



E~Mail Newsletter

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Meeting Dates

JULY

- 1st ~ TEAM Blanchard
- 1st ~ BPS School Bd
- 9th ~ BMIA
- 9th ~ City Council
- 11th ~ Planning Comm
- 15th ~ Tourism Board
- 16th ~ Bd of Adjustment

*All City Boards, Commissions, & Authority meets at the Municipal Court House unless otherwise noted.

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Advertisement for Bids

The City of Blanchard will receive separate sealed bids for Section Line Road Paving Improvements - Phase 2. Bids will be received at City Hall, located at 2008 N. Council Rd., Blanchard, OK 73010, until 11:00 AM, Wednesday, June 26, 2024. Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud, at 11:00 AM at City Hall.

Project to include the following:

Remove existing paving, subgrade prep, stabilized base, asphalt, driveway culverts and re-establishing roadside ditches on approximately 3.5 miles of section line roads.

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 City Clerk, located at City 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

2008 N. Council Rd.
Blanchard, OK 73010
(405) 485-9392

A complete set of Plans and Specifications to prospective bidders may be obtained at the office of Glenn Sullivan & Associates, Inc. upon receipt of a non-refundable deposit of \$50.00. An electronic set of plans and specifications is available at no cost. Please contact the engineer at planroom.gsa@gmail.com.

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 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 into said contract

Special Events

JUNE

22nd - Farmers
Market

28th - Concert in the
Park

29th - Farmers Mkt

JULY

2nd - Independence
Day Celebration

4th - Independence
Day - City

Closed

6th - Farmers Mkt

13th - Farmers
Market

20th - Farmers Mkt

27th - Farmers Mkt

For more info, visit the Parks
Facebook Page regarding
City sponsored events.

For Blanchard City events:
Please visit our website at
www.cityofblanchard.us

Library Events: Please visit
their website @
[https://pioneer.libnet.info/e
vents?l=virtual,blanchard](https://pioneer.libnet.info/events?l=virtual,blanchard)

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.

Agritourism

Strawberry season is upon us and you have the opportunity to pick your own berries. You can bring the whole family and spend the day picking fresh strawberries!

Below is a list of u-pick strawberry farms in central Oklahoma near you:

- Buffalo Creek Berry Farm | Mustang, OK
- Growing Paynes | Mustang, OK
- McRay Farms, Luther, OK

BOA Board Action

The Board of Adjustment of the City of Blanchard held their June meeting on Tuesday, June 18th and discussed, considered and took appropriate action on the following:

✓ **HELD** a Public Hearing to solicit public input regarding an appeal of an

After Hours

- * water leaks
- * waterline breaks
- * sewer backups
- * sewer line breaks
- * lift station alarms
- * manholes over flowing
- * low-water pressure
- * no water
- * potholes
- * road repairs
- * signs missing
- * signs down
- * roadway flooding
- * debris in road
- * street lite out

Please call
405.485.9391.

The Blanchard
Emergency
Communications
Center is 24-7 and
will contact the on-
call personnel
regarding the
incident.

administration decision regarding the rear yard setback requirement in the R-1, Single-Family Residential Zoning District made by the following applicant, and specifically applying to the following tracts:

Applicant: Ideal Homes

Legal: Lots 4, 6, 7 & 8, all in Block 2 and Lots 15 & 18 in Block 6, all within Oasis Ranch Addition, Section 5

✓ **DENIED** the Finding of Fact on the application as submitted.

✓ **DISCUSSED** the subdivision requirements, and the purpose of subdivision as a portion of the development process.

✓ **APPROVED** the Consent Agenda.

Employment Opportunities

The City of Blanchard has the following positions open:

- 3 ~ Police Officers;
- 1 ~ Water & Sewer Utilities Technician;
- 1 ~ Sanitation Worker (Transfer Center);
- 1 ~ Heavy Equipment Operator;
- 3 ~ Seasonal Street Workers;
- 4 ~ Line Install Crew;
- 1 ~ Receptionist;
- 1 ~ City Planner; and
- 1 ~ Dispatcher.

Applications are available for download from the City's website at www.cityofblanchard.us. Return to the HR Director at payroll@cityofblanchard.us or drop off at City Hall, 2008 N. Council Avenue. The City is an EOE. Positions are open until filled.

Holiday Observance

The City of Blanchard offices, including the Blanchard Public Library, will be closed Thursday, July 4th in observance of Independence Day. Utility bills and court-related fines can be paid online at www.cityofblanchard.us or dropped-off in the drop box at City Hall.

Trash and recycling collection will remain on its normal schedule but the office is closed.

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

Independence Day Celebration

The City of Blanchard's GROOVY! Independence Day Celebration is scheduled for Tuesday, July 2nd beginning at 6pm and fireworks at 10pm.

We have room for four (4) more vendors, clubs, churches or businesses! Please click below to sign up:

<https://www.cognitofrms.com/ParksDepartmentCityOfBlanchard/Blanc>

Shop Local

Here's what happens when you "shop local."

1. For every \$100 you spend at locally owned businesses, \$68 stays in Blanchard. What happens when you spend that same \$100 at a national chain? Only \$43 stays in the community*.

2. You wouldn't want your house to look like everyone else's in the U.S. So why would you want your community to look that way?

3. Local businesses are better at creating higher-paying jobs for your neighbors. When you shop locally, you help create jobs for firemen, police officers, and many other essential professions.

4. Buying from a locally owned business conserves energy and resources in the form of less fuel for transportation and less packaging.

5. Local business owners know you, and you know them. Studies have shown that local businesses donate to community causes at more than twice the rate of chains.

6. Shopping in a local business district means less infrastructure, less maintenance, and more money available to beautify the community. Also, spending locally instead of online ensures that your sales taxes are reinvested where they belong - in Blanchard.

7. Locally owned

hardsIndependenceCelebration. Or for more information, please visit the City's website at www.cityofblanchard.us.

The event is FREE to the public, please come out and have a Family Fun Nite!

We'll have FIREWORKS!, Kid Zone, Food, Helicopter rides and live music provided by the Oklahoma Symphonic Band and the group Superfreak.

Oil 'n Gas

There were **NO** oil wells permitted or completed in Blanchard according to the Oklahoma Corporation Commission since **Friday, June 14th**.

Oklahoma's Growing Adventure

Are you ready to pick greatness? This is your chance to experience true farm-to-table, as you collect awesome local produce and take it home to create a jarful of sticky sweet memories.

It's time to pick your own fruit! Central Oklahoma

Agape House Berry Farm ~ Mustang, Blueberries & Blackberries

Buffalo Creek Berry Farm ~ Mustang, Blackberries

Easom Farms ~ Slaughterville, Blackberries

N40 Berries ~ Stillwater, Blackberries

Shawnee Berry Farms ~ Blueberries

Sorghum Mill Christmas Tree & Blackberry Farm ~ Edmond, Blackberries

Request your free Jelly Making Trails Brochure from TravelOK. Be sure to tag them in your social posts and follow them on Instagram and Facebook!

Park Events

6/28/24 ~ Concert in the Park

7/02/24 ~ Independence Day Celebration

8/16/24 ~ Bluegrass Festival

8/17/24 ~ Bluegrass Festival

9/28/24 ~ Mufflers On Main

10/31/24 ~ PumpkinFest

11/09/24 ~ Veterans Day Parade

12/14/24 ~ Christmas Parade of Lights

12/14/24 ~ Christmas on Main

Police Blotter

NO ARRESTS REPORTED.

businesses pick the items and products they sell based on what they know you like and want. Local businesses carry a wider array of unique products because they buy for their own individual markets.

8. You are their friends and neighbors, and locally owned businesses have a vested interest in knowing how to serve you. They're passionate about what they do. Why not take advantage of it?

9. Creativity and entrepreneurship are what the American economy is founded upon. Nurturing local business ensures a strong community.

10. The more interesting and unique Blanchard community, the more we will attract new neighbors, visitors and guests. This **BENEFITS EVERYONE!**

* Civic Economics - Andersonville Study of Retail Economics.

Senior Nutrition Center

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, Monday thru Friday** (except City Observed Holiday).

MENU

Monday ~ Spaghetti, Mixed Vegetables, Bread, Dessert.

Tuesday ~ Pinto Beans, Tomato Spoon Relish, Spinach, Cornbread, Dessert.

Wednesday ~ Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Dessert.

Thursday ~ Hot Dogs, Coleslaw, Potato Salad, Dessert.

Friday ~ Ham Salad, Tomato Soup, Green Salad, Crackers, Dessert.

The Senior Nutrition **MENU** for the week of **June 24th** thru **June 28th** is published in the Thursday edition of the Blanchard News on **June 27th**.

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.

So...Think Shop Live Blanchard

Please keep in mind that Blanchard's quality of life and the local economy relies 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, 911 services), public facilities, projects, programs and services. 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 our community.

We're on the Web!
Please visit us at
www.cityofblanchard.us

Splash Pad

The City's Splash Pad located at 415 SW 7th Street just west of Main Street is open for the Summer season.

The Splash Pad is open from **11am - 9pm** each day!

Please help keep our Parks clean and beautiful by using trash receptacles.



Tourism Board Action

The Tourism Board of the City of Blanchard held their June meeting on Monday, June 17th and discussed, considered and took appropriate action on the following:

- ✓ **DISCUSSED** and **VOTED** on a motion to nominate and appoint Tanner Wilson as Chairman.
 - ✓ **DISCUSSED** and **VOTED** on a motion to nominate and appoint Amber Garrett as Vice Chair.
 - ✓ **DISCUSSED** and **VOTED** on a motion to work with BETA to create a promotional video for Blanchard, as requested by the BETA Chairman.
 - ✓ **DISCUSSED** promoting the newly constructed Veterans Memorial in Frontier Country Magazine, the Chickasaw Country Travel Guide, and the Blanchard Living, etc.
 - ✓ **DISCUSSED** plans to consider advertising and promoting Blanchard with a booth at the 2024 OML Annual Conference, Sept 10th - 12th, in Tulsa.
 - ✓ **APPROVED** Consent Agenda.
- The next meeting of the Board will be Monday, 15 July 2024.

Veterans Memorial

There are more than 600 individual bricks still available for purchase to be show-cased at this incredible Memorial. Individual bricks are \$125 apiece or 3 bricks for \$300. An Order Form can be found on the City's website at www.cityofblanchard.us.

Weatherization Assistance

PSO offers to its customers a 'Home Weatherization Assistance Program'.

Homeowners and renters with an annual household income of \$55,000 or less in a home less than 2,200 square feet and built prior to 2010 may be eligible for FREE home upgrades such as attic insulation, air and duct sealing, and more.

PSO's service provider, Titan ES, will perform an energy assessment at your home. If your home qualifies, Titan will schedule and complete the necessary home upgrades.

The services are completed at NO cost to you. PSO pays Titan ES for any approved upgrades completed on you home.

For more information, contact the PSO Customer Services Account Representative at 405.222.7615.
