

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

- 20th ~ Board of Adjustment [**Canceled**]
- 27th ~ Traffic Court [2pm]
- 27th ~ City Council [6 pm]
- 27th ~ BMIA Board of Trustees [6 pm]
- 30th ~ BETA Board of Trustees [12 Noon]

April Special Events

April 24th ~ ATV/Golf Cart Poker Chip Run

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

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.

Farmers Market

The Board of Trustees of the Blanchard Economic Trust Authority (BETA) will meet in special session Friday, April 30th to put the finishing touches on the application and guideline for the new Farmers Market in Blanchard.

The Market plans to officially open beginning Saturday, June 5th from 8am to 12 Noon and will be open every Saturday until October 2nd. It will be located at 316 E. Veterans Memorial Highway between Harrison and Van Buren Avenues.

It will be free for Vendors to participate and will require 80% Oklahoma Grown and Produced agricultural products with 20% can be purchased from other vendors in Oklahoma.



For more information, contact Chris Wittenbach at parks@cityofblanchard.us or 485-9392 or visit our Facebook page for more up-to-date information.

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](https://www.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 16th** 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 23rd**, at **8:30 am**, with the Oklahoma Corporation Commission.

On the BETA Agenda

The Board of Trustees of the Blanchard Economic Trust Authority will meet in special session on **Friday, April 30th** at **12 Noon p.m.** to discuss and take appropriate action on the following agenda items:

- Blanchard Farmers Market Application;
- Blanchard Farmers Market By-Laws & Vendor Guidelines.

The full agenda packet can be downloaded or reviewed at www.cityofblanchard.us.

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

On the BMIA Agenda

The Board of Trustees of the Blanchard Municipal Improvement Authority will meet in regular session on **Tuesday, April 27th** immediately following the City Council meeting at **6 p.m.** to discuss and take appropriate action on the following agenda items:

- 3rd Renewal and Modification of Solid Waste Collection & Disposal Contract;
- Engineering Agreement for 7th Street Lift Station at Main; and
- Consent Agenda.

The full agenda packet can be downloaded or reviewed at www.cityofblanchard.us.

The next Trust meeting will be **Tuesday, May 25th**.

On the Council Agenda

The City Council of the City of Blanchard will meet in regular session on **Tuesday, April 27th** at **6:00 p.m.** to discuss and take

appropriate action on the following agenda items:

- Oath of Office of newly elected City Council members;
- Mayor & Vice Mayor Appointment;
- International Firefighter Day Proclamation;
- Zoning Case Public Hearing;
- Zoning Ordinance;
- Emergency Clause;
- Resolution for Bank Signatures;
- Resolution for Street Lighting;
- Resolution for BETA appointments;
- Resolution for Road Review Ad Hoc Committee;
- Resolution for MOU with Oklahoma Department of Wildlife;
- Resolution for 1-yr Financial Consulting Services by Crawford & Associates;
- Resolution for 1-yr Library Services, Facilities & Maintenance of Blanchard Public Library;
- Resolution appointing 3-councilmen to the ACOG ITPC;
- Resolution renaming a street to Lowry's Circle;
- Fire Station No. 2 Change Order No. 4 deduct of \$110,402;
- Special Event Permits for a Beer Garden at May Daze and City-wide Crawfish Boil;
- Special meetings for Work/Study Sessions on FYE2022 Municipal Budget;
- Debt Write-Off of \$2,134 due to defendant's death;
- Blanchard 911 PSAP progress;
- Impoundment Lot;
- Consent Agenda; and
- Executive Session.

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The next Council meeting will be Tuesday, May 25th.

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.

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 Tecumseh, Ada, Wynnewood, Marlow and ending in Blanchard.

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

Senior Nutrition

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 26 - April 30)

Monday ~ Cook's Choice.

Tuesday ~ Pig-N-Blanket, Pea Salad, Carrots and Raisin Salad, Biscuits, Dessert.

Wednesday ~ Chicken Terazzini, Carrots, Peas, Dessert.

Thursday ~ Stew, Okra, Cornbread, Dessert.

Friday ~ Ribbette, Coleslaw, Black Beans, Bun, 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.

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.

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!



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