

BLANCHARD E~NEWSLETTER

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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.

to conform more closely to the liturgical year of the Christian church, the Quarter Days became identified with the church's high seasonal festivals, which occurred close to the astronomical dates. Christmas, the fourth Quarter Day, was both the culmination of the old year and the first festival of the new year. The day originated as a solstice festival and signaled a time of resting and gathering fertility for a new round of sowing and reaping. This festival merged easily with the Christian celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ, which occurred at this time of year.

Christmas Day

The ancient Celts divided the year into four sections marked by Quarter Days - the of the solstice and equinoxes, on which the seasons begins. Gradually,



December Special Events

24th ~ Christmas Eve

24th ~ Christmas Observance [City Hall Closed]

25th ~ Christmas

27th ~ City Hall [Closed]

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.

January Meetings

- 3rd ~ TEAM Blanchard (8am)
- 3rd ~ Ad Hoc Committee (6pm)
- 4th ~ City Council (6pm)
- 10th ~ Traffic Court (2pm)
- 13th ~ Planning Commission (6pm)
- 18th ~ Board of Adjustment (6pm)
- 20th ~ Juvenile/Code Court (4pm)
- 21st ~ Board of Adjustment

January Special Events

- 1st ~ New Year's Day (City Hall **CLOSED**)
- 24th ~ Martin Luther King Day

Moving Forward!

Attached is an informational flyer https://scontent-dfw5-1.xx.fbcdn.net/v/t39.30808-6/s1080x2048/269493477_4500320733_428012_7478103136076024053_n.jpg?_nc_cat=101&ccb=1-5&nc_sid=8bfeb9&nc_ohc=vqAfusggpVgAX8QsrHI&nc_ht=scontent-dfw5-1.xx&oh=00_AT9YJ_fdfIAEtDSzSgkzN7Vyn3evuqD2BlcpT6SpOiIqcw&oe=61C19D09 regarding the upcoming municipal sales tax election slated for **Tuesday, February 8th, 2022.**

New Year's Day



In Scotland, December 31st is known as Hogmanay, the word children use to ask for their traditional present of an oatmeal cake (which is why this is also called Cake Day). The first person to cross the threshold into your home, called the first footer, is an indication of the year to come. Although the tradition varies, if the first footer is tall and dark, the year will be a good one.

To celebrate, the City allows the discharge of fireworks on **Friday, December 31st** from 12:00 Noon to 12:00 Midnite; and on **Saturday, January 1st** from 12:01 am to 12:30 am.

Oil 'n Gas

The Oklahoma Corporation Commission reported since **December 17th** that NO oil or gas wells were completed or permitted within the municipal limits of the City.

Police Blotter

The following were arrested by the Blanchard Police Department:

- **December 24th** ~ FARRAR, Anthony arrested for DUI.

School Break

The Blanchard Public Schools will be closed for the Christmas Holidays, NO CLASSES. Students will be out of school from **December 20th, 2021** to **January 2nd, 2022**. School resumes on **Monday, January 3rd**.

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**

- **27th** ~ CLOSED.
- **28th** ~ Loaded Potato, Salad, Rolls, Dessert.

- **29th** ~ Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Vegetables, Bread, Dessert.
- **30th** ~ Chili Beans, Salad, Corn, Crackers, Dessert.
- **31st** ~ CLOSED.

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.

Upcoming Events

Saturday, 12-25 ~ Christmas Day

Friday, 12-31 ~ New Year's Eve

