

## *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 16<sup>th</sup>** will be Armed Forces Day in the United States.

## *BHS Baccalaureate*



Congratulations  
Class of 2021!

BHS Baccalaureate  
Sunday, May 9th from 5:00-6:00pm  
Blanchard First, 919 NE 10th St.

Blanchard First will be hosting Baccalaureate and would like to invite all Graduates of 2021 and their families!

For more information please contact Blanchard First 405-485-2181

## *Blanchard Idol*



*Blanchard Idol*

**May Daze**

Saturday May 15<sup>th</sup>  
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 10<sup>th</sup> 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

## *Citizen Collection Station*

There has been some confusion regarding the city's limited use of and options available to the public regarding our Citizen Collection (Transfer) Station.

In the 1990s, the Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) approved a Citizen Collection Station for Blanchard under the Oklahoma Administrative Code (OAC).

A "Citizen Collection Station" is defined in the Code as 'a designated location that is established or sponsored by a governmental entity (Blanchard) and equipped with waste receptacles for exclusive, non-commercial use by individual residents to deposit their own household waste for collection and transportation to a permitted disposal site.' The Code defines household waste in part, as any solid waste (including garbage and trash) derived from households (including single and multiple residences).

Due to the restrictions set forth by the DEQ, the City's Citizen Collection Station is NOT permitted and cannot accept used tires, chemicals, paints, yard brush or any hazardous materials. The City used to accept brush and tree limbs to be burnt or chipped but following a complaint to the DEQ regarding these City actions, the DEQ halted all burning by reminding us we cannot even accept

any brush or tree limbs at all, until we come into compliance with State Law.

The OAC at Section 252:100-13-5 prohibits 'Open Burning.' The open burning of refuse and combustible materials is prohibited unless conducted in strict accordance with the conditions and requirements contained in the Code at Section 252:100-13-7, 252:100-13-8 and 252:100-13-9. Except as allowed in 252:100-13-8(1), NO person shall accept any material owned by other persons nor transport combustible material from where it is generated to another location in order to perform open burning. Under NO circumstances shall the open burning of tires be allowed. McClain County falls within the Oklahoma City MSA which requires the strict compliance with Air Pollution Control (Air Quality) Code.

Keep in mind that yard brush may be burned on the property where the waste is generated as long as there is not a burn ban in place and if you obtain a burn permit from the Blanchard Fire Department.

The thing we often forget is that Blanchard does NOT have a land fill or city dump site which are regulated by both the state's DEQ and the U.S. EPA. We have only been approved to provide a collection station. Everything that comes into our site must be processed and moved to a landfill site someplace else.

The City of Blanchard, in working with the ODEQ, desires to provide the best possible services to its citizens and are continuing to strive to improve the function of our collection center within the confines of state and federal laws and regulations in order to provide a clean environment for all.

accounts to keep up with sneak peaks of merchandise!

Instagram: @theblanchardmercantile

Twitter: @BlanchardMerc

(405) 485-6060

[blanchardmercantile@gmail.com](mailto:blanchardmercantile@gmail.com)

## Farmers Market



The new Blanchard Farmers Market will open for the season beginning **Saturday, June 5<sup>th</sup>** from **8am - Noon** located at 316 E. Veterans Memorial

(in the former campground site adjacent to the Blanchard Trinity Holiness Church). Please support our local market!

## Graduation



The BHS graduation will be **Monday, May 10<sup>th</sup>**.

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,

## 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.



The Blanchard Mercantile & Ice Cream Parlor will be opening in the heart of

Blanchard on Thursday, May 13<sup>th</sup> 2021. Their shop will showcase different and one of a kind products such as: Made in Oklahoma Products, Kitchen Goods, Home Décor, Men's Products, Clothing, Jewelry, Ice Cream, Pastries, local Fresh Produce, Made in OK products, and so much more! Follow their social media

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 27<sup>th</sup> Annual May Daze Festival begins on **Friday, May 14<sup>th</sup>**, **Saturday, May 15<sup>th</sup>** and **Sunday, May 16<sup>th</sup>**.

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

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

## May Special Events

- 8<sup>th</sup> ~ Nat'l Military Spouse Appreciation Day
- 9<sup>th</sup> ~ Mother's Day
- 9<sup>th</sup> ~ BHS Baccalaureate
- 10<sup>th</sup> ~ BHS Graduation
- 12<sup>th</sup> ~ Last Day of School
- 13<sup>th</sup> ~ Ascension Day
- 14<sup>th</sup> ~ May Daze
- 15<sup>th</sup> ~ May Daze
- 15<sup>th</sup> ~ Blanchard Idol
- 16<sup>th</sup> ~ May Daze
- 16<sup>th</sup> ~ Armed Forces Day
- 17<sup>th</sup> ~ IRS Tax Deadline
- 22<sup>nd</sup> ~ Mudbugs in May
- 29<sup>th</sup> ~ Splash Pad [OPENS]
- 31<sup>st</sup> ~ Memorial Day [City Hall Closed]

## Memorial Day

REMEMBER THOSE WHO SERVED



ALL GAVE SOME, SOME GAVE ALL

The custom of honoring our ancestors by cleaning cemeteries and decorating graves is an ancient and worldwide tradition, but the specific origin of

Memorial Day, or Decoration Day as it was first known, are unclear.

In early rural America, this duty was usually performed in late summer and was an occasion for family reunions and picnics.

After the Civil War, America's need for a secular, patriotic ceremony to honor our military dead became prominent, as monuments to fallen soldiers were erected and dedicated, and ceremonies centering on the decorations of soldier's graves were held in cities and towns thru-out the nation.

No less than 25 places have been named in connection with the origin of Memorial Day, and for many years, states observed the holiday on different dates.

However, by federal law, Memorial Day is now celebrated on the last Monday in May which will be May 31<sup>st</sup>.

## 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 8<sup>th</sup>**.

## Mother's Day

Sunday 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. In 1914, President Woodrow Wilson signed a proclamation designating the second Sunday in May Mother's Day. The day is now characterized by gift giving, sending greeting cards and flowers, and giving mother a "day off".



## OFFICES CLOSED FOR HOLIDAY

City offices will be closed **Monday, May 31<sup>st</sup>** 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 30<sup>th</sup>** 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 23<sup>rd</sup>**, at **8:30 am**, with the Oklahoma Corporation Commission.

## Planning Commission

The Blanchard Planning Commission will hold their May meeting on **Thursday, May**

13<sup>th</sup> beginning at 6:30p.m. to discuss and consider the following agenda items:

\* Open, conduct and close Public Hearing to receive public comments on the proposed Conditional Use Permit submitted by Earnest Bell, 1103 S. County Line Ave for Medical Marijuana Processing;

\* Adopting a Resolution recommending approval or denial to the City Council regarding the Conditional Use Permit as submitted by the applicant.

\* Open, conduct and close Public Hearing to receive public comments on the proposed Rezoning Application by Connie Lee Adamson, 839 N. MacArthur Ave, from S-1, Suburban District to R-E, Residential Estates;

\* Adopting a Resolution recommending approval or denial to the City Council regarding the rezoning request as submitted by the applicant;

\* Open, conduct and close Public Hearing to receive public comments on the proposed Rezoning Application by Virginia W. Pedlow & David Ford Johnson, appx. 2.27 acres located at the SW intersection of U.S. Hwy 62 & NE 10th St (across U.S. 62 from Sonic) from A-1, Agricultural District to C-3, Planned Shopping Center District;

\* Adopting a Resolution recommending approval or denial to the City Council regarding the rezoning request as submitted by the applicant.

\* Open, conduct and close Public Hearing to receive public comments on the proposed Rezoning Application by Billie Coats Long Children's Trust (MCD Development, LLC), south side of NE 85th St b/w Hwy 76 & Rockwell Ave from A-1, Agricultural District to R-1, Single Family Residential & a Planned Unit Development (PUD);

\* Adopting a Resolution recommending approval or denial to the City Council regarding the rezoning request as submitted by the applicant;

\* Discussion and consideration regarding approval or denial of the Preliminary Plat for The Preserve (PUD) subject to any conditions outlined in Staff Report; and

\* Consent Agenda.

## *Police Blotter*

5/4/2021 ~ ADKINSON, Danielle arrested on OK County Warrants.

## *Sales Tax Collections*

The sales tax collections for the month of May was more than fifty-nine percent (59.895%) than the monthly budgeted amount based on \$9,160,664 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
May '21	366,426.56	34.36
Jun '21	0.00	0.00
Totals	3,115,381.78	15.94

## 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 10 - May 14)

**Monday** ~ Chicken Dumplings, Carrots, Peas, Dessert.

**Tuesday** ~ Sausage Gravy, Potatoes Biscuits, Dessert.

**Wednesday** ~ Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Bread, Dessert.

**Thursday** ~ Blackeyed Peas, Cabbage, Potatoes, Cornbread, Dessert.

**Friday** ~ **CLOSED**.

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 <sup>th</sup>	Killin' Time Band	Classic Country
June 11 <sup>th</sup>	Middle of No where Band	Classic Rock
June 18 <sup>th</sup>	Edgar Crus	Classic Guitar
June 25 <sup>th</sup>	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 (4<sup>th</sup> 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!

## *Tornado Safety*



In Oklahoma, tornados are most frequent in the spring and summer months. An average of 800 tornados are reported each year, causing 80 deaths and over 1,500 injuries per year. These storms are capable of tremendous destruction with wind speeds of 250 mph or greater. The following guidelines will assist in keeping you safe:

**Tornado Watch** - means a tornado is "possible". When the National Weather Service issues a warning, it is time to turn on a TV or radio, look out the window from time to time, and be more alert to what is happening outside.

**Tornado Warning** - means that a tornado has actually been spotted, or is strongly indicated on radar, and it is time to go to a safe shelter immediately.

### **Warning Signs** -

- » A sickly greenish or greenish black color to the sky.
- » If there is a tornado warning or watch posted, then the fall of hail should be considered as a real danger.
- » A strange quiet that occurs within or shortly after the thunderstorm.
- » Clouds moving by very fast, especially in a rotating pattern or converging toward one area of the sky.

- » A sound a little like a waterfall or rushing air at first, then turning into a roar as it comes closer.
- » Tornadoes usually move from southwest to northeast.
- Possible Shelters -*
- » Basements.
- » Interior rooms or hallways on the lowest floor.
- » Small rooms - restrooms, closets, etc. Avoid rooms with wide span roof areas.
- » Get under a piece of sturdy furniture - heavy table, cubicle work surface, etc.
- » Stay away from exterior walls, windows, mirrors, items hanging overhead.
- » Do not stay in vehicles.
- » If no other shelter is available, lay down in a depression in the ground, such as a ditch.
- » Use your arms to protect your head and neck.

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	20.19
Mar '21	126,933.51	300.00
Apr '21	73,408.57	-15.10
May '21	113,166.90	16.51
Jun '21	0.00	0.00
Totals	1,040,827.74	-12.07

## Veterans Memorial

The Veterans Committee has raised over \$130 thousand to date or 48.63% needed for the construction of the Memorial. Construction will begin soon.

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](http://www.cityofblanchard).

## Use Tax Collections

The sales tax collections for the month of May was more than thirteen percent (13.167%) than the monthly budgeted amount based on \$2,829,172.50 retail sales purchased outside Blanchard:

Month	\$ Amount	% +/-
Jul '20	93,410.49	-12.51
Aug '20	77,952.78	-30.94

