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After Hours

For Public Works after-hour incidents (ie: water leaks, waterline breaks, sewer backups, sewer line 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.

Christmas on Main

Christmas on Main is Quickly Approaching!

The Blanchard Parks and Recreation is planning our annual Christmas on Main events for December 11th.

Each December, the City comes alive with lights and fun for the whole family. Old City Hall will be a great place to see and visit with your friends and get a FREE picture with the jolly ole elf, himself,



with Santa from 2 - 4pm. Then step outside for more festivities:

Shop Blanchard Give-away at 4pm;
Blanchard Kindergarten sings at 5pm.
Christmas Parade at 6pm.

The Blanchard Annual Lighted Christmas Parade will step off at North Main beginning at 6pm on **Saturday**,

December 11th. The theme of the Parade is a "Cajun Christmas." Come celebrate Christmas from the deep South with Jed Castles, News9 Meteorologist and the JEDI of Oklahoma. For more information, please visit the City's website at www.cityofblanchard.us/events.

The Parade Entry Form is on the City's website for downloading.

Community Food Bank

Fresh and frozen food items will be available to anyone in need on **Tuesday, December 14th**. Food is distributed on a first-come, first served basis for the 73010 zip code area, at the First Baptist Church in Blanchard from 4-6pm.

All participants are requested to stay in their cars at all times and restrooms in the church will not be available.

December Meetings

- 6th ~ TEAM Blanchard (8am)
- 6th ~ BETA (6pm)
- 6th ~ BPS Board of Education (6pm)
- 9th ~ Planning Commission (6pm)
- 14th ~ City Council (6pm)
- 14th ~ BMIA (6pm)
- 16th ~ Code/Juvenile Court (4pm)
- 21st ~ Traffic Court (2pm)
- 21st ~ Board of Adjustment

December Special Events

- 7th ~ Pearl Harbor Day
- 11th ~ "CAJUN" Christmas Parade
- 11th ~ Christmas on Main
- 11th ~ Pictures with Santa
- 21st ~ Winter Solstice (9:59am CST)
- 24th ~ Christmas Eve
- 24th ~ Christmas Observance (City Hall **CLOSED**)
- 25th ~ Christmas
- 31st ~ New Year's Eve (City Hall **CLOSED**)

Holiday Closing



- Friday, December 24th (for Xmas Eve)
- Monday, December 27th (for Xmas)
- Friday, December 31st (New Year's)

If you have a police or fire emergency, please call 911. If you have a water or sewer emergency, please call 485.9391. Trash service collection as usual.

City Offices will reopen on the **Tuesday** following the Christmas Holidays, and Monday, January 3rd after New Year's.

Oil 'n Gas

The Oklahoma Corporation Commission reported since **November 26th** that NO oil wells were completed or permitted within the municipal limits of the City.

Pictures w/Santa



Santa will be available on **Saturday, December 11th** from **2 to 4pm** for pictures.

Santa will be visiting Blanchard to personally attend the

Christmas Parade and while he is here, he will be at Old City Hall for pictures.

Police Blotter

The following individuals were arrested:

- **December 1st** ~ HARGROVE, Matthew arrested on Pottawatomie County warrants and transported to McClain County.
- **December 2nd** ~ ADKINS, Thomas arrested on Canadian County warrants and transported to McClain County.
- **December 3rd** ~ SLOAN, Nathan arrested on Blanchard municipal warrants and transported to Grady County.

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, Monday thru Friday:**

MENU

- **6th** ~ Spaghetti, Salad, Corn, Dessert.
- **7th** ~ Ham and Potatoes, Green Beans, Fruit, Dessert.
- **8th** ~ Chicken and Dumplings, Carrots, Peas, Dessert.
- **9th** ~ Hobo Beans, Okra, Pickles and Onions, Cornbread, Dessert.
- **10th** ~ Grilled Cheese, Tomato Soup, Salad, Bread, 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.

Shop Blanchard!

The Chamber's annual Shop Blanchard promotion will begin on **November 11th** and end on **December 11th**. Cut-off time will be **3 PM** on the 11th.

The drawing will be **December 11th** around **4pm to 6pm**. All receipts must be from local businesses and dated from **November 11 - December 11, 2021**.

All giveaways are donated by local businesses.

Ways to Shop Local

- *Buy a gift card to use later
- *Shop online or by phone
- *Order take-out
- *Utilize delivery options
- *Order food ahead of time (don't wait in line)
- *Send an online gift or flowers
- *Update your memberships
- *Connect with local business owners, let them know you support them!



Special Election



As recommended by the Road Ad Hoc Committee, the Blanchard City Council passed a Resolution Thursday calling for a special election on **Feb. 8, 2022**.

The purpose of the election is to submit to the registered qualified electors of said City the question of approval or rejection of Ordinance No. 747 of the City of Blanchard relating to a one percent (1.00%) excise tax (sales tax), in addition to all present City,

County and State excise taxes, with the proceeds of said tax to be used to fund and finance road, street and bridge improvements benefits the City all as more fully set out in Ordinance No. 747 of the City of Blanchard; and containing other provisions related thereto.

Upcoming Events

- Saturday, 12-11 ~ Christmas Parade
- Saturday, 12-11 ~ Christmas on Main
- Saturday, 12-11 ~ Pictures w/Santa
- Tuesday, 12-21 ~ Winter Begins
- Friday, 12-24 ~ Christmas Eve
- Saturday, 12-25 ~ Christmas Day
- Friday, 12-31 ~ New Year's Eve

Winter Solstice

The winter solstice is one of the two times each year that the Sun is at its farthest point from the equator and appears to stand still. It occurs on **Tuesday, December 21st** at **9:59 a.m. CST**. The word *solstice* is derived from the Latin *sol*, or "Sun," and *stitium*, or "stoppage."

