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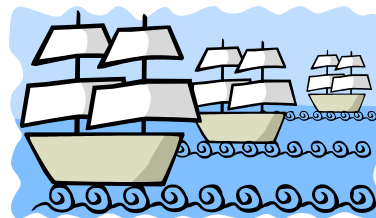
After Hours

For Public Works after-hour incidents (ie: water leaks, waterline breaks, sewer backups, sewerline breaks, lift station alarms, manhole overflowing, low-water pressure, no water, potholes, road repairs, signs missing or down, roadway flooding, debris in road, street lite out, 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.

- * 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,

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.

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, as usual, for business.

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 is **CLOSED** for the season. It will reopen in spring

(April) of 2022.

A special THANKS to Blanchard Trinity Holiness Church for hosting the Market on their property. Thanks to all the 2021 vendors and the public who came out and supported our local market!

We look forward to a successful Market next year!

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>.

New Firefighters

The Blanchard Fire Department welcomed two (2) new firefighters.

Firefighters Colten St John and Tyler Stephens joined the department full-time on Monday, September 27th, after serving as volunteers.

The departmental force is now five (5) full-time firefighters with twenty (20) volunteers.



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

- Police Officer (1-vacancy) 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 Well 1 LLC has been rescheduled to be heard on **Friday, November 19th** at **8:30** am at the Corporation Commission.

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.

Oil 'n Gas

The Oklahoma Corporation Commission reported since **October 1st** that NO oil wells were completed or permitted within the municipal limits of the City.

On the PC Agenda

The Blanchard Planning Commission will hold their next regular meeting on

Thursday, October 14th at 6:00 p.m. to discuss, consider and take possible action, including, but not limited to, approval, denial, amendment, revision or conditional approval, in whole or in part of:

- a possible amendment to the Zoning Regulations regarding the A-1, Agricultural District and manufactured housing units and mobile homes; and
- the 2035 Comprehensive Plan progress - specifically pages 1-25; and
- Consent Agenda.

The next regular meeting will be Thursday, November 11th.

Police Blotter

Inmate/hold roster:

10.03.21 ~ KEITH, Caleb arrested on outstanding McClain County warrants and transported to McClain County.

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

- 10/11 ~ Spaghetti, Salad, Hominy, Dessert.
- 10/12 ~ Cook's Choice, Pea Salad, Tater Tots, Dessert.
- 10/13 ~ Chicken Tetrizzini, Carrots, Green Beans, Dessert.
- 10/14 ~ Stew, Okra, Cornbread, Dessert.
- 10/15 ~ Sloppy Joe, Coleslaw, Baked Beans, Bun, 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

- 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

- 11th ~ Columbus Day
- 11th ~ Indigenous People Day
- 30th ~ PumpkinFest
- 30th ~ Trick or Treat Nite
- 31st ~ Halloween

Sales Tax Collections

The collections for August was more than twenty-seven percent (27.28%) than the monthly budget based on \$8,098,039.50 retail sales in Blanchard.

Month	\$ Amount	% +/-
Jul '21	285,497.11	5.12
Aug '21	342,497.79	20.77
Sep '21	235,561.39	13.13
Oct '21	323,921.58	-17.32
Totals	1,187,153.08	5.68

Special Meeting

The City Council will meet in special session on **Monday, October 11th**, at **5:00** p.m. The Council will discuss, consider and take appropriate action on the following items:

- Purchase of Samsara Fleet Tracking (GPS) System to be installed on all City-owned fleet.
- Resolution concerning Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds for non-entitlement units of government (ARPA funds), authorizing the acceptance of the funds, the appropriate budget amendments, and the execution of all necessary agreements and related documents.

The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, October 26th.

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, 12-11 ~ Christmas Parade of Lites

Tuesday, 12-21 ~ Winter Begins

Saturday, 12-25 ~ Christmas Day

Friday, 12-31 ~ New Year's Eve

Use Tax Collections

The collections for August was more than four percent (4.34%) less than the monthly budget based on \$2,121,515.25 retail sales.

Month	\$ Amount	% +/-
Jul '21	82,173.33	-12.03
Aug '21	97,410.72	24.96
Sep '21	88,542.03	-0.72
Oct '21	84,860.61	14.22
Totals	352,986.69	5.34