



After Hours

For Public Works after-hour incidents (ie: water leaks, sewer backups, low-water pressure, no water, etc.) please call 405.485.9391. The City's Central Dispatch is manned 24-7 and will contact the on-call personnel regarding the incident.

Alert System

Sign up for the City's NEW Emergency Alert System by going to the City's website below at <http://blanchardok.pt7.civic-cms.com/.../pa.../emergency-alerts>.

Animal Control

There has been a recent increase in the number of barking dog complaints.

Therefore, the Blanchard Municipal Court has set forth the following policy:

1. After the initial complaint, the owner of the premises where the animal is located will receive a letter from the City of Blanchard Animal Control stating that complaints of a barking animal has been received alleging that the barking was creating a nuisance and

that pursuant to Section 3-101(30)(e) of the Blanchard Code of Ordinances, any dog that engages in loud, frequent or habitual barking, howling, yelping or other noise or action that disturbs any person or neighborhood within the city limits is defined as a Nuisance Dog;

2. On a subsequent complaint regarding events that occurred after the owner of the premises had received the ACO's letter, the owner of the premises shall receive a formal written warning from the ACO for a violation of Section 12-302 and attaching to the formal written warning a copy of the letter previously served on the property owner.
3. On a subsequent complaint regarding events the occurred after the owner of the premises had received the ACO's formal written warning, a Citation for a violation of Section 12-302 will be issued.
4. On a subsequent complaint regarding events that occurred after the Citation had been issued and served, the City Manager and City Council may proceed with formal abatement of the nuisance

pursuant to Section 12-303 and after an Order of Abatement is issued, a new citation may be issued each day that the nuisance is allowed to continue.

These temporary hours will remain in effect until **November 1st**. Please visit the City's website at www.cityofblanchard.us to see what is accepted and what is not.

Annual Fall Bazaar

The women of the First United Methodist Church of Blanchard are pleased to announce their 17th Annual Fall Bazaar to be held on **Saturday, October 3rd**.

There will be all kinds of goodies to shop for ranging from homemade items, gift items, clothing, jewelry, accessories, and homemade baked goods and more. Lunch will be provided for \$5. The Bazaar will run from **9am to 4pm**.

Please call the FUMC at 485-3579 or the Bazaar Chairwoman Patsy Wehrer at 405-823-4396 for more information.

Citizen Collection Center

The Center is operating under new hours as follows:

- Sunday CLOSED
- Monday ~ 3pm to 7pm
- Tuesday ~ 8am to 10am
3pm to 7pm
- Wednesday ~ 3pm to 7pm
- Thursday ~ 8am to 10am
3pm to 7pm
- Friday ~ 3pm to 7pm
- Saturday ~ 7am to 12Noon

Code Enforcement

Help beautify Blanchard! The City of Blanchard issues citations that are heard in Municipal Court monthly for violations of any of the following:

- * Trash and/or debris on your property.
- * Tall weeds or grass (including edging along the street and sidewalk).
- * Inoperable and/or junk vehicles.
- * Trailers and autos in alleyways.
- * Tree limbs over hanging the street with less than 8 foot clearance.
- * Failure to trim trees, grass and weeds in alleys.
- * Leaving grass in the street after mowing.

Columbus Day

On October 12, 1492, Christopher Columbus landed on a small island in the Bahamas, convinced that he had reached the East Indies. Now, by federal law, Columbus Day is celebrated on the second Monday in October which is **Monday, October 12th**. However, City offices will be open for business.



The City is seeking qualified candidates to fill the following positions:

- * Full-Time CLEET Certified Police Officer or obtain CLEET Certification within one-year of hire; must be 21 years of age or older.
- * Full-Time 911 Communication Dispatcher.
- * Full-Time Street Maintenance Laborer.

An application can be downloaded from the City's website at www.cityofblanchard.us. Please return to City Hall, 122 North Main, Blanchard, OK 73010 or mail to City Hall, P.O. Box 480, Blanchard, OK 73010.

The City of Blanchard is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

E-Waste Collection

An E-Waste Collection Event will be held on **Saturday, October 10th** from 1pm to 5pm.

Items that will be accepted will include fans, printers, keyboards, copiers, scanners, paper shredders, toner/ink cartridges, monitors, TVs, consumer electronics and smoke detectors, etc.

Participants must present their pass or Blanchard trash bill.

Further information will be sent to all citizens in the October utility billing.

Fire Prevention Week



The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), the official sponsor of Fire Prevention Week for more than 95 years, has announced "Serve Up Fire Safety in the Kitchen" as the theme for Fire Prevention Week, **October 4-10, 2020**. NFPA's focus on cooking fire safety comes in response to home cooking fires representing the leading cause of U.S. home fires, with nearly half (49 percent) of all home fires involving cooking equipment; unattended cooking is the leading cause of these fires.

"Cooking continues to be a major contributor to the home fire problem," said Lorraine Carli, NFPA vice president of Outreach and Advocacy. "The good news is that the vast majority of these fires are highly preventable. This year's Fire Prevention Week campaign works to better educate the public about where potential cooking hazards exist and basic but critical ways to prevent them." Carli notes that this year's focus on cooking safety is particularly timely. "As

the public may continue to avoid restaurants for some time and opt instead to do more cooking and entertaining at home, the potential for home cooking fires will likely increase as well."

Key messages around this year's Fire Prevention Week campaign, "Serve Up Fire Safety in the Kitchen" will include the following:

- Keep a close eye on what you're cooking; never leave cooking unattended
- Keep anything that can catch fire — oven mitts, wooden utensils, food packaging, towels or curtains — at least three feet away from your stovetop.
- Be on alert. If you are sleepy or have consumed alcohol, don't use the stove or stovetop.

For more information about Fire Prevention Week and this year's theme, "Serve Up Fire Safety in the Kitchen," along with a wealth of resources to help promote the campaign locally, visit fpw.org.

FOOD TRUCK TUESDAYS

Food Truck Tuesdays are back during the month of **October** from **11am to 2pm**:

| <u>Dates</u> | <u>Vendor</u> | <u>Type</u> |
|------------------|-----------------------|--------------|
| 6 th | Cousins Maine Lobster | Seafood |
| 13 th | Yum Pig | BBQ |
| 20 th | Pops Pockets | Indian Tacos |
| 27 th | Trevino's | Mexican/BBQ |

Health Testing

The Health Department located on North Main Street in Blanchard provides COVID testing on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9am to 10am and every other Fridays.

Hotel-Motel Tax

A question FOR or AGAINST a proposed hotel-motel tax for Blanchard will be on the General Election on **Tuesday, November 3rd**.

HOW MUCH PAPERWORK IS REQUIRED?

None. The innkeeper will calculate the tax and provide a receipt for the customer's records.

IS THIS TAX DEDUCTIBLE?

Hotel taxes may be deductible on federal and/or state returns if they are ordinary and necessary expenses of your trade or business or of producing income. For more information, see IRS Publication 535, Business Expenses, or consult a professional tax preparer.

If approved on the upcoming ballot, collections will begin on January 1, 2021, at Midnite.

The City is recruiting hotels and motels to locate in Blanchard. Part of the pro forma calculations is the amount of lodging tax charged in a community. This determines the feasibility of a hotel-motel, rates and the number of rooms.

HH Hazardous Waste

A Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event will be held on **Saturday, October 24th** from 1pm to 5pm.

Items that will be accepted will include tires, batteries, oil, paints, etc.

Further information will be sent to all citizens in the October utility billing.

Meeting Calendar

October 5th ~ BETA

October 5th ~ Blanchard Bd of Ed

October 8th ~ Planning Commission

October 20th ~ Board of Adjustment

October 15th ~ Code/Juvenile Court

October 27th ~ Traffic Court

October 27th ~ City Council

October 27th ~ BMIA

National Nite Out

The 2020 National Night Out will be Tuesday nite, October 6th on Main Street beginning at 6pm.

Live band, free hotdogs and meet and thank our EMS, Fire and Police personnel serving Blanchard.

October Events

3rd ~ Annual Fall Bazaar

6th ~ Food Truck Tuesday

6th ~ National Night Out

7th ~ Walk to School Day

10th ~ E-Waste Collection

12th ~ Columbus Day

13th ~ Food Truck Tuesday

16th ~ Boss's Day

17th ~ Ride for Memorial (Poker Run)

20th ~ Food Truck Tuesday

24th ~ HH Hazardous Waste Collection

27th ~ Food Truck Tuesday

31st ~ Pumpkin' Fest

31st ~ Halloween

On the BETA Agenda

The Blanchard Economic Trust Authority (BETA) will hold their October meeting on **Monday, October 5th**. The Board of Trustees will discuss, consider and take appropriate action on the following items:

- ▶ Economic Development activities;
- ▶ Farmers Market;
- ▶ Consent Agenda.

The next meeting will be December 7th.

Permits Required

Residents may experience an increase in door-to-door sales associates. If you do encounter a solicitor at your door, they are required to have a permit from the City of Blanchard. These permits are required because they allow the City to perform background checks on applicants,

which then allows the City to approve or deny the permit request. Not only are solicitors required to carry the permit on them at all times, they are also restricted to go door-to-door from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., Monday through Saturday. Residents who wish to have no interaction with solicitors are asked to display "No Solicitation Allowed" or "No Peddlers Allowed" sign that can be easily visible. If you suspect that a person in your neighborhood is soliciting without a permit, please call the Blanchard Police Department at 405.485.9391.

For more information, please contact Chris Wittenbach at 248.6521 or parks@cityofblanchard.us.

Senior Citizens Notice

The Blanchard Senior Citizens is still cooking carryout meals daily (5-days a week less holidays).

LUNCH MENU

(Oct 5 - Oct 9)

Monday ~ Goulash, Carrots, Peas, Dessert.

Tuesday ~ Smoke Sausage and Cabbage, Parsley Potatoes, Black-eyed Peas, Cornbread, Dessert.

Wednesday ~ Cornbread Dressing, Sweet Potato, Mixed Vegetables, Roll, Dessert.

Thursday ~ Navy Beans, Tomato Spoon Relish, Potatoes, Cornbread, Dessert.

Friday ~ Chef Salad, Fruit, Crackers, Dessert.

If you are 60 or older, you are eligible to participate free of charge in the City's daily nutrition program. 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.

Please call 485-9260, if you would like to be considered for a home delivered meal. Please be advised, the home delivery will begin the next business day.

PumpkinFest



Are you ready for a real SPOOKY GOOD TIME?

The City's annual event will be held on **Saturday, October**

31st from **6pm** to **9pm** on Main Street.

Activities include:

- Costume Contest (Ages 0-10) (11-18) & (19-over)
- Pet Costume Contest (all pets must be on a leash)
- Face Painting
- Free Candy & Refreshments
- Games and Trunk or Treats
- Safe Candy Walk & Music

Shop Local

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

1. More of your money will be kept in the Blanchard economy: For every \$100 you spend at a locally owned businesses, \$68 will stay in Blanchard. What happens when you spend that same \$100 at a national chain? Only \$43 stays in the community.*

2. You embrace what makes Blanchard unique: 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. You create local jobs: Local businesses are better at creating higher-paying jobs for your neighbors. When you shop locally, you help create jobs for teachers, firemen, police officers, and many other essential professions.

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

5. You nurture community: 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. You conserve your tax dollars: 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. You create more choice: Locally owned 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 take advantage of their expertise: 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. You invested in entrepreneurship: Creativity and entrepreneurship are what the American economy is founded upon. Nurturing local business ensures a strong community.

10. You made Blanchard a destination: The more interesting and unique Blanchard community, the more we will attract new neighbors, visitors and guests. This benefits everyone!

**Source: Civic Economics - Andersonville Study of Retail Economics.*

Tall Grass & Weeds

The City of Blanchard is committed to maintaining clean and attractive residential neighborhoods. To help

accomplish this goal, the City of Blanchard has adopted regulations concerning the abatement of tall grass, weeds and trash.

The City of Blanchard Municipal Code concerning public nuisances and property enhancement requires that owners or responsible persons of property located within the municipal city limits are prohibited from allowing debris, junk, waste or trash to accumulate, or weeds or tall grass over twelve (12") inches in height, dead trees, bushes, and shrubs to grow or stand upon the premises. This regulation is based upon the Oklahoma State Law Title 11, Section 22-111 which sets forth the procedure and definitions for the cleaning and mowing of property.

2020 Census

The 2020 Count will end on Monday, October 5th. The U.S. Census announced the count will end Monday instead of October 31st.

If you have NOT completed the Census, you still have time to do so.

2020 Election



November 3rd ~ General Election

Walk to School Day

Join the Celebration on **October 7th**! Join



students, families, school leaders, community partners and

government officials around the country to celebrate the benefits of walking to school during International Walk to School Day.

Water Restrictions

Due to our water usage, the City of Blanchard is under mandatory odd/even watering (Stage 1) is in effect until further notice as required under the contract with the City of Oklahoma City.