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After-Hours Incidents

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

Events Calendar

Saturday ~ July 4th: 4th of JULY

Mandatory Water Restrictions

The City has implemented and is under a mandatory outdoor watering restrictions.

Due to an increase in water usage, Blanchard citizens are experiencing low water pressure and/or NO water at all.

Blanchard and Central Oklahoma is in a dry to moderate drought due to the extreme lack of rain in June. The City is experiencing a massive increase in water

usage. This increase has had a negative impact on our system's water pressure.

Therefore, a mandatory odd/even watering (Stage 1) has been implemented and will stay in effect until further notice.

Meeting Calendar

July 9th ~ Planning Commission

July 21^s ~ Board of Adjustment

July 23rd ~ Code/Juvenile Court

July 28th ~ Traffic Court

July 28th ~ City Council

July 28th ~ BMIA

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.

Pet Care

IF IT'S TOO HOT FOR YOU, IT'S TOO HOT FOR YOUR PET!

Keep your pets safe and cool in the summer by remembering that if it's too hot for you, it's too hot for them. Bring pets inside when it's hot, and provide them with plenty of shade and fresh water when they're outside. Walk your pets at cooler times of the day and never leave an animal in a car. Contact Animal Control at 405-485-9392 if you see an animal in distress.

PC Agenda

The Blanchard Planning Commission will meet in regular session on Thursday, July 9th to discuss, consider and take appropriate action on agenda items.

The Agenda will be posted on the City's website on Monday.

Police Blotter

Jail activity:

6/26 ~ VARGAS, William - arrested on DUI; and

6/29 ~ SMITH, John - arrested on Outstanding Warrants.

Senior Nutrition

The Blanchard Senior Nutrition Center is still delivering lunches to area seniors (60 years & older) who are currently on the Center's delivery list and to any other area seniors in need. If you are a senior adult in need who is not already on the delivery list (currently about 50 residents), can call the Center at 485.9260 to be added to the list.

A tentative reopen date is set for Monday, July 13th, if all modifications are in place.

However, on opening, precautions will stay in place and will remain until the Pandemic is declared over and all restrictions for vulnerable populations are lifted. Even after restrictions are lifted, new policies for keeping everyone healthy will be in effect. Curbside pickup and home delivery will still be provided until then.

LUNCH MENU

(July 6th ~ July 10th)

Monday ~ Goulash, Peas, Carrots, Dessert.

Tuesday ~ Sausage, Gravy, Tomatoes, Potatoes, Biscuits, Dessert.

Wednesday ~ Chicken Strips, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Roll, Dessert.

Thursday ~ Blackeyed Peas, Cabbage, Tomato Spoon Relish, Cornbread, Dessert.

Friday ~ Pig-n-Blanket, Pea Salad, Carrot and Raisin Salad, Biscuits, 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.

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. The Center is still delivering lunches daily.

Splash Pad

The City's splash pad located at Lions Park is closed indefinitely due to water issues.

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.

2019 CCR

We are pleased to present this year's Annual Water Quality Report (Consumer Confidence Report) as required by the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA). You may find a copy of our report by entering the following link into your web browser:
<http://sdwis.deq.state.ok.us/DWW/CCRReports/OK3004710.pdf>.

You may also find a copy of the report on the City's website at www.cityofblanchard.us.

2020 Election Dates



August 25th ~
 Primary Runoff
 Election
 November 3rd ~
 General Election

citizens of Blanchard responded, then we stand to lose \$64,236,250 over the 10 year period.

Please visit my.2020census.gov.

Water Solutions

The City of Blanchard is studying three (3) possible options to add a new water supply to serve Blanchard:

1. Winter Creek Water Supply;
2. Rush Springs Aquifer; and
3. Second line from OKC via City of Newcastle.

In the meantime, the City is under a mandatory odd/even outside watering schedule until further notice.

OKC requires Blanchard to follow an odd/even outdoor watering restriction as part of our agreement in purchasing water from the City of Oklahoma City.



Have you filled out your 2020 Census? It's happening now. Do your part to make sure Blanchard is counted. If you misplaced your mailer, you can still complete the questionnaire at my2020census.gov or call (800)330.2020 any time between 6a.m. and 1a.m. It's important to include everyone who was living in your house on April 1, even if they are or were only temporarily living with you. The Census is the once-in-a-decade count of every living person in America. It counts everyone, regardless of citizenship and the government is required by law to protect your personal information.

Experts estimate each person who isn't counted in the census costs our community about \$1,675 in local federal funding per person every year for ten (10) years. This means if only half of the

