

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.

BMIA Agenda

The Blanchard Municipal Improvement Authority will hold their May meeting on **Tuesday, May 25th** at **6:00p.m.** to discuss and consider the following agenda items:

- * Schedule of Fees for the Authority;
- * Consent Agenda.

Budget Hearing

The Blanchard City Council and the Board of Trustees of the Blanchard Municipal Improvement Authority will hold a Public Hearing on the proposed revenues and expenditures for Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022.

The Public Hearing will be conducted at a Joint Special Meeting on **Tuesday, June 1st** at **6:00 p.m.**

City Council Agenda

The Blanchard City Council will hold their May meeting on **Tuesday, May 25th** at **6:00p.m.** to discuss and consider the following agenda items:

- * Public Hearing on PC's recommendation to approve application for Conditional Use Permit for medical marijuana processing facility at 1103 S. County Line Avenue;
- * Resolution approving the Conditional Use Permit;
- * Public Hearing on PC's recommendation to approve rezoning application reclassifying property from the Suburban District to Residential Estates District at 839 N. MacArthur Avenue;
- * Ordinance approving the R-E Zoning application;
- * Emergency Clause;
- * Public Hearing on PC's recommendation to approve zoning application reclassifying property from the Agricultural District to Planned Shopping Center District for 2.27 acres next to Fox Run III;
- * Ordinance approving the C-3 Zoning application;
- * Emergency Clause;
- * Public Hearing on PC's recommendation to approve zoning application reclassifying property from the Agricultural District to Single Family Residential District for

67.91 acres on 85th Street NW b/w OK-76 and Rockwell Avenue;

- * Ordinance approving the R-1 Zoning application;
- * Emergency Clause;
- * Appointments to the Board of Adjustment and Planning Commission;
- * Resolution renewing the inmate housing agreement with the Grady County Criminal Justice Authority;
- * Resolution renewing the transportation services agreement with the Delta Community Action Foundation, Inc./Delta Public Transit;
- * Main Street parking complaint;
- * 2021-2022 Fee Schedule;
- * BLLA request to address complaint on ADA accessibility;
- * Ratification of 25th Street NW emergency repairs;
- * Consent Agenda; and
- * Executive Session.

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

May Meeting Calendar

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

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

Farmers Market



The new Blanchard Farmers Market will open for the season beginning **Saturday, June 5th** from **8am - Noon** located at 316

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.



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 14th** 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

No Arrests.

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 24 - May 28**)

Monday ~ Goulash, Carrots, Peas, Dessert.

Tuesday ~ Smoked Sausage, Cabbage, Parsley Potatoes, Cornbread, Dessert.

Wednesday ~ Chicken Patty, Mashed Potatoes, Vegetables, Bread, 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. However, 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!

Shelter In-Place

The season of unstable, severe weather is upon us. FEMA recommends that families create a plan of their own to implement in order to shelter in-place at home.

Splash Pad

The City's Parks Department plans to open the water park on Friday, May 28th, located in Lions Park at 7th Street west of Main Street.

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.
- » Tornados 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.