Dibble business to enter for your chance to win amazing prizes! Receipts need to have your name legibly written on the back. You may turn in receipts at the

Chamber office any time prior to December 15th or you may bring your receipts to the Chamber booth next to the stage on Main Street from 4-5pm on **Saturday, December 15th**. The Chamber will announce the winners at 5:30pm prior to the Christmas Parade.

Use Tax Collections

The City's December Use Tax collections are more than six-hundred (692.26%) percent higher than the budgeted amount based on the October sales of \$5,496,956 but it is more than sixty-two (62.46%) percent higher than last month's collections in November:

Month	Collections	Prior Year Δ
July 2018	\$87,645	274.95%
August 2018	\$90,971.87	321.29%
September 2018	\$64,442.20	190.08%
October 2018	\$105,751.93	142.90%
November 2018	\$82,534.86	233.18%
DECEMBER 2018	\$219,878.25	658.56%
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	\$651,224.11	295.93%

Warrant Forgiveness Program

The Blanchard Municipal Court is offering the waiver of warrant fees on ALL outstanding fines issued between 1997 and 2017. This fee forgiveness is available to anyone with outstanding warrants due to failure to pay or failure to appear.

The Outstanding Warrant List is published on the City's website at www.cityofblanchard.us. Those listed with outstanding warrants can have their names removed by paying the original fine during the month of December.

Individuals with an active warrant should contact the Court Clerk at 405-485-9392x103. This is a limited time offer, so please contact the Court Clerk immediately.

After January 1, 2019, the City will aggressively begin serving warrants on individuals with outstanding fines.

Winter Solstice

The winter solstice is one of the two times each year that the Sun is at its farthest point from the equator and appears to stand still. It occurs on **Friday, December 21st** at



4:23 P.M. CST. The word *solstice* is derived from the Latin *sol*, or "Sun," and *stitium*, or "stoppage."

The Halcyon Days also occur around this time.

According to ancient legend, a grieving wife named Alcyone, or Halcyon, threw herself into the sea upon discovering the drowned body of her beloved husband, Ceyx. The gods took pity on the pair, transforming them into kingfishers with the power to still the stormy seas for 14 days around the time of the winter solstice while they built their nest and hatched their young.



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