



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

BMIA ACTION

The Board of Trustees discussed, considered and took the following action on the agenda at the last meeting:

- Further discussion on the search for additional water source;
 - Approved Professional Services Agreement with MSF, Inc.;
 - Authorized a Hazardous Waste Collection Center in October;
 - Changed the operating hours of the Citizen Collection Center; and
 - Approved the Consent Agenda.
- The next meeting will be **Tuesday**,

September 22nd.

CENA GRANT

The City was awarded a \$10,097 CENA Grant and accepted by the City Council

The purpose of the Community Expansion for Nutrition Assistance (CENA) grant is to provide funding for general improvement of nutritional conditions of eligible senior centers that will assist with: increasing meals served and expanding other needed services for senior residents of the ASCOG planning and service area. The Blanchard Senior Citizen Center prepares meals five (5) days a week.

CITIZEN COLLECTION CENTER

The Center will now operate under new hours effective immediately 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's not.

COUNCIL ACTION

The City Council discussed, considered and took the following action on the agenda at the last meeting:

- Held Public Hearing on Zoning reclassification request by Gary Gallant's property from S-1 Zoning to A-1 Zoning;
- Adopted Zoning Ordinance No. 722;
- Adopted Emergency Clause for Zoning Ordinance No. 722;
- Held Public Hearing on Zoning reclassification request by DuBois Funeral Service, LLC's property from C-3 to R-E;
- Approved Zoning Ordinance No. 723.
- Approved Emergency Clause for Zoning Ordinance No. 723;
- Held Public Hearing on an application for Conditional Use Permit request from Raymond Brooks for Medical Marijuana Growing Facility;
- Adopted Resolution No. 2020-13 approving Conditional Use Permit;
- Approved Traffic & Safety Petition to install two 4-way stops at NW 3rd and NW 4th both on Monroe along with "Children At Plan;"
- Approved Traffic & Safety Petition to install "Children At Play" and 25 MPH signage;
- Authorized City Attorney to proceed with review of the creation of a Road Assessment District after submission of a Traffic & Safety Petition to pave portion of SW 3rd Street;
- Authorize solicitation of sealed bids for reroofing of the Municipal Courthouse;
- Discussed Senator Scott's request regarding the U.S. Supreme Court decision in *McGirt v Oklahoma*;
- Adopted Ordinance No. 724 increasing the Cash Bond for Road Use and Maintenance agreement from \$10,000 per well to \$25,000 per well;
- Adopted the Emergency Clause for Ordinance No. 724;
- Approved the Professional Services Agreement with MSF, Inc.;
- Accepted a \$10,097 CENA grant for senior nutrition;
- Approved the Consent Agenda; and
- Held Executive Session.

The next meeting will be **Tuesday, September 22nd**.



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

* 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 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.

HAZARDOUS WASTE

Plans are underway to schedule a Hazardous Waste Collection event in October. Details are being worked out with the Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality (ODEQ).

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

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

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.

HOLIDAY OBSERVANCE

City offices will be closed on **Monday, September 7th** for Labor Day.

If you have a Police or Fire emergency, please call 911. If you have a water or sewer emergency, please call 485-9391 or 306.9532 for public works personnel on-call.

City offices will reopen Tuesday, September 8th at 8am. Trash service as scheduled.

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 WILL THIS TAX BE COLLECTED?

The lodging provider will collect the tax at the time the bill is paid.

HOW WILL THE FUNDS BE USED?

Revenues are "earmarked" in a separate fund to be used to promote the community events in promoting tourism.

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 number of rooms.

MEETING CALENDAR

September 8th ~ BPS Bd of Education

September 8th ~ TEAM Blanchard

September 10th ~ Planning Commission

September 15th ~ BOA

September 17th ~ Code/Juvenile Court

September 22nd ~ Traffic Court

September 22nd ~ City Council

September 22nd ~ 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.

POLICE BLOTTER

Jail activity:

8.21 ~ MAREK, Blake arrested for Public Intox;

8.21 ~ SIPES, Steven arrested on Local Outstanding Warrant;

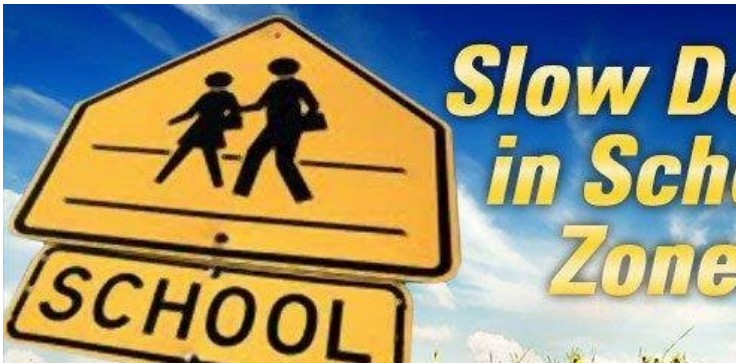
8.26 ~ WALL, Jacy arrested for Possession of Paraphenalia and Possession of CDS;

8.26 ~ ROESNER, Isiah arrested on Possession of CDS, Possession of Marijuana, Possession of Paraphenalia and Unlawful Possession of Firearm; and

8.26 ~ KIMBRELL, Jacob arrested for Domestic.

PUBLIC HEARING

The Blanchard Planning Commission will conduct a Public Hearing to solicit public comments regarding an application to rezone property from the A-1, Agricultural District to C-5, Automotive & Commercial Recreation District and an application for "Conditional Use Permit" allowing a wrecking service business to be located at 7801 N. Council Avenue (Hwy 76 and H.E. Bailey Spur on Thursday, **September 10th** at **6:30 p.m.**



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.

The Center will remain closed 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 stay in effect. However, curbside pickup and home delivery will still be provided until then.

LUNCH MENU

(**August 31st** ~ **September 4th**)

Monday ~ Goulash, Carrots, Peas, Dessert.

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

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

Thursday ~ Pinto 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. 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.

SEPTEMBER EVENTS

7th ~ Labor Day [City Hall Closed]

13th ~ National Grandparents Day

22nd ~ Fall Begins

26th ~ Main Street Car Show

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.*

SOLICITATION FOR BIDS

Sealed Proposals will be received by the City Clerk of the City of Blanchard, at Blanchard City Hall, located at 122 North Main Street, Blanchard, OK 73010, or mail to P.O. Box 480, Blanchard, OK 73010, NLT 2:00 p.m., CDST, 16 September 2020, for the following project to include the removal and replacement of approximately 39 square feet of roofing with felt on the Blanchard Municipal Courthouse located at 300 North Main Street.

At which time said bids will be received for furnishing all labor and materials to accomplish the removal and disposal of all existing roofing materials to deck and furnish and install new roofing on the building.

Bid documents are available at Blanchard City Hall, 122 North Main Street, Blanchard, Oklahoma 73010; or download at www.cityofblanchard.us.

Bids received more than ninety-six (96) hours, excluding Saturdays, Sundays and holidays, before the time set for opening said bids, as well as bids received after the time set for opening bids, will not be considered and will be returned

unopened.

Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at the above-mentioned address during regular business hours on Wednesday, 16 September 2020 at 2:00 p.m. A recommendation will be transmitted to the City Council for their consideration and to take appropriate action at their regular meeting on Tuesday, the 22nd September 2020, at 6:00 p.m., 122 North Main Street, Blanchard.

The City reserves the right to reject any or all bids. The time period within which a contract will be executed following the Notice to Award to the successful bidder is ten (10) days. Completion of said project will be sixty (60) days after execution of contract.

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



The Census is being cut back by a month. The final push will be hard for the next 2 months. The Census Bureau is hiring additional people and reducing the time the door-to-door workers will be in the field. The date has changed from October 31 to September 30th. Self Responses will also end at this time.

WATER RESTRICTONS

Due to an increase in water usage, the City of Blanchard is under mandatory odd/even watering (Stage 1) in effect until further notice.

Blanchard and Central Oklahoma is in a dry to moderate drought due to the lack of rain. The City is experiencing a massive increase in water usage (over 31,000,000 gallons purchased from OKC in July and 29,000,000 gallons in August). In addition, we purchase an additional 10million gallons in August from the City of Newcastle.

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