

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.

Animal Cruelty Prevention Month



Preventing animal cruelty starts with responsible pet ownership. Cruelty may include but not limited to animal *neglect* of unreasonable deprivation of necessary food, care or shelter or *inhumane treatment* includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- ◆ Any physical punishment inconsistent with the health of such animal;
- ◆ Lack of food or water for more than a twenty-four (24) hour period;
- ◆ Knowingly permitting obvious nutritional deficiencies or other evident health problems involving any animal;
- ◆ Improper use of any collar or harness or a fixed leash for the purpose of confining any animal which results in flesh laceration, obvious pain or to cause choking to such animal;
- ◆ Depriving animal of adequate shelter; and
- ◆ Inhumane killing or attempting to kill any animal.

You can report instances of animal cruelty to the City of Blanchard to be investigated by calling 485-9392.

April Meeting Calendar

- 15th ~ Code/Juvenile Court [4pm]
- 20th ~ Board of Adjustment [6pm]
- 27th ~ Traffic Court [2pm]
- 27th ~ City Council [6 pm]
- 27th ~ BMIA Board of Trustees [6 pm]

April Special Events

- 11th ~ U.S. Submarine Force Day
- 15th ~ Purple Up! Day
- 22nd ~ Earth Day
- 24th ~ ATV/Golf Cart Poker Chip Run

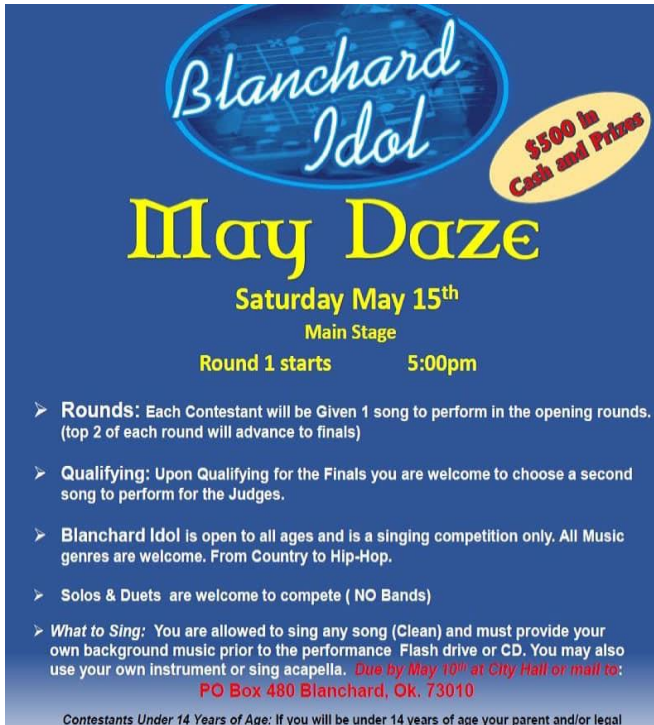
BETA Action

The Board of Trustees of the Blanchard Economic Trust Authority (BETA) held their April regular meeting on Monday, April 5th at 6:00 p.m. and discussed and voted on the following items:

- Approved the site and plans of a proposed Building on Lot 3 of Crystal Lake Industrial Park.
- Discussed Economic Development.
- Discussed Farmers Market.
- Discussed Incubator Facility.
- Approved Consent Agenda.

The **June** meeting will be **Monday, 7th**.

Blanchard Idol



Blanchard Idol
May Daze
 Saturday May 15th
 Main Stage
 Round 1 starts 5:00pm

\$500 in Cash and Prizes

- **Rounds:** Each Contestant will be Given 1 song to perform in the opening rounds. (top 2 of each round will advance to finals)
- **Qualifying:** Upon Qualifying for the Finals you are welcome to choose a second song to perform for the Judges.
- **Blanchard Idol** is open to all ages and is a singing competition only. All Music genres are welcome. From Country to Hip-Hop.
- **Solos & Duets** are welcome to compete (NO Bands)
- **What to Sing:** You are allowed to sing any song (Clean) and must provide your own background music prior to the performance Flash drive or CD. You may also use your own instrument or sing acapella. **Due by May 10th at City Hall or mail to: PO Box 480 Blanchard, OK. 73010**

Contestants Under 14 Years of Age: If you will be under 14 years of age your parent and/or legal

All we have to do is agree to maintain the perimeter of the pond, which we already do and allow the state to put up a few signs stating what type of fish that has been stocked and announcing the program.

In addition, we have ordered twenty-four (24) solar lights for placement along the trail so they are lit at night for safety.

Congratulations!

Blanchard voters elected Joe Davis to represent Ward 1 and elected Chuck Kemper to represent Ward 4 to serve on the Blanchard City Council.

Their terms begin Monday, April 19th at 12 Noon and will be sworn into office by the City Attorney on April 27th.

Domino's Pizza

The Cleveland County Health Department inspected and approved Domino's Pizza for opening as a new Food Establishment in Blanchard.

The Oklahoma Fire Marshal will inspect their facility on Tuesday in order to open the new restaurant.

Fair Housing Month



April is 'Fair Housing Month' in Blanchard. The City encourages each citizen to implement the provisions of the City's Fair Housing Ordinance and requests that any person, or group of persons, planning activities to promote fair housing to inform the City Clerk of such activities. A copy of the Ordinance may be obtained from the Office of the City Clerk.

Close to Home

The City met with the Oklahoma Wildlife Department regarding participating in the "Close to Home" program by stocking the existing pond in Crystal Lake with fish on a semi-annual basis. This will allow us to offer an annual Fishing Derby to Blanchard kids under the age of 16 which is cosponsored by Walmart and Zebco.

Upon executing an agreement with ODA, the City will be given 300 fish to initially stock the pond. Another part of the program would entitle the City the opportunities to be involved in grant sharing with the state, providing items to include construction of a fishing dock, fountains (aerators) and fish feeders and other items such as a gazebo, park benches, foot bridge.

IRS Tax Deadline

The Treasury Department and Internal Revenue Service announced today that the federal income tax filing due date for individuals for the 2020 tax year will be automatically extended from April 15, 2021, to May 17, 2021. The IRS will be providing formal guidance in the coming days.

Individual taxpayers can also postpone federal income tax payments for the 2020 tax year due on April 15, 2021, to May 17, 2021, without penalties and interest, regardless of the amount owed. This postponement applies to individual taxpayers, including individuals who pay self-employment tax. Penalties, interest and additions to tax will begin to accrue on any remaining unpaid balances as of May 17, 2021. Individual taxpayers will automatically avoid interest and penalties on the taxes paid by May 17.

Individual taxpayers do not need to file any forms or call the IRS to qualify for this automatic federal tax filing and payment relief. Individual taxpayers who need additional time to file beyond the May 17 deadline can request a filing extension until Oct. 15 by filing [Form 4868](#) through their tax professional, tax software or using the [Free File](#) link on IRS.gov. Filing Form 4868 gives taxpayers until October 15 to file their 2020 tax return but does not grant an extension of time to pay taxes due. Taxpayers should pay their federal income tax due by May 17, 2021, to avoid interest and penalties.

The IRS urges taxpayers who are due a refund to file as soon as possible. Most tax refunds associated with e-filed returns are issued within 21 days.

May Daze Festival



Mark your calendar for the 'unofficial' start to summer in Blanchard. The Chamber's 27th

Annual May Daze Festival begins on **Friday, May 14th**, **Saturday, May 15th** and **Sunday, May 16th**.

Promotional (non-profit) booths are available at no cost to Chamber members. Your business may also volunteer for a shift in the Chamber booth if you would like to promote your business at the festival, but can't commit to a booth for the whole weekend.

Call the Chamber office at 485-8787 to reserve your space!

Oil 'n Gas

The Oklahoma Corporation Commission reported since **April 2nd** that NO oil wells were completed or permitted within the municipal limits of the City of Blanchard, either in McClain or Grady Counties.

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 23rd**, at **8:30 am**, with the Oklahoma Corporation Commission.

PC Action

The Blanchard Planning Commission held their April regular meeting on Thursday, April 8th at 6:30 p.m. and discussed and voted on the following items:

- Postponed to May 13th a Conditional Use Permit for medical marijuana Processing Facility - 1103 S. County Line Avenue.
- Held Public Hearing on rezoning approx. 10 acres from S-1 District to A-1 District.
- Adopted Resolution No. 2021-07 making recommendation to The City Council to Zoning Reclassification.
- Approved Lot Split of 1-acres from 78 acres of unplatted property on N. MacArthur Ave approx. one-half mile south of 85th Street
- Discussed 2035 Comprehensive Plan update.
- Approved Consent Agenda.
The May meeting will be **Thursday, 13th**.

Poker Chip Run

The Blanchard Parks Department has organized an ATV/Golf Cart Poker Chip Run to be held on **Saturday, April 24th**.

All proceeds benefit the Veterans Memorial. For more information, please visit the Parks Facebook Page.

Police Blotter

Blanchard jail activity:

4/04/21 ~ BISHOP, David arrested on DUID.

4/05/21 ~ BOONE, April arrested for PUBLIC INTOXICATION and DISTURBING the PEACE.

4/08/21 ~ ACHERY, William arrested on Outstanding local WARRANTS.

Purple Up! Day



PURPLE UP!
for military kids

Help Celebrate Military Kids on Purple Up! Day. April marks the nation's "Month of the Military Child," a time to honor our community youth impacted by deployment.

It is no secret that our military children face many challenges before, during and after deployment of their loved ones. Parental separation, increased responsibilities at home, and frequent moves, are just a few areas that military kids must navigate like a complicated obstacle course. However, if given enough support to get through these tough times, our military children can come through with great resilience and confidence, ever ready to face other life changing events. These kids are an inspiration and a source of pride, and it is fitting that we celebrate their spirits and commitments to our country.

In celebration, you're invited to join in showing your support by being part of "Purple Up! For Military Kids" Day. Everyone is encouraged to wear something purple on **Thursday, April 15th**. This will be a visible way to show support and thank military children for their strength and sacrifices. (Did you know: Purple is the color that symbolizes all branches of the military, as it is the combination of Army green, Coast Guard

blue, Air Force blue, Marine red and Navy blue.) The hope is everyone will take this opportunity to appreciate and celebrate these young heroes. Be creative ... the goal is for military youth to witness a sea of “purple” on that day in order to visually witness the support of their community!

Real ID

Oklahoma has recently begun distributing licenses which will satisfy the REAL ID standards for Oklahoma residents. In October all persons boarding commercial planes or entering federal facilities, including military bases, will be required to present a REAL ID compliant card. If you already hold a passport or military ID then your identification will meet these standards. State residents are not required to obtain an Oklahoma REAL ID. However, if you plan to fly, even on domestic airlines, federal law requires that you must possess a REAL ID compliant license. The state has provided a resource for educating residents on the implementation of REAL IDs. You may access this resource on the following website <https://www.realid.ok.gov>. If you have questions regarding your need to obtain a REAL ID or if you are wondering how to obtain a REAL ID, please visit the state’s REAL ID website.

Ride for the Memorial

Blanchard’s ‘Ride for the Memorial’ will be held on **Saturday, May 1st**.

All proceeds benefit the construction of the new Veterans Memorial.

Registration begins at **8:00 am to 10:00 am** at City Hall, 122 N. Main Street. It will be a 200-mile with five (5) stops beginning at Ada, Stratford, Wynnewood, Marlow and ending in Blanchard.

There will be food trucks, door prizes and entertainment beginning at 4:00 p.m. at Lions Park.

Sales Tax Collections

The sales tax collections for the month of April was more than ten percent (10.33%) than the monthly budgeted amount based on \$6,321,144.25 retail sales in Blanchard.

Month	\$ Amount	% +/-
Jul '20	271,270.11	13.70
Aug '20	281,592.81	26.26
Sep '20	284,896.09	-13.80
Oct '20	271,522.76	5.08
Nov '20	287,045.45	23.19
Dec '20	262,001.98	8.29
Jan '21	279,911.94	28.74
Feb '21	267,185.09	26.81
Mar '21	288,683.32	25.09
Apr '21	252,845.77	10.75
Totals	2,748,955.32	13.86

Senior Nutrition

The dining area of the Blanchard Senior Nutrition Site is OPEN. If you are 60 or older, you are eligible to participate free of charge. A suggested donation of \$2.00 is requested. Citizens under the age of 60 may participate but are required to pay \$5.00 for the meal.

LUNCH MENU

(April 12 - April 16)

Monday ~ Goulash, Carrots, Peas, Dessert.

Tuesday ~ Smoked Sausage and Cabbage, Parsley Potatoes, Mixed Vegetables, Roll Dessert.

Wednesday ~ BBQ Meatballs, Parsley Potatoes, Mixed Vegetables, Roll, Dessert.

Thursday ~ Navy Beans, Tomato Spoon Relish, Potatoes, Cornbread, Dessert.

Friday ~ Chef Salad, Fruit, 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. The Center is still delivering lunches daily.



Lions Park **Fridays @ 7pm**

JUNE	Band	Genre
June 4 th	Killin' Time Band	Classic Country
June 11 th	Middle of No where Band	Classic Rock
June 18 th	Edgar Crus	Classic Guitar
June 25 th	Mystery Date	80's & 90's Mix

Tax Payment Deadline

Oklahomans now have until **June 15, 2021** to pay their 2020 individual and business income taxes, and their first quarter 2021 estimated income tax payments. As a result of the recent disaster declaration issued by FEMA, the IRS announced the tax deadline extension for all individuals who reside or own a business in all of Oklahoma's 77 counties to provide relief for those affected by February's historic winter storms. Following the announcement from the IRS, the Oklahoma Tax Commission ordered the payment deadline extension to

provide further relief to Oklahoma taxpayers. The Oklahoma Tax Commissioners elected to adjust the payment deadline extension from April 15 to June 15 for all individuals that reside or own a business in Oklahoma.

Due dates for other tax types, including sales and withholding, remain the same. For more information, visit the Oklahoma Tax Commission website.

Thank You!

A big "THANK YOU" to Jim Cloud representing Ward 1 and Steve Misenheimer representing Ward 4 on the Blanchard City Council. Thank you for your public service!

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 (4th 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!

Tree Plantings

The Oklahoma Department of Agriculture’s Forestry Division came to Blanchard on Tuesday and provided approximately 240 trees and planted them in Crystal Lake Park along the Walking Trail and in open spaces. They planted Redbuds, Dogwoods, and various hardwood trees.

U.S. Submarine Force Day

The submarine force was established on April 11, 1900, when the United States Navy bought the submersible Holland VI from John Holland.

Since that historic day, submarines have been used with fortitude and creativity to sustain their superiority beneath the sea, and have become an indispensable asset that patrols and protects worldwide today.

Submarines and their underwater warfighting companions have commanded and operated by courageous men and women who have gone above and beyond the call of duty in service of their country.

Oklahoma has recognized the significance of the US submarine force and their crew for their defense of our most cherished freedoms.

April 11, 2021, has been proclaimed as United States Submarine Force Day.

Use Tax Collections

The use tax collections for the month of April was more than twenty-six percent (26.59%) less than the monthly budgeted amount based on \$1,835,214.25 retail sales in Blanchard.

Month	\$ Amount	% +/-
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Jul '20	93,410.49	-12.51
Aug '20	77,952.78	-30.94
Sep '20	78,265.11	-35.56
Oct '20	85,472.26	-66.16
Nov '20	73,911.74	-50.96
Dec '20	82,342.61	45.69
Jan '21	111,705.76	74.15
Feb '21	124,258.01	10.10
Mar '21	126,933.51	2.11
Apr '21	73,408.57	-72.91
Totals	927,660.84	-14.63

Veterans Memorial

The Veterans Committee has raised over \$120 thousand to date or 45.04% needed for the construction of the Memorial.

Construction will begin soon. The Navy Seabees stationed at Tinker AFB have agreed to provide manpower in its construction but are forbidden to use government equipment. Their labor will include plumbers, electricians, concrete finishers, etc. which will save the City thousands of dollars. The Committee has to provide the materials and necessary equipment.

Upon its completion, it will be the 2nd of its kind in the Nation. For more information, please visit the City’s website at www.cityofblanchard.us.

