



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 <http://blanchardok.pt7.civic-cms.com/.../pa.../emergency-alerts> below at

AYCE Breakfast



The Blanchard Masonic Lodge located at 10th (OK-76) and Main Street will begin hosting several All You Can Eat (AYCE) Breakfasts from 7am - 11am for the

remainder of the year (once per month) on **Saturday** are as follows:

Saturday, October 24th ~ Blanchard High School Cheerleaders.

Saturday, November 21st ~ Blanchard Junior High Cheerleaders.

Saturday, December ~ TBA

The cost is only \$6 and proceeds will benefit certain youth organizations in Blanchard, Bridge Creek and Dibble.

THANK YOU for supporting our youth!

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.

Ballot Questions



Voters will consider the following two (2) state questions on the upcoming General Election Ballot. They are as follows:

STATE QUESTION NO. 805:
 This measure seeks to add a new Article II-A to the Oklahoma Constitution. This new Article excepts and does not apply to persons who have ever been convicted of a violent felony. It would prohibit the use of a former felony conviction to increase the statutorily allowable base range of punishment for a person subsequently convicted of a felony. Individuals who are currently incarcerated for felony sentences that were enhanced based on one or more former felony convictions, and whose sentences are greater than the maximum sentence that may currently be imposed for such felonies, may seek sentence modification in court. The new Article sets forth a detailed process for such sentence modification, including but not limited to requirements for a hearing, appointment of counsel for indigent petitioners, and notification of victims, and requires that the court impose a modified sentence no greater than the current maximum sentence which may be

imposed on a person convicted of the same felony with no former felony convictions, and which results in no greater time served in prison than under the original sentence. It establishes an appeal procedure, provides an effective date, and contains a severability clause.

STATE QUESTION NO. 814:

This measure seeks to amend Article 10, Section 40 of the Oklahoma Constitution (Section 40), which directs proceeds from the State's settlements with or judgments against tobacco companies. Currently, Section 40 directs 75% of proceeds to the Tobacco Settlement Endowment Trust Fund (TSET Fund), where earnings may only be used for tobacco prevention programs, cancer research, and other such programs to maintain or improve the health of Oklahomans. Meanwhile, the remaining 25% of proceeds are directed to a separate fund for the Legislature (Legislative Fund). The Legislature can also direct some of that 25% to the Attorney General.

This measure amends Section 40 to reduce the percentage of proceeds that go into the TSET Fund from 75% to 25%. As a result, the remaining 75% will go to the Legislative Fund and the Legislature may continue to direct a portion to the Attorney General. The measure would also restrict the use of the Legislative Fund. Section 40 currently states only

that the Legislative Fund is subject to legislative appropriation. If this measure passes, money from the Legislative Fund must be used to get federal matching funds for Oklahoma's Medicaid Program.

Please exercise your constitutional right to vote! **Tuesday, November 3rd**. More information on all State Questions can be found on the Secretary of State's website.

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**

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.

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.

Daylite Saving Time



FALL BACK
SUNDAY,
November 1st,
when Daylight
Saving Time ends
at 2 a.m. Clocks

will "fall back" one-hour.

Credit for Daylite Saving Time belongs to Benjamin Franklin, who first suggested the idea in 1784. The idea was revised in 1907, when William Willett, an Englishman, proposed a similar system in the pamphlet 'The Waste of Daylight'. The Germans were the first to officially adopt the light-extending system in 1915 as a fuel-saving measure during World War 1.

The British switched one year later, and the United States followed in 1918,

when Congress passed the Standard Time Act, which established our time zones. This experiment lasted only until 1920, when the law was repealed due to opposition from dairy farmers [cows don't pay attention to clocks]. During World War II, Daylight Saving Time was imposed once again [this time year around] to save fuel.

REMEMBER! When you change the clocks, change your batteries in your smoke and CO² detectors.



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

The City's E-Waste Collection Event was held on Saturday, October 10th. A total of 2,367 tons of the following items were disposed:

- ▶ 536 LBS of Consumer Electronics (plastic) Smoke Detectors, etc.
- ▶ 866 LBS of Printers (stand alone w/wheels)
- ▶ 618 LBS of Batteries - Ni MH
- ▶ 2,126 LBS of TV's - CRT
- ▶ 588 LBS of PC & Laptop Scrap

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>
20 th	Pops Pockets	Indian Tacos
27 th	Trevino's	Mexican/BBQ.

Halloween



'Trick or Treat' nite in Blanchard will be **Saturday, October 31st** from **6 pm to 9 pm**.

Please drive with caution and watch out for little ghosts and goblins!

For Halloween safety tips for your kids, pets, etc. please go to www.halloween-safety.com.

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 Ballot on **Tuesday, November 3rd**.

CAN I VOTE IN THE NOVEMBER 3rd, 2020 ELECTION?

As long as you are a resident of Blanchard and registered to vote on or before October 9th, 2020, you can vote.

HOW WILL THE BALLOT READ?

The Ballot will read exactly as it is shown in the City Resolution as published in the Blanchard News.

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 20th ~ Board of Adjustment

October 27th ~ Traffic Court

October 27th ~ City Council

October 27th ~ BMIA

NOTICES OF CONTINUANCE

The Oklahoma Corporation Commission continued the application for an administrative authorization to drill and complete the Goose 1-4, as a Commercial Saltwater Disposal Well (55th & Rockwell) requested by Wildcat SWD 1 LLC from September 23 to **October 23rd** at **8:30 a.m.**, Corporation Commission, Jim Thorpe Office Building, First Floor, 2101 N Lincoln Blvd.

October Events

17th ~ Ride for Memorial (Poker Run)

20th ~ Food Truck Tuesday

22nd ~ Chamber Luncheon

24th ~ HH Hazardous Waste Collection

27th ~ Food Truck Tuesday

31st ~ Pumpkin' Fest

31st ~ Halloween

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.

Planning Comm Action

The Blanchard Planning Commission held a Special Meeting on **Thursday, October 15th** and discussed, considered and took appropriate action on the following items:

- ▶ **HELD** Public Hearing on zoning application seeking reclassification from A-1 to R-E;
 - ▶ **ADOPTED** Resolution No. 2020-14 recommending approval to the City Council on zoning application;
 - ▶ **TABLED** Public Hearing on Conditional Use Permit for Medical Marijuana Growing Facility;
 - ▶ **TABLED** Resolution recommending approval or denial to City Council on Conditional Use Permit;
 - ▶ **HELD** Public Hearing on Conditional Use Permit for Medical Marijuana Growing Processing Facility (**Applicant withdrew the processing facility**);
 - ▶ **ADOPTED** Resolution No. 2020-13 recommending approval to the City Council on Conditional Use Permit;
 - ▶ **APPROVED** Lot Split application;
 - ▶ **DISCUSSED** 2035 Comprehensive Plan;
- The next meeting will be November 12th.

Police Blotter

Jail Activity Report for:

10/04 ~ JONES, Connie arrested for DUI;

10/07 ~ HARRIS, Tammy arrested on Local Warrant;

10/10 ~ McDONALD, Summer arrested on Local Warrant;

10/13 ~ SOUTHWORTH, Seth arrested on Possession of CDS, Possession of Paraphalnia, Possession of Stolen Property;

10/14 ~ EXCAMILLA, Kevin arrested on Public Intox;

10/15 ~ DAVIDSON, Dustin arrested on CDS.

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

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 19 - Oct 23)

Monday ~ Beef Enchilada, Salad, Beans, Chips, Dessert.

Tuesday ~ Chicken Tetrizzini, Carrots, Peas, Dessert.

Wednesday ~ BBQ Meatballs, Parsley Potatoes, Vegetable, Roll, Dessert.

Thursday ~ Stew, Okra, Cornbread, Dessert.

Friday ~ Ribbette, Coleslaw, Black Beans, Bun, 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.

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 Election



November 3rd ~ General Election

Water Restrictions

Water users in Blanchard are under mandatory odd/even watering (Stage 1) which is in effect until further notice as required under the contract with the City of Oklahoma City.

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