

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.

Armed Forces Day

President Harry S. Truman led the effort to establish a single holiday for citizens to come together and thank our military members for their patriotic service in support of our country.

On August 31, 1949, Secretary of Defense Louis Johnson announced the creation of an Armed Forces Day to replace separate Army, Navy, Marine Corps and Air Force Days.

The single day celebration stemmed for the unification of the Armed Forces under the Department of Defense. **Saturday, May 16th** will be Armed Forces Day in the United States.

BETA Action

The Board of Trustees of the Blanchard Economic Trust Authority met in special

session today (Friday, April 30th) at 12 Noon p.m. and discussed and took appropriate action on the following agenda items:

- APPROVED Blanchard Farmers Market Application;
- APPROVED Blanchard Farmers Market By-Laws & Vendor Guidelines with minor modifications.

The Market opens on Saturday, June 5th will run thru Saturday, October 2nd. It will be located on the south side of US-62 between Harrison and Van Buren.

The next Trust meeting will be Monday, June 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

BMIA Action

The Board of Trustees of the Blanchard Municipal Improvement Authority met in regular session on Tuesday, April 27th immediately following the City Council meeting at 6 p.m. and discussed and took appropriate action on the following agenda items:

- Adopted Resolution No. 2018-01 approving the 3rd Renewal and Modification of Solid Waste Collection & Disposal Contract with Waste Connections;
- Approved Engineering Agreement with Glenn Sullivan & Associates for 7th Street Lift Station at Main; and
- Approved Consent Agenda, as presented.

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

Close to Home Fishing

The City Council approved an Agreement with the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Commission to participate in the Close to Home Fishing Program at the Crystal Lake Park.

Council Action

The City Council of the City of Blanchard met in regular session on Tuesday, April 27th at 6:00 p.m. and discussed and took

appropriate action on the following agenda items:

- City Attorney administered the Oath of Office to the newly elected City Council members:

Joe Davis, Ward 1

Chuck Kemper, Ward 4

Eddie Odle, At Large

- * Albert Ryans, Ward 3 was out of state and couldn't attend.

- Nominated and appointed Eddie Odle as Mayor & nominated and appointed Michael Scalf as Vice Mayor, both for a 2-year term until April 2023;

- Issued the International Firefighter Day Proclamation;

- Deleted Zoning Case Public Hearing at applicant's request;

- Deleted Zoning Ordinance due to applicant's withdrawal of application;

- Deleted Emergency Clause due to applicant's withdrawal of application;

- Adopted Resolution No. 2021-09 approving Bank Signatures;

- Adopted Resolution No. 2021-10 approving installation of five (5) Street Lights;

- Adopted Resolution No. 2021-11 approving appointments of Mayor and Vice Mayor to serve a 2-year term on BETA's Board of Trustees;

- Adopted Resolution No. 2021-12 approving the formation of a Road Review Ad Hoc Committee;

- Adopted Resolution No. 2021-13 approving an MOU with the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife participating in the Close to Home Fishing Program;
- Adopted Resolution No. 2021-14 approving a 1-yr Financial Consulting Services with Crawford & Associates;
- Adopted Resolution No. 2021-15 approving a 1-yr Library Services, Facilities & Maintenance of the Blanchard Public Library with the Pioneer Library System;
- Adopted Resolution No. 2021-16 appointing 3-councilmen to the ACOG ITPC:
 - Chuck Kemper, Board Representative
 - Eddie Odle, Alternate
 - Joe Davis, Alternate
- Adopted Resolution No. 2021-17 renaming a street to Lowry's Circle;
- Approved Fire Station No. 2 Change Order No. 4 for deduct of \$110,402 and issue Purchase Order for \$110,402;
- Approved Special Event Permits for a Beer Garden at May Daze on May 14 - 16 sponsored by the Blanchard Chamber of Commerce and City-wide Crawfish Boil sponsored by The Out of the Box and Restore Churches for May 22nd;
- Call two (2) Special meetings for Work/Study Sessions on FYE2022 Municipal Budget for Tuesday, May 11th and May 18th;
- Approved Debt Write-Off of \$2,034 due to defendants' death;

- Approved month-to-month Blanchard 911 PSAP costs with McClain County 911 Association;
- Deleted Impoundment Lot agenda item;
- Approved Consent Agenda with corrections to the minutes of 3/23/21; and
- Held Executive Session with NO action taken.

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

Graduation



The BHS graduation will be **Monday, May 10th**. Ceremonies begin at **7 p.m.** at the Blanchard H.S. Football Stadium.

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!

May Meeting Calendar

- 11th ~ Joint City/BMIA Special Meeting [6pm]
- 13th ~ Planning Commission [6:30pm]
- 18th ~ Joint City/BMIA Special Meeting [6pm]
- 18th ~ Board of Adjustment [Canceled]
- 20th ~ Code/Juvenile Court [4pm]
- 25th ~ Traffic Court [2pm]
- 25th ~ City Council [6 pm]
- 25th ~ BMIA Board of Trustees [6 pm]

May Special Events

- 1st ~ Ride for the Memorial
- 4th ~ National Teacher Appreciation Day
- 6th ~ National Day of Prayer
- 8th ~ Nat'l Military Spouse Appreciation Day
- 9th ~ Mother's Day

- 12th ~ Last Day of School
- 13th ~ Ascension Day
- 14th ~ May Daze
- 15th ~ May Daze
- 15th ~ Blanchard Idol
- 16th ~ May Daze
- 16th ~ Armed Forces Day
- 17th ~ IRS Tax Deadline
- 29th ~ Splash Pad [**OPENS**]
- 31st ~ Memorial Day [**City Hall Closed**]

Military Spouses Day

Military Spouses Day is a day to recognize and honor the real backbone of the military ... the spouses of our soldiers. This day recognizes the contributions made by military spouses to the spirit and the wellbeing of soldiers and military communities. Where would our military moral be without their spouses behind them? The observance is **Saturday, May 8th**.

Mother's Day

Sunday, May 9th will be Mother's Day. Although the custom of setting aside a day to honor mothers has ancient roots, our observance of Mother's Day originated in 1907 with the efforts of a devoted daughter, Anna M. Jarvis of Philadelphia, who conceived the idea of an annual nationwide celebration. The public and the press quickly embraced the idea, and villages, towns, cities, and

states soon began unofficial Mother's Day observances. On May 8, 1914, President Woodrow Wilson signed a proclamation designating the second Sunday in May Mother's Day, and within a few years, the idea gained worldwide prominence. The day is now characterized by gift giving, sending greeting cards and flowers, and giving mother a "day off" by taking the family out to eat. In the United States, Mother's Day is celebrated on the second Sunday of May.

National Day of Prayer

The National Day of Prayer is observed annually on the first Thursday in **May (May 6th)**. This day of observance, designated by the United States Congress, asks people "to turn to God in prayer and meditation." The modern law formalizing the annual National Day of Prayer observance was enacted in 1952 and each year since, the President of the United States has signed a proclamation, encouraging all Americans to pray on this day.

Before 1952, there have been a few other individual National Days of Prayer in United States history:

- July 20, 1775 - The Continental Congress issued a proclamation recommending "a day of public humiliation, fasting, and prayer" be observed.

- In 1795 - George Washington proclaimed a day of public thanksgiving and prayer.
- May 9, 1798 - John Adams declared this day as "a day of solemn humility, fasting, and prayer."
- March 1863 - On March 3, Abraham Lincoln signed a Congressional resolution, during the Civil War, which called for April 30, 1863, as a day of fasting and prayer.

For more information on National Day of Prayer visit the website nationaldayofprayer.org.

National Teacher Appreciation Day

In 1944, an Arkansas teacher named Mattye Whyte Woodridge began a campaign to establish a national day that would honor teachers. Woodridge wrote letters to politicians, education leaders, and eventually the first lady, Eleanor Roosevelt. In 1953, Mrs. Roosevelt convinced Congress to proclaim the first National Teacher Day. This year, it will be **Tuesday, May 4th**.



City offices will be closed **Monday, May 31st** in observance of Memorial 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 **April 23rd** 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.

Police Blotter

- 4/22/2021 ~ SMITH, Kristy arrested for Domestic A&B w/Deadly Weapon.
- 4/29/2021 ~ TYLER, Remington arrested on Outstanding Warrants.
- 4/29/2021 ~ LOPEZ VILLEDA, Santos arrested w/NO Driver's License & Speeding.

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.

Senate Bill 631

Governor Kevin Stitt signed legislation on Monday declaring Oklahoma a Second Amendment Sanctuary State. Senate Bill 631 says any federal order demanding the confiscation, buy-back or surrender of firearms infringes on Oklahomans Second Amendment rights.

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

(May 3 - May 7)

Monday ~ Chicken Rice, Carrots, Peas, Dessert.

Tuesday ~ Ham & Potato Casserole, Green Beans, Fruit, Dessert.

Wednesday ~ Beef Enchilada Casserole, Salad, Beans, Chips, Dessert.

Thursday ~ Navy Beans, Spinach, Potato, Cornbread, Dessert.

Friday ~ Sandwich, Salad, Macaroni, 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.



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.

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!