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BMIA Action



The Blanchard Municipal Improvement Authority met in regular session on Tuesday, February 25th at 6 p.m. and

discussed, considered and took appropriate action on the following:

- ✓ Adopted Resolution No. 2020-01 accepting the sanitary sewer project in old Town; and
- ✓ Approved Amendment No. 1 to Engineering Contract in the amount of \$38,900; and
- ✓ Approved Consent Agenda, as presented.

The next BMIA meeting will be **Tuesday, March 24th**.



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

and Main Street will be serving an AYCE breakfast from **7am-11am** on **Saturday, March 28th**. 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! Cinco de Mayo will be held on **Tuesday, May 5th** 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.

Council Action



The City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, February 25th at 6 p.m. and discussed,

considered and too appropriate action on the following:

- ✓ Approved a Chickasaw Nation MOU;
- ✓ Adopted Ordinance No. 718 levying and assessing a hotel/motel tax;
- ✓ Deleted Emergency Clause from agenda;
- ✓ Adopted Ordinance No. 719 approving Official Zoning Map;
- ✓ Adopted Emergency Clause for Ordinance No. 719;
- ✓ Adopted Resolution No. 2020-02 accepting utilities and street serving The Villas at Lions Court with Conditions;
- ✓ Approved Oil and Gas Regulations to be incorporated in current Code;
- ✓ Discussed Approved Projects;
- ✓ Approved Debt Write-Off of \$2,180 due to death of Bobby ;
- ✓ Approved Consent Agenda; and
- ✓ Held Executive Session.

The next City Council meeting will be **Tuesday, March 24th**.

Events Calendar

MARCH

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

ISO Fire Rating



The City was notified Friday that the City's ISO Fire Rating will improve by one point from 5/5y to 4/4y.

An ISO fire insurance rating, also referred to as a fire score or Public Protection Classification (PPC), is a score from 1 to 10 that indicates how well-protected your community is by the fire department. In the ISO rating scale, a lower number is better: 1 is the best possible rating.

The Public Protection Classification (PPC) rates cities on the following:

- ◆ 50% comes from the quality of your local fire department including staffing levels, training and proximity of the firehouse.
- ◆ 40% comes from availability of water supply, including the prevalence of fire hydrants and how much water is available for putting out fires.

◆ 10% comes from the quality of the area's emergency communications systems (911).

◆ An extra 5.5% comes from community outreach, including fire prevention and safety courses.

• Any area that is more than 5 driving miles from the nearest fire station is automatically rated a 10.

Blanchard's new rates take effect on June 1st.

Meeting Calendar

MARCH

2nd ~ BPS Board of Education

10Th ~ Special City Council

12Th ~ Planning Commission

17Th ~ BOA

19Th ~ Juvenile/Code Court

24Th ~ Traffic Court

24Th ~ City Council

24Th ~ BMIA

National Anthem Day



Celebrated on
Tuesday, March 3rd ...

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,

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 this week:



2/21 ~ DAVIS, Robert arrested on outstanding warrant;

2/25 ~ WILSON, Denzel arrested on outstanding warrant;

2/25 ~ McFARLAND,

Anthony arrested on outstanding warrant;

2/25 ~ ANDERSON, Faith arrested on outstanding warrant.

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. Those with email capabilities can request an application be directly emailed to them by emailing 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



SENIORS

11:30am.

SENIOR CITIZEN'S MENU:

(March 2 ~ March 6)

Monday ~ Goulash, Carrots, Peas, Dessert;

Tuesday ~ Beef with Onions & Peppers, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Roll, Dessert;

Wednesday ~ Potato Soup, Ham Salad, Bread, Salad, Dessert;

Thursday ~ Beans, Potatoes, Spinach, Cornbread, Dessert;

Friday ~ Ribbettes, Baked Beans, Coleslaw, 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.

Shelter Registration

The Blanchard Emergency Management would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone that severe storm season is fast approaching. We want to



express how important it is for everyone to register

their home's storm shelters and safe rooms. The City of Blanchard storm shelter registry provides emergency services with information that allows them to locate citizens after a tornado or other natural disaster. Registration

helps ensure that people in shelters affected by the storm are able to get help quickly with the potential of shelters' exits being blocked due to debris or structural damage. Registration is doubly important with the possibility of shelters flooding due to broken water lines or simply rain waters entering the shelter and drowning people trapped inside. Registration forms include your address, list of persons who would normally be present at the home and could potentially be in the shelter, the location of the shelter/safe room on the property, and contact information for yourself and an emergency contact. If you have previously registered and some part of your information has changed, feel free to submit an updated form. If you have a question as to if your shelter is registered please contact the Emergency Management Director/Fire Chief Charlie Largent at the Blanchard Fire Department at 405.485.3939.

Registration forms available at Blanchard City Hall. Please return all registrations to the Blanchard City Hall, 122 North Main Street, Blanchard, OK 73010.

Spring Break



The Blanchard Public School District will be on Spring Break beginning **Monday, March 16th** thru

Friday, March 20th. NO Classes for students.

Spring Equinox

Spring will begin on Friday, March 20th at 9:18 a.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, where you'll find everything from parades to recipes. In Dublin Ireland, the St. Patrick's Day Festival at www.stpatricksdays.ie is described as four (4) days of "madness and mayhem." St. Patrick's Day will be **Tuesday, March 17th**.

St Patrick's Day Parade



Plans are set for the annual St Patrick's Day Parade being held on **Saturday, March 14th**. 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 or visit www.cityofblanchard.us.

Spring Forward

When we change our clocks ... Change Smoke Detector Batteries on **Sunday, March 8th** - Most of the United States



begins Daylight Saving Time at **2:00 a.m.** on the second Sunday in **March (8th)** and reverts to standard time on the first **Sunday** in **November (1st)**. 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.



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.

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.


**DON'T FORGET TO
VOTE!**

Oklahoma's Presidential Primary election is scheduled on **SUPER TUESDAY, MARCH 3rd, 7am to 7pm.!**