

# Blanchard E-News

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## *BOA Action*

The Blanchard Board of Adjustment met in regular session on Tuesday, February 18<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. to discuss, consider and take appropriate action on the following:

- ✓ Conducted a Public Hearing regarding a variance from § 21-725 of the Blanchard Code of Ordinances on the required 50 ft frontage requirements at 414 S. Van Buren Ave on Lots 8-9 of Block 112 Original Blanchard Townsite.Variance.
- ✓ Approved the Findings of Fact on the application as submitted.



The Blanchard Masonic Lodge located at 10<sup>th</sup> (OK-76)

and Main Street will be serving an AYCE breakfast from 7am-11am on **Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup>**. The cost is only \$6.00. Proceeds will benefit the Blanchard High School Cheer.

For more information contact Kyla Moiton @ 405.760.6372. Thank you for supporting our youth!



A new event for this Spring season. Cinco de Mayo will be held on Tuesday, May 5<sup>th</sup> in downtown Blanchard from 6pm-9pm, with Latino sounds coming live from the band Sin-Ley. This event will host Taco Truck's, dancing and a beer cantina sponsored by Black Mesa Bottling Company.

Watch for more information on our Facebook and our new city website.

## *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.

# Events Calendar

## MARCH

- 3<sup>rd</sup> ~ National Anthem Day
- 14<sup>th</sup> ~ St Patty's Day Parade
- 16<sup>th</sup> ~ Spring Break
- 17<sup>th</sup> ~ Spring Break
- 17<sup>th</sup> ~ St Patrick's Day
- 18<sup>th</sup> ~ Spring Break
- 19<sup>h</sup> ~ Spring Break
- 20<sup>th</sup> ~ Spring Break
- 20<sup>th</sup> ~ Spring Begins
- 28<sup>th</sup> ~ AYCE Breakfast

# Meeting Calendar

## FEBRUARY

- 28<sup>th</sup> ~ Traffic Court
- 28<sup>th</sup> ~ City Council
- 28<sup>th</sup> ~ BMIA

## MARCH

- 2<sup>nd</sup> ~ BPS Board of Education
- 10<sup>th</sup> ~ Special City Council
- 12<sup>th</sup> ~ Planning Commission
- 17<sup>th</sup> ~ BOA
- 19<sup>th</sup> ~ Juvenile/Code Court
- 24<sup>th</sup> ~ Traffic Court
- 24<sup>th</sup> ~ City Council
- 24<sup>th</sup> ~ BMIA

# National Anthem Day



Celebrated on  
**Tuesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>** ...  
You don't need to know all the words to the national anthem to appreciate its history. On this day

in 1931, 'The Star Spangled Banner' was adopted as America's national anthem. The lyrics of the song were

taken from Francis Scott Key's poem about the battle at Fort McHenry in the war of 1812 and set to the melody of a popular British drinking song. Today 'The Star Spangled Banner' is played to kick off large public events and sports games.

# Notice

In accordance with the requirements of Title 11 of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA), The City of Blanchard will not discriminate against qualified individuals with disabilities on the basis of disability in its services, programs or activities.

# 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 <http://www.occeweb.com/AspxForms/OGComplaintForm.aspx>.

The Oklahoma Supreme Court ruled in November 2018 in Case No. 117,303, Oklahoma Oil & Gas Association (Petitioner) v. The Kingfisher County Commissioners, (Respondents), that clarified "Further, a legal challenge to the reasonableness of a rule or regulation imposed by a municipality, county or other political subdivision concerning road use, traffic, noise and odors incidental to oil and gas operations within their

boundaries shall be subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the Oklahoma Corporation Commission, 52 O.S. Supp. 2015, §137.1."

Trucking complaints (speeding, signs,  
✓ Ordinance levying 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.

## *On the BMIA Agenda*

The Blanchard Municipal Improvement Authority will meet in regular session on Tuesday, February 25<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. to discuss, consider and take appropriate action on the following:

- ✓ Resolution accepting the sanitary sewer project in old Town; and
- ✓ Amendment to Engineering Contract in the amount of \$38,900; and
- ✓ Consent Agenda.

The next BMIA meeting will be Tuesday, March 24<sup>th</sup>.

## *On the Council Agenda*

The City Council will meet in regular session on Tuesday, February 25<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. to discuss, consider and take appropriate action on the following:

- ✓ Chickasaw Nation MOU;
- ✓ Ordinance levying and assessing a hotel/motel tax;

- ✓ Emergency Clause
- ✓ Ordinance approving Official Zoning Map;
- ✓ Emergency Clause;
- ✓ Resolution accepting utilities and street serving The Villas at Lions Court;
- ✓ Oil and Gas Regulations;
- ✓ Approved Projects;
- ✓ Debt Write-Off;
- ✓ Consent Agenda; and
- ✓ Executive Session.

The next City Council meeting will be Tuesday, March 24<sup>th</sup>.

## *Police Blotter*

NO ARRESTS.

## *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:

(February 24 ~ February 28)

**Monday** ~ Chicken & Rice, Sweet Potato, Peas, Dessert;

**Tuesday** ~ Grilled Cheese, Tomato Soup, Salad, Bread, Dessert;

**Wednesday** ~ Chicken & Dumplings, Carrots, Peas, Dessert;

**Thursday** ~ Beans, Potato, Tomato Spoon Relish, Dessert;

**Friday** ~ Chili Pie, Salad, Corn, Cornchips, 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.

## Sewer Project

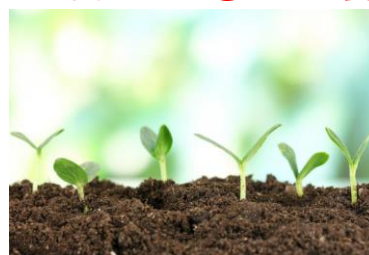
Urban Contractors LLC has completed the replacement of approximately 360 LF of damaged existing 8-inch sanitary sewer line between Van Buren and Harrison and NE 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>.

The Contractor was awarded a contract in the amount of \$56,841 for being the lowest responsive bidder.

## Spring Break

The Blanchard Public School District will be on Spring Break beginning **Monday, March 16<sup>th</sup>** thru **Friday, March 20<sup>th</sup>**. NO Classes for students.

## Spring Equinox



Spring will begin on **Friday, March 20<sup>th</sup>** at **9:18a.m. CDT**. The word

equinox is derived from the Latin words meaning "equal nite." The Vernal, or spring, equinox is the point at which the Sun appears to cross the celestial

equator from south to north, signaling the beginning of nature's renewal in the Northern Hemisphere.

## St Patty's Day



If you're inclined toward legend, lore and festivities of the Saint and how the Irish honor him, then check out this St.

Patrick's Day site at [www.st-patricks-day.com](http://www.st-patricks-day.com), where you'll find everything from parades to recipes. In Dublin Ireland, the St. Patrick's Day Festival at [www.stpatricksdays.ie](http://www.stpatricksdays.ie) is described as four (4) days of "madness and mayhem." St. Patrick's Day will be **Tuesday, March 17<sup>th</sup>**.

## St Patrick's Day Parade



Plans are set for the annual St Patrick's Day Parade being held on **Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup>**. Parade lineup begins at 3:30pm at Legacy Bank and the parade kicks off at **4:30pm**. Events will feature the annual parade followed by live Irish music. If you would like to participate, please contact Chris Wittenbach @ 485.9392 or [parks@cityofblanchard.us](mailto:parks@cityofblanchard.us) or visit [www.cityofblanchard.us](http://www.cityofblanchard.us).

## Spring Forward



When we change our clocks ...  
Change Smoke  
Detector Batteries

on **Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup>** - Most of the United States begins Daylight Saving Time at **2:00 a.m.** on the second Sunday in **March (8<sup>th</sup>)** and reverts to standard time on the first **Sunday in November (1<sup>st</sup>)**. In the U.S., each time zone switches at a different time.

## 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.

## Trash Service

The City contracts with Waste Connections for solid waste collection and disposal of residential trash. For a smooth operation, the following rules should be adhered to:

- ✓ Cans need to be set out by **7am**;
- ✓ Carts need to be by the road, at the edge of the driveways, not in the driveway;

- ✓ If you have multiple carts they need to be 3 feet apart;
- ✓ Carts need to be 5 to 7 feet from mailbox, cars, etc;
- ✓ If carts are placed with wheels toward the house they are less likely to blow over;
- ✓ No bungee cords, straps, or rope to be placed on your cart, if it is windy, you can place a rock or brick on the lid to keep it closed;
- ✓ No limbs or trees or hazardous



materials in either polycart.

**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.

## Winter Water Conservation

There are ways to cut back on water usage when cold weather effects your home and on your pipes.

- ✓ Winterize your pipes — both inside and outside.
- ✓ Drip any vulnerable faucets to prevent frozen and burst pipes. Place a bucket under the drip to use for your house plants and cleaning.
- ✓ Check for and fix any leaks inside your home.