

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.

Ribbon Cutting

The Blanchard Mercantile & Ice Cream Parlor opened in the heart of Blanchard on Thursday, May 13th 2021. Their shop showcases 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 accounts to keep up with sneak peaks of merchandise!

Farmers Market



The new Blanchard Farmers Market will open for the season beginning **Saturday, June 5th** 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!

House Numbering

In an emergency, first responders (fire, police and ambulance) and utility service technicians depend on clearly marked addresses to find the right home as quickly as possible. Finding a residence can be challenging if street addresses (house number) are unreadable, hidden, unlit or missing. You can help emergency responders and service technicians locate your home by following these tips:

- Replace aging or faded numbers;
- Clear all obstructions (hanging plants, bushes, flags, etc.) from blocking your house number;
- Post large numbers to allow visibility from the street;
- Place your numbers near the street or on the curb, with a reflective coating and contrasting background;
- Allow numbers to be seen from all directions (if your home is on a corner, have numbers posted on all sides).

BMC §4-402 requires all building and houses to be numbered. The even numbers (2,4,6, etc.) shall be on the east side of the streets extending north and south, and on the south side of the streets extending east and west; the odd numbers (1,3,5, etc.) shall be on the opposite side of streets.

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 Meeting Calendar

- 17th ~ Ad Hoc Road Committee [6pm]
- 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

- 16th ~ May Daze
- 16th ~ Armed Forces Day
- 17th ~ IRS Tax Deadline
- 22nd ~ Mudbugs in May
- 29th ~ Splash Pad [OPENS]
- 31st ~ 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 31st.



OFFICES CLOSED FOR HOLIDAY

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 **May 7th** 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.

Planning Commission

The Blanchard Planning Commission held their May meeting on Thursday, May 13th at 6:30p.m. and discussed and considered the following agenda items:

- * **HELD** Public Hearing on the proposed Conditional Use Permit submitted by Earnest Bell, 1103 S. County Line Ave for Medical Marijuana Processing;
- * **ADOPTED** Resolution No. 2021-08 recommending approval to the City Council regarding the Conditional Use Permit as submitted by the applicant.
- * **HELD** Public Hearing on the proposed Rezoning Application by Connie Lee Adamson, 839 N. MacArthur Ave, from S-1, Suburban District to R-E, Residential Estates;

* **ADOPTED** Resolution No. 2021-09 recommending approval to the City Council regarding the rezoning request as submitted by the applicant;

* **HELD** Public Hearing 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;

* **ADOPTED** Resolution No. 2021-10 recommending approval to the City Council regarding the rezoning request as submitted by the applicant.

* **HELD** 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);

* **ADOPTED** Resolution No. 2021-11 recommending approval to the City Council regarding the rezoning request as submitted by the applicant SUBJECT to the submission of a PUD;

* **TABLED** the Preliminary Plat for The Preserve (PUD) subject to any conditions outlined in Staff Report; and

* **APPROVED** Consent Agenda.

The Planning Commission's June meeting will be held Thursday, June 10th at 6:30 p.m.

Police Blotter

5/8/21 ~ Harris, Paul - Payne county warrant

5/13/2021 ~ WILLAMS, Harold ordered by Texas Court.

5/13/2021 ~ Thompson, Joshua arrested on district charges in McClain County for domestic assault and battery by strangulation.

5/15/2021 ~ OCHOA, Jose arrested on Local Warrants.

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 17 - May 21)

Monday ~ Taco Salad, Beans, Corn, Chips, Dessert.

Tuesday ~ Beef Stroganoff, Sweet Potato, Mixed Vegetables, Dessert.

Wednesday ~ Chicken Pasta Salad, Beets Crackers, Dessert.

Thursday ~ Pinto Beans, Tomato Spoon Relish, Spinach, Cornbread, Dessert.

Friday ~ Salmon Patty, Blackeyed Peas, Cabbage, Cornbread, 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.

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!

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.