

# BLANCHARD E~NEWSLETTER

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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.

## *BMIA Agenda*



The Board of Trustees of the Blanchard Municipal Improvement Authority will hold their regular June meeting on **Tuesday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>**, beginning immediately after the City

Council meeting at **6:00** pm, for the discussion, consideration and possible action, including, but not limited to, approval, denial, amendment, revision or

conditional approval, in whole or in part of:

- \* Debt write-off in the amount of \$687.10 due to the death of nine (9) utility customers;
- \* BID acceptance and the award to the lowest and best bidder for the purchase of chopper pumps for lift stations; and
- \* Consent Agenda.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees will be **Tuesday, July 27<sup>th</sup>, 2021**.

## *Central OK Ozone Alerts*

With summer arriving, so does the threat of high ozone days in Central Oklahoma. We've had two (2) this week.

Ozone Alert Days are called by the Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality (ODEQ) when air pollution is expected to reach unhealthy ranges. Ozone exposure is a health risk to the entire population but particularly sensitive are children, the elderly, anyone with respiratory or cardiovascular illnesses and anyone who experiences prolonged exposure.

ACOG sends out an Ozone Alert to notify the public that they should make

voluntary changes to reduce their contribution to dangerous ground-level ozone. Central Oklahoma residents can receive these alerts through text or email.

Get in the #KNOWZONE is their 2020 Ozone Alert campaign. Please visit [www.acogok.org](http://www.acogok.org) to review their Ozone Alert web page which also includes helpful information.

## City Council Agenda



The City Council of the City of Blanchard will hold their regular June meeting on Tuesday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>, beginning at 6:00 pm, for the discussion, consideration

and possible action, including, but not limited to, approval, denial, amendment, revision or conditional approval, in whole or in part of:

\* Open, conduct and close Public Hearing to receive public comments on the Planning Commission's recommendation proposing Rezoning by:

Applicant: David and Tsianina Garrett

Location: SE corner of U.S. 62 and Laura Meadows Dr

Zoning: S-1, Suburban District

Proposed Use: R-E, Residential Estates

Legal: See the Application

\* Ordinance approving the rezoning request as recommended.

\* Emergency Clause for Zoning Ordinance.

\* Open, conduct and close Public Hearing to receive public comments on the Planning Commission's recommendation proposing the PUD Overlay by:

Applicant: Billie Coats Long Children's Trust

Location: South side of NE 85<sup>th</sup> St b/w Hwy 76 & Rockwell Ave

Zoning: R-1, Single Family Residential

Proposed: Planned Unit Development (PUD)

Legal: See Application.

\* Ordinance approving the PUD Overlay as recommended.

\* Emergency Clause for Zoning Ordinance.

\* Ordinance amending Chapter 16, Article 5 of the BMC regarding Parks, Recreation & Fishing.

\* Emergency Clause for Ordinance.

\* Ordinance amending Section 21-505 of Chapter 21, Article 5 of the BMC regarding the parking of RVs and boats.

\* Emergency Clause for Ordinance.

- \* Resolution approving three (3) Interlocal Agreements with the McClain County Board of County Commissioners.
- \* Resolution approving the Blanchard Little League Association for South Park and Lions Park.
- \* Resolution nominating and appointing a new member to the Planning Commission for a 3-year term.
- \* Resolution nominating and appointing a council member as the designee and two (2) council members as alternates to the ACOG 9-1-1 Association.
- \* Resolution authorizing a EDA grant application.
- \* Resolution declaring city-owned property to be surplus.
- \* Resolution approving annual renewal of Angel, Johnston, Blasingame for annual Audit.
- \* Resolution authorizing stop signs at intersection of Tewksbury Lane and Highgrove Drive in Fox Run III.
- \* Resolution approving the Final Plat of U-Haul Storage as recommended by the Planning Commission.
- \* Approval of Consent Agenda.
- \* Executive Session.

The next regular meeting of the City Council will be **Tuesday, July 27<sup>th</sup>, 2021**.

## Farmers Market



The Blanchard Farmers Market will be opened **tomorrow (Saturday), June 19<sup>th</sup>** from **8am - Noon** located at 316 E. Veterans Memorial (in the former campground site adjacent to the Blanchard Trinity Holiness Church).

The same vendors with their products will be on hand and new vendors with vegetables will be present.

Please support our local market!

## Father's Day



Like Mother's Day, Father's Day has a modern origin. The idea came to Mrs. John Dodd as she sat listening to a Mother's Day sermon in 1909. Her father, William Smart, had raised his children alone on his Washington farm after his wife died giving birth to their sixth child. Mrs. Dodd proposed to the Spokane Ministerial Association and the YMCA that they celebrate a "father's day" on June 5, her father's birthday.

The idea received strong support, but the good ministers of Spokane asked that the day be changed to give them extra time to prepare sermons on the unexplored subject of fathers. The first Father's Day was observed on June 19, 1910, in Spokane, Washington, and soon other towns had their own celebrations. In spite of widespread support, Father's Day did not become a permanent national holiday until 1972, when President Richard Nixon signed a law declaring that it be celebrated annually on the third Sunday in June (16th).

## Fight the Bite!



These insects kill more people in 1 day than sharks do in a century!

Individuals can reduce their risk of contracting mosquito-borne diseases, such as the West Nile virus, by getting rid of standing water around houses and by using insect repellent. Here is a simple way to remember how to "Fight the Bite" using mosquito safety.

Just remember 3 D's and a P!

- DRAIN stagnant water;
- DRESS wear long sleeves and pants;
- DEET repel when you're outside;
- PREVENT reduce your exposure.

Unfortunately, there is no easy solution for managing mosquitoes. Countless products on the market claim

to be effective and easy to use but few have appreciable value in lessening the annoyance and incidence of bites. Unlike most insects found around homes, mosquitoes are pervasive outdoor pests and there are limits to what can be done to minimize their abundance. Nonetheless, there are measures that can afford some relief.

## Independence Celebration

Plans are underway for the City's Annual Independence Celebration which will be held on **Friday, July 2<sup>nd</sup>** from **6pm to 10pm**. **BRING YOUR LAWNCHAIR!**

**Blanchard's**  
**INDEPENDENCE**  
**Celebration**

**Friday, July 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
**6 PM - 10 PM**  
**(10<sup>TH</sup> & HYW 62)**      Fireworks - Kid Zone - Food  
Fun for the whole Family!

*Featuring the music of:* **STARS &**  
**THE OKLAHOMA CITY**  
**SYMPHONIC BAND**

**FIREWORKS PRESENTED BY:**  
**OEC**  
OKLAHOMA ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE  
Your Touchstone Energy® Cooperative

**SPONSORS**

**KNIPPELMAYER CHEVROLET**  
**PROUDLY LOCAL ACE**  
ACE HARDWARE & GARDEN CENTER  
Blanchard Parks & Recreation  
Restore Christian Church  
Pleasant Hill Baptist Church  
SONIC  
Restore Christian Church

Vendors (Non-Food) May now submit application for Blanchard's Independence Celebration. The night sky will become illuminated with dazzling fireworks sponsored by OEC and the City of Blanchard.

The events and fireworks display are FREE with FREE parking.

For more information, please visit the City's website at [www.cityofblanchard.us](http://www.cityofblanchard.us) or Facebook Page.

## June Meeting Calendar

22<sup>nd</sup> ~ Traffic Court [2pm]

22<sup>nd</sup> ~ City Council [6 pm]

22<sup>nd</sup> ~ BMIA Board of Trustees [6 pm]



Hey kids! Father's Day weekend is your time to shine your fishing skills for the

City's First Annual Kid's Fishing Derby held tomorrow (**Saturday, June 19<sup>th</sup>**).

Registration begins at 8am and the Fishing Derby will begin at 9AM with door prizes given out every 10 minutes and trophies handed out at the end of the day in three (3) different age divisions: 0 - 5 years of age group; 6 - 10 years of age group; and 11 to 16 years of age group, with the grand prize going to the top angler.

So grab your rods and reels, and come on down to Crystal Lake Park (south of South Park) on Tyler Avenue tomorrow for Blanchard's First Annual Father's Day Youth Fishing Derby.

Bait will be provided for you ... so bring out the family and lawn chairs to have some fun, and stay for a free lunch provided by Pioneer Telephone.

For more information, contact Chris Wittenbach, Parks Director at 405.248.6521.

## Fishing Derby Rules

- All participants will be required to check in upon arrival to the Derby to receive their goody bags.
- Contestants may supply their own bait; however, free worms will be available near the registration table.
- Contest hours are from 9am to 12Noon.
- Any fish caught before the starting

time of 8:15am will not count as part of the Derby.

- The Derby will begin and end with a blow of a whistle.
- All contestants must fish from the shoreline. Boats, rafts, or any type of floatation devices will not be allowed.
- Only 1 fishing line per participant will be allowed to be qualified for prizes in the Derby.
- All fish must be caught by the contestant's fishing pole. Once measured, all fish must be released back into the water (catch and release policy).
- The assistance of young contestants by parents or adults is endorsed; however, parents cannot fish for their children and children must be actively involved in the catching of all fish.
- Fish caught during the Derby will be measured and entered on a data sheet by the Fishing Derby Judges. Derby fish are tallied up and looked over for a chance to win one of the four (4) prizes.
- All decisions by judges are final. Any arguments or disagreements will be immediate grounds for disqualification.
- Contestants can only place within one of four (4) categories (1 prize per contestant).
  - » Longest Fish
  - » Most caught Fish
  - » Smallest Fish
  - » Top Angler (most overall Fish)



City offices will be closed **Monday, July 5<sup>th</sup>** in observance of Independence Day. If you have a police or fire emergency, please call 911. If you have a water or sewer emergency, please call 485.9391. Trash services will run as usual.

## *Oil 'n Gas*

The Oklahoma Corporation Commission reported since **June 11<sup>th</sup>** that NO oil wells were completed or permitted within the municipal limits of the City of Blanchard.

## *OCC Hearing*

The Oklahoma Corporation Commission hearing regarding the Wildcat Saltwater Disposal Well 1 LLC has been re-scheduled to be heard on **Wednesday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>**, at **8:30 am**, with the Oklahoma Corporation Commission.

## *Police Blotter*

The following arrests were made by the Blanchard PD:

- 6/11/21 ~ WEBB, Jeffrey arrested on Domestic Charges;

- 6/11/21 ~ BRAND, Rickey arrested on Trespassing Charges;
- 6/14/21 ~ VANCE, Jeremy arrested on Outstanding Warrants.

## Request for Proposals

The City of Blanchard is inviting qualified firms to submit a RFP for roadway base, sub-base and aggregate base core sampling of approximately 43 miles of Section Line roads in Blanchard.

Proposals are due **NOT LATER THAN 2 p.m. on Friday, June 25<sup>th</sup>** for the Road Ad Hoc Committee's review and recommendation to the City Council.

## Senior Nutrition



If you are 60 or older, you are eligible to participate free of charge. A suggested d)

**Monday** ~ Beef Fritter, Mashed Potatoes,

Vegetables, Bread, Dessert.

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

**Wednesday** ~ Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Bread, Dessert.

**Thursday** ~ Black-eyed Peas, Cabbage, Potatoes, Cornbread, Dessert.

**Friday** ~ Chicken Salad, 3-Bean Salad, Jello Salad, Crackers, Dessert.

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. However, the Center is still delivering lunches daily.

## Special Events

18<sup>th</sup> ~ Edgar Cruz (Concert)

18<sup>th</sup> ~ Movie TBA

19<sup>th</sup> ~ Farmer's Market

19<sup>th</sup> ~ Kid's Fishing Derby

20<sup>th</sup> ~ Father's Day

20<sup>th</sup> ~ Summer Begins

26<sup>th</sup> ~ Farmer's Market

## Summer Solstice



The summer solstice heralds the beginning of summer! The timing of the summer solstice depends on when the Sun reaches its

farthest point north of the equator. This occurs annually sometime between June 20 and 22, depending on the time zone. This year, the event occurs at **10:32am (CDT) on Sunday, June 20<sup>th</sup>**.

The word *solstice* is from the Latin *solstitium*, from *sol* (sun) and *stitium* (to stop), reflecting the fact that the Sun appears to stop at this time (and again at the winter solstice). In temperate

regions, we notice that the Sun is higher in the sky throughout the day, and its rays strike Earth at a more direct angle, causing the efficient warming we call summer. In the winter, just the opposite occurs: The Sun is at its southernmost point and is low in the sky. Its rays hit the Northern Hemisphere at an oblique angle, creating the feeble winter sunlight.

## Summer Concert Series



City of Blanchard  
**SUMMER**  
Concert Series  
Free + Music + Movie

June 4th	Killin Time Band	Classic Country
June 11th	Middle of Nowhere Band	Classic Rock
June 18th	Edgar Cruz	Classic Guitar
June 25th	Mystery Date	60's 70's & 80's

**Each Friday in June - Stay for the Movie!!**

June 4th	the Croods A new Age
June 11th	Raya and the last Dagon
June 18th	TBD
June 25th	TBD

**Lions Park  
Fridays @ 7pm**

## Think, Shop, Live Blanchard!

Please keep in mind that Blanchard's quality of life and local economy rely upon where residents spend their money and do their shopping. Sales tax is a direct and vital lifeline to essential services like public safety (police & fire), facilities (city hall, etc.), projects (water & sewer and street improvements), programs (4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration) and services (senior citizens nutrition).

Shopping locally keeps businesses here in Blanchard, providing jobs and benefiting public schools and non-profits.

If there's one thing we can all do to make our dollars work for this community, it's to shop local. Grab dinner in Blanchard on your way home. You'd be surprised what a difference that can make. Shopping locally benefits the entire community. Make your tax dollars work for you and the City!