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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.

ARPA FUNDS

The City received its first round of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds this week in the amount of \$777,827.47. The money can ONLY be used for WATER and SEWER projects and must be spent by December 31, 2024, with all expenditures in accordance with federal ARPA guidelines and compliance requirements.

The City plans on replacing its Main Street Lift Station and constructing 12-inch water mains for several economic development projects over the next year.

We will receive the second and final round of equal amount this time next year for a grand total of \$1,555,654.94.

AYCE Breakfast

The Blanchard Masonic Lodge located at 10th (OK-76) and Main Street will host an "All You Can Eat (AYCE)" breakfast from 7am - 11am Saturday, October 16th.

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

THANK YOU for supporting our youth!

Board of Adjustment

The October meeting of the Blanchard Board of Adjustment is cancelled due to a lack of agenda items.

Chamber Luncheon

The next luncheon will be **Thursday, October 21st** at Noon sponsored by Blanchard Drug and Gift.

For more information the Chamber at 485.8787.

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.

Council Action

The City Council met in special session on **Monday, October 11th**, and discussed, considered and took appropriate action on the following items:

- Discussed purchase of Samsara Fleet Tracking (GPS) System to be installed on all City-owned fleet.
- Adopted Resolution No. 2021-44 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.

Daylite Saving Time



FALL BACK SUNDAY, **November 7th**, when Daylight Saving Time ends at **2 a.m.** Clocks will "fall back" one-hour.

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

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>.

Homicide #1

The Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigations (OSBI) have been investigating the City's first homicide for 2021.

A male victim was found dead today inside a trailer located on Garvin Drive just off of Oak Forest Drive south of 85th Street west of OK-76. No suspects in custody.

Currently, this is still an open investigation and no arrests have been made. Anyone with any information should contact the Blanchard Police Department at 405/485-9391.

Job Openings

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

- Police Officer (**2-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 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 8th** that NO oil wells were completed or permitted within the municipal limits of the City.

PC Action

The Blanchard Planning Commission met in regular session on Thursday, October 14th and discussed, considered and took the following action, including, but not limited to, approval, denial, amendment, revision or conditional approval, in whole or in part of:

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

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

Police Blotter

Inmate/hold roster:

10.11.21 ~ ARCHEY, William arrested on outstanding Municipal Warrants.

10.13.21 ~ PEREZ, Junior arrested on outstanding Municipal Warrants.

10.13.21 ~ COX, Ruth arrested on outstanding Municipal Warrants.

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**

• **10/18** ~ Chicken and Noodles, Carrots, Peas, Dessert.

• **10/19** ~ Salisbury Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Vegetables, Bread, Dessert.

- 10/20 ~ Enchiladas, Beans, Salad, Chips, Dessert.
- 10/21 ~ Navy Beans, Spinach, Potatoes, Cornbread, Dessert.
- 10/22 ~ Salmon, Blackeyed Peas, Cabbage, 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 on this week's lunch menu, please call (405) 485-9260.

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.

October Meeting Calendar

- 19th: BOA [6pm] **NO MEETING**
- 21st: Code/Juvenile Court [4pm]
- 26th: Traffic Court [2pm]
- 26th: City Council [6pm]
- 26th: BMIA Board of Trustees

October Special Events

- 16th ~ AYCE Breakfast [Masonic Lodge]
- 30th ~ PumpkinFest
- 30th ~ Trick or Treat Nite
- 31st ~ Halloween

Upcoming Events

- Thursday, 11-02 ~ Election Day
- Sunday, 11-07 ~ Fall Back [2am]
- 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
- Tuesday, 12-21 ~ Winter Begins
- Friday, 12-24 ~ Christmas Eve
- Saturday, 12-25 ~ Christmas Day
- Friday, 12-31 ~ New Year's Eve