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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.

Annual Fall Bazaar

The ladies of the First United Methodist Church of Blanchard are pleased to announce their 18th Annual Fall Bazaar to be held on **Saturday, October 2nd**.

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.

BMIA Action

The Board of Trustees held their September regular meeting on Tuesday, September 28th and discussed, considered and took action on the following items:

- **Approved** the Budget Supplement for CDBG funds;
- **Discussed** the Notice of Violation;
- **Declared** an Emergency for sewer repairs;
- **Approved** Engineering Agreement with GSA to design an extension of 12-inch water main;
- **Discussed** Citizen's Collection Center and requested information at the next meeting;
- **Approved** the purchase of vehicle off State Contract; and
- **Approved** Consent Agenda.

The October meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, October 26th**.

City Council Action

The City Council held their September regular meeting on **Tuesday, September 28th** and discussed, considered and took action on the following items:

- **Held** Public Hearing for rezoning;
- **Adopted** Zoning Ordinance No. 744;
- **Adopted** Emergency Clause;
- **Adopted** Resolution No. 2021-38 denying a Tort Claim;
- **Adopted** Resolution No. 2021-39 allowing ODOT to select engineering firm(s) to perform National Bridge Inspection Standards (NBIS);
- **Adopted** Resolution No. 2021-40 accepting \$8020 CENA Grant;
- **Adopted** Resolution No 2021-41 accepting \$249,999 2021 CDBG grant;
- **Set** Saturday, October 30th for Halloween Observance;
- **Approved** 2-STBG-UZA Transportation Projects;
- **Denied** Code Amendments to parking of boats, campers, trailers and RVs;
- **Approved** participation of constructing an access road to off-set Main Street traffic to the Elementary School;
- **Approved** Development Agreement MOU with Yar Comm Prop LLC for 12-inch water main;
- **Discussed** Request for Proposal in Executive Session;

- **Accepted** Traffic & Safety Petition requesting traffic signal at US-62 and 7th Street SW;
- **Renewed** MLPP Policy Renewal;
- **Approved** the extension and modification of the 2018 Safe Oklahoma Grant Program;
- **Approved** Consent Agenda; and
- **Held** Executive Session.

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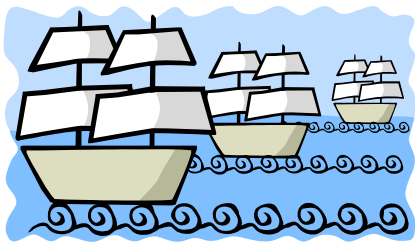
Code Enforcement

Help beautify Blanchard! It is a violation of the Municipal Code of any of the following:

- * Allow the accumulation of trash and/or debris and our junk on your property.
- * Allow tall weeds or grass (including edging along the street and sidewalk) to exceed 12-inches or higher.
- * Accumulation of inoperable and/or junk vehicles and parts on your property.
- * Parking of trailers, boats, and RVs in alleyways or in front of the building line.
- * Allowing tree limbs over hang the street with less than 8-foot clearance.
- * Failure to trim trees, grass and weeds in alleys or between sidewalk and pavement.
- * Leaving grass in the street after mowing.

Any questions, please contact Carol Mueller at City Hall.

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 11th**.

City offices will be open for business.

Christmas Parade of Lights (**December 11th**) and Christmas on Main (**December 11th**).

To participate, please contact Chris Wittenbach, Parks Director for more information.

Fall Break

The Blanchard Public Schools will be out of classes beginning on **Wednesday, October 13th**, **Thursday, October 14th** and **Friday, October 15th** for Fall Break. **NO SCHOOL!**

Farmers Market



The Blanchard Farmers Market will be closed tomorrow **Saturday, October 2nd** due to pending

inclement weather. However, the Market has been extended thru the month of October from **8am - Noon** each Saturday. The Market is located at 316 E. Veterans Memorial (in the former campground site adjacent to the Blanchard Trinity Holiness Church).

Please come out and support our local market during the last month it's open!

Congratulations



The Grand Prize winner of the Mufflers on Main was Brett Adkins showing his champion 1958

Chevy Apache pickup truck similar to the one pictured.

Click on the link below to see an aerial drone shot of the event <https://www.facebook.com/107513909375405/videos/609035363837650>.

Events

Plans are underway for the upcoming PumpkinFest (**October 30th**), Veterans Day Parade (**November 13th**) and

Fire Prevention Week

As Fire Prevention Week™ approaches, the City of Blanchard's Fire Department reminds residents to "Learn the Sounds of Fire Safety™"

The Blanchard Fire Department is teaming up with the National Fire Protection Association® (NFPA®)—the official sponsor of Fire Prevention Week for more than 90 years—to promote this year's Fire Prevention Week™ campaign, "Learn the Sounds of Fire Safety™."

This year's campaign, **October 3-9th**, works to educate everyone about simple but important actions they can take to keep themselves and those around them safe.

The Blanchard Fire Department encourages all residents to embrace the 2021 Fire Prevention Week theme.

The Blanchard Fire Department wants to share safety tips to help you "Learn the Sounds of Fire Safety"

- A continuous set of three loud beeps—beep, beep, beep—means smoke or fire. Get out, call 9-1-1, and stay out.
- A single chirp every 30 or 60 seconds means the battery is low and must be changed.
- All smoke alarms must be replaced after 10 years.
- Chirping that continues after the battery has been replaced means the

alarm is at the end of its life and the unit must be replaced.

- Make sure your smoke and CO alarms meet the needs of all your family members, including those with sensory or physical disabilities.

For more general information about Fire Prevention Week and fire prevention in general, visit www.fpw.org.

Halloween

"Trick or Treat" nite in Blanchard will be **Saturday, October 30th** from 6 pm to 9 pm.

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

For Halloween safety tips for your kids, pets, etc. please go to <https://nnw.org/halloween-safety-tips>.



The City of Blanchard is accepting applications for employment for the following positions:

- Police Officer (**3-vacancies**) full-time
- Dispatcher (**1-vacancy**) full-time
- Water/Sewer Technician (**1-vacancy**) full-time

• Park Laborer (**3-vacancies**) - Seasonal
An application can be downloaded or filled out on line at the City's website at

www.cityofblanchard.us under Forms and Applications.

Please email to the HR Director at payroll@cityofblanchard.us or deliver to City Hall, Monday thru Friday from 8am to 5pm.

The City is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

OCC Hearing

The Oklahoma Corporation Commission hearing regarding the Wildcat Saltwater Disposal Well1 LLC has been rescheduled to be heard on **Friday, November 19th** at **8:30** am at the Corporation Commission.

Oil 'n Gas

The Oklahoma Corporation Commission reported since **September 24th** that NO oil wells were completed or permitted within the municipal limits of the City of Blanchard.

Odd-Even Watering

The City of Blanchard is contractually obligated to follow the City of OKC's mandatory odd-even watering schedule.

If your address ends with an odd number, you can irrigate or use sprinklers on odd-numbered calendar days. If your address ends with an even number, you

can irrigate or use sprinklers on even-numbered calendar days.

For more information, the City's Code Enforcement Officer can be contacted at 405.485.9392 regarding violations.

Police Blotter

Inmate/hold roster:

9.25.21 ~ HORD, Shelby arrested on domestic charges with weapon.

Transported to McClain County.

9.25.21 ~ DICKEY, Kyle arrested on pursuit/EOD. Transported to VA Hospital.

Proclamation

The Mayor issued the following Proclamation:

Whereas the City of Blanchard is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting Blanchard;

Whereas the majority of U.S. fire deaths (4 out of 5) occur at home each year; and

Whereas Blanchard residents should install smoke alarms in every sleeping room, outside each separate sleeping area, and on every level of the home; and

Whereas Blanchard first responders are dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires and home fire injuries

through prevention and protection education; and

Whereas Blanchard residents are responsive to public education measures and are able to take action to increase their safety from fire, especially in their homes; and

Whereas the 2021 Fire Prevention Week theme is "Learn the Sounds of Fire Safety"; and

Now Therefore, I, Eddie Odle, Mayor of the City of Blanchard, Oklahoma, do hereby proclaim the week of October 3rd - 9th, as:

'Fire Prevention Week'

And urge all the people of Blanchard to be aware of their surroundings, look for available ways out in the event of a fire or other emergency, respond when the smoke alarm sounds by exiting the house immediately, and to support the many public safety activities and efforts of the Blanchard Fire and Emergency Services during Fire Prevention Week of 2021.

PumpkinFest

Are you ready for a real SPOOKY GOOD TIME?

The City's annual PumpkinFest will be held on **Saturday, October 30th** 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 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 **11:30am**.

MENU

- **10/04** ~ Baked Potato, Salad, Hot Roll, Dessert.
- **10/05** ~ Chili Pie, Corn, Corn Chips, Dessert.
- **10/06** ~ BBQ Pork, Baked Beans, Cole Slaw, Bun, Dessert.
- **10/07** ~ Pinto Beans, Beet, Potatoes Cornbread, Dessert.
- **10/08** ~ Fish, Mac-n-Cheese, Greenbeans, Cornbread, Dessert.

If you are 60 or older, you are eligible to participate free of charge. However, a suggested donation of \$2.00 is requested to insure the continuance in meeting the nutritional needs of our elderly citizens. 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 or this week's lunch menu, please call (405) 485-9260.

October Meeting Calendar

- 4th: TEAM Blanchard [8am]
- 4th: BETA [6pm]
- 4th: BPS Board of Education [6pm]
- 11th: Special City Council [5pm]
- 14th: Planning Commission [6pm]
- 19th: BOS [6pm]
- 21st: Code/Juvenile Court [4pm]
- 26th: Traffic Court [2pm]
- 26th: City Council [6pm]
- 26th: BMIA Board of Trustees

October Special Events

- 2nd ~ Annual Fall Bazaar
- 9th ~ Farmers Market
- 11th ~ Columbus Day
- 11th ~ Indigenous People Day
- 16th ~ Farmers Market
- 23rd ~ Farmers Market
- 30th ~ Farmers Market
- 30th ~ PumpkinFest
- 30th ~ Trick or Treat Nite
- 31st ~ Halloween

Tall Grass & Weeds

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.

For more information, please contact Carol Mueller, Code Enforcement Officer, at 405.485.9392.

Upcoming Events

- Thursday, 11-02 ~ Election Day
- Thursday, 11-11 ~ Veterans Day
- Saturday, 11-13 ~ Veterans Day Parade
- Thursday, 11-25 ~ Thanksgiving Day
- Friday, 11-26 ~ Black Friday
- Saturday, 11-13 ~ Veterans Day Parade
- Saturday, 12-11 ~ Christmas Parade of Lites
- Tuesday, 12-21 ~ Winter Begins
- Saturday, 12-25 ~ Christmas Day
- Friday, 12-31 ~ New Year's Eve