

# Blanchard E-News

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## *Advertisement for Bids*

The City of Blanchard/Blanchard Municipal Improvement Authority will receive separate sealed bids for the Replacement of Existing Sanitary Sewer Line. Bids will be received at Street, Blanchard, OK 73010, until **11:00 am, on Thursday, January 23rd, 2020**. Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud, at **11:00 AM** at City Hall.

Project to include replacing approximately 360 l.f. of existing 8-inch sanitary sewer line with or without excavation.

Contract to be awarded to low responsive responsible bidder. The City/Authority 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.

## *Best Places to Live*

The City of Blanchard has been named one of the top ten "Best Places to Live in Oklahoma for 2020" according to a study conducted by HomeSnacks using the new Census Data and FBI Crime Data.

The criteria looked at included:

- ✓ Median Home Values
- ✓ Median Income
- ✓ Population Density (Higher better)
- ✓ Unemployment Rate
- ✓ Commute Time
- ✓ Crime
- ✓ Education Levels
- ✓ Health Insurance Coverage
- ✓ Poverty rates

## *Board of Adjustment*

The January meeting of the Blanchard Board of Adjustment scheduled for Tuesday, January 21<sup>st</sup> has been canceled due to a lack of agenda items.

## *Carbon-monoxide Warning*

Due to the upcoming 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.

## EMPLOYMENT Opportunities

The City of Blanchard is accepting applications for full- and part-time employment for the following positions:

- Cook ~ Nutrition Center (Part-time position with Benefits);
- Dispatcher ~ Police Dept; and
- Public Works Director ~ Public Works Dept.

Applications and Job Descriptions are available online at [www.cityofblanchard.us](http://www.cityofblanchard.us)

For more information, please contact the City at 405.485.9392.

## Events Calendar

### JANUARY

20<sup>th</sup> ~ Martin Luther King Day

27<sup>th</sup> ~ Int'l Holocaust Remembrance Day

### FEBRUARY

1<sup>st</sup> ~ Nat'l Freedom Day

17<sup>th</sup> ~ Presidents Day

## Invitation to Bid

The City of Blanchard will receive separate sealed bids for the construction of a new Fire Station No. 2. Bids will be received at City Hall, located at 122 N. Main Street, Blanchard, OK 73010, until 2:00 pm, on Thursday, January 23rd, 2020. Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud, at 2:00 PM at City Hall.

Project to include new construction of a 4800 +/- sf fire station on 55<sup>th</sup> Street NE and Ward Acres.

Contract to be awarded to low responsive responsible bidder. The City 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.

## Meeting Calendar

### JANUARY

21<sup>st</sup> ~ Board of Adjustment [**Canceled**]

23<sup>rd</sup> ~ Code/Juvenile Court

28<sup>th</sup> ~ Traffic Court

28<sup>th</sup> ~ City Council

28<sup>th</sup> ~ BMIA

## 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 405-521-2111 (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 and water 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.

## *Oil 'n Gas Permits*

The Oklahoma Corporation Commission (OCC) reported NO permits for oil and gas drilling were issued within the City limits of Blanchard this week.

The OCC is the only state agency that issues permits for oil and gas drilling.

## *Police Blotter*

Jail Activity for:

1/11 ~ BRUST, Devan arrested on Outstanding Warrant;

1/12 ~ CLANTON, Walker arrested for DUI;

1/16 ~ LAYMAN, Jessica arrested on Disturbing the Peace and Obstruction.

## *Public Hearings*

The Blanchard City Council will conduct "Public Hearings" at 6:00 p.m. on **Tuesday, January 28th, 2020**, during its regularly scheduled meeting at the Blanchard Municipal Courthouse, 300 N. Main St, Blanchard, Oklahoma, for the discussion, consideration, and possible action regarding the Planning Commission's recommendations to approve changes and additions to Section 21-401 of Article 4, Section 21-511 of Article 5, Sections 21-712, 21-732, 21-742 of Article 7, and Section 21-921 of Article 9, all in Chapter 21 of The Code of Ordinances

of the City of Blanchard pertaining to Home Occupations, Conditional Use Permits, Medical Marijuana Industries, and Wrecker Service Impound Yards, at which time an ordinance adopting the changes may be voted upon.

For more information contact City Planner at 405.485.9392.

## *PW After-Hours Incidents*

For Public Works after-hour incidents (ie: water leaks, sewer backups, etc.) please call 405.485.9391. The City's Central Dispatch is manned 24-7 and will contact the on-call public works staff.

## *Request for Proposals*

The City received one (1) RFP for underground utility locate services.

The proposal is currently under evaluation.

## *Senior Assistance*

ASCOG gratefully received a check from the Masonic Charity Foundation for \$64,158 at the December meeting of the Oklahoma Association of Regional Councils (OARC). The funds will be used in 2020 to assist those in need who are at least 55 years old residing in ASCOG's 8-county region (Caddo, Comanche, Cotton, Grady, Jefferson, McClain, Stephens, and Tillman). Typical types of assistance include funding of up to \$800 for ADA approved ramps, dental work including dentures, hearing aids, wheelchairs, scooters, lift chairs, durable medical equipment, minor home repairs, failing

home appliances, heaters, air-conditioners. Vision services including glasses, utility assistance, and emergency medications are also available but at lower maximums. Applicants must submit a completed 2020 Masonic Grant application along with an approved vendor's estimate to be considered. Applications will be emailed to all city and county clerks where they can print a copy upon request. Printed versions will be available at the Senior Centers. Applications are also available on ASCOG's website [www.ascog.org](http://www.ascog.org). Those with email capabilities can request an application be directly emailed to them by emailing [ward\\_ro@ascog.org](mailto:ward_ro@ascog.org). Applications are not mailed out. Money that would be spent on postage, envelopes, printing, and labor are reserved for actual assistance as listed above.

## 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:

(January 20 ~ January 24)

**Monday** ~ Goulash, Carrots, Peas, Dessert.

**Tuesday** ~ Taco Salad, Beans, Corn, Chips, Dessert.

**Wednesday** ~ BBQ Meatballs, Parsley Potatoes, Broccoli, Roll, Dessert.

**Thursday** ~ Black-eyed Peas, Cabbage, Okra, Cornbread, Dessert.

**Friday** ~ Ribbette, Coleslaw, Black Beans, Buns, Dessert.

If you are 60 or older, you are eligible to participate free of charge. However, a suggested donation of \$2.00 is requested. 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 call 485-9260.

## Statewide Road Conditions

If you are traveling out of state this winter, for road conditions in Oklahoma call 844.465.4997.



For road conditions in neighboring states call the following:

Arkansas, 501.569.2374;

Colorado 303.639.1111;

Kansas 866.511.5368;

Missouri, 888.275.6636;

Nebraska 800.906.9069;

New Mexico 800.432.4269; and

Texas 800.452.9292.

## 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,

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 your community.



United States  
**Census  
2020**

**2020 CENSUS - BE COUNTED!** The 2020 Census is fast approaching. Your participation in the census, and a full and accurate count, is very important to our local community. First, the census is the basis for equal political representation under the Constitution. Second, State and Federal tax dollars are allotted based on the number of people counted in the census. **BE COUNTED!** It's easy! It's safe! It's important! For the first time ever, the Census Bureau will accept responses on-line, but you can still respond by phone or mail.

Every 10 years, the US Census Bureau undertakes a mammoth task counting all the people residing in the United States.

## Winter Water Conservation

While we might not be watering our lawn or maintaining much of garden during these winter months, there are still ways to cut back on our water usage in the chilly months! A big part of using less water in the winter is anticipating the cold weather's effects on your home and on your pipes.

- \* If you haven't already done so, consider winterizing your pipes — both inside and outside.
- \* When temperatures drop below freezing, consider dripping any vulnerable faucets to prevent frozen and burst pipes. Place a bucket under the drip to use for your house plants and cleaning.
- \* The winter months are a great time to check for and fix any leaks inside your home.
- \* A bucket in the shower can catch water for your houseplants and clean-up jobs.



A "Public Hearing" before the City Council will be held on **Tuesday, January 28<sup>th</sup>**, to approve or deny the Planning Commission's recommendation to approve an application to re-zone 12-acres located in the NW4 of Section 2-T7N-R5W in Grady County from S-1 to A-1.

For more information contact City Planner at 405.485.9392.