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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 Action

The Board of Trustees of the Blanchard Municipal Improvement Authority held their regular June meeting on **Tuesday, June 22nd**, beginning immediately after the City Council meeting, and discussed, considered and took appropriate action, including, but not limited to, the approval, denial, amendment, revision or conditional approval, in whole or in part of:

- * Approved debt write-off in the amount of \$687.10 due to the death of nine (9) utility customers;
- * Accepted bids and awarded the purchase of two (2) 40HP Chopper pumps to the lowest and best bidder submitted by Edwards Equipment for both lift

stations; and

- * Approved the Consent Agenda, as presented.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees will be **Tuesday, July 27th, 2021**.

Central OK Ozone Alerts

With summer arriving, so does the threat of high ozone days in Central Oklahoma. We've had two (2) this week.

Ozone Alert Days are called by the Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality (ODEQ) when air pollution is expected to reach unhealthy ranges. Ozone exposure is a health risk to the entire population but particularly sensitive are children, the elderly, anyone with respiratory or cardiovascular illnesses and anyone who experiences prolonged exposure.

ACOG sends out an Ozone Alert to notify the public that they should make voluntary changes to reduce their contribution to dangerous ground-level ozone. Central Oklahoma residents can receive these alerts through text or email.

Get in the #KNOWZONE is their 2020 Ozone Alert campaign. Please visit www.acogok.org to review their Ozone Alert web page which also includes helpful information.

City Council Action

The City Council of the City of Blanchard held their regular June meeting on **Tuesday, June 22nd**, and discussed, considered and took appropriate action, including, but not limited to, the approval, denial, amendment, revision or conditional approval, in whole or in part of:

- * Held Public Hearing receiving NO public comments on the Planning Commission's recommendation proposing Rezoning by David and Tsianina Garrett at the location of SE corner of U.S. 62 and Laura Meadows Dr from the S-1, Suburban District to the R-E, Residential Estates District.
- * Adopted Zoning Ordinance No. 738 approving the rezoning request as recommended.
- * Tabled the Emergency Clause for Zoning Ordinance No. 738.
- * Held Public Hearing receiving NO public comments on the Planning Commission's recommendation proposing the PUD Overlay application by the Billie Coats Long Children's Trust on the location on the South side of NE 85th St

b/w Hwy 76 & Rockwell Ave with a Planned Unit Development (PUD) overlay over property zoned R-1, Single Family Residential District.

- * Adopted Zoning Ordinance No. 739 approving the PUD Overlay as recommended.
- * Tabled Emergency Clause for Zoning Ordinance No. 739.
- * Adopted Ordinance No. 740 amending Chapter 16, Article 5 of the BMC regarding Parks, Recreation & Fishing.
- * Tabled Emergency Clause for Ordinance No. 740.
- * Adopted Ordinance No. 741 amending Section 21-505 of Chapter 21, Article 5 of the BMC regarding the parking of RVs and boats.
- * Tabled Emergency Clause for Ordinance No. 741.
- * Adopted Resolution No. 2021-22 approving three (3) Interlocal Agreements with the McClain County Board of County Commissioners.
- * Adopted Resolution No. 2021-23 approving the Blanchard Little League Association for South Park and Lions Park.
- * Adopted Resolution No. 2021-24 nominating and appointing Gale Gendron to the Planning Commission for a 3-year term.
- * Adopted Resolution No. 2021-25 nominating and appointing Chuck Kemper as the Council designee and Eddie Odle

and Joe Davis as alternates to the ACOG 9-1-1 Association.

* Adopted Resolution No. 2021-26 authorizing a EDA grant application.

* Adopted Resolution No. 2021-27 declaring city-owned property to be surplus.

* Adopted Resolution No. 2021-28 approving annual renewal of Angel, Johnston, Blasingame for annual Audit.

* Adopted Resolution No. 2021-29 authorizing stop signs at intersection of Tewksbury Lane and Highgrove Drive in Fox Run III.

* Tabled Resolution relating to the Final Plat of U-Haul Storage.

* Approved Consent Agenda, as presented.

* Held Executive Session regarding economic development activities.

The next regular meeting of the City Council will be **Tuesday, July 27th, 2021**.

Farmers Market



The Blanchard Farmers Market will be opened **tomorrow (Saturday), June 26th** from **8am - Noon** located at 316 E. Veterans Memorial (in the former

campground site adjacent to the Blanchard Trinity Holiness Church).

The same vendors with their products will be on hand and new vendors with vegetables will be present.

Please support our local market!

Fight the Bite!



These insects kill more people in 1 day than sharks do in a century!

Individuals can reduce their risk of contracting mosquito-borne diseases, such as the West Nile virus, by getting rid of standing water around houses and by using insect repellent. Here is a simple way to remember how to "Fight the Bite" using mosquito safety.

Just remember 3 D's and a P!

- DRAIN stagnant water;
- DRESS wear long sleeves and pants;
- DEET repel when you're outside;
- PREVENT reduce your exposure.

Unfortunately, there is no easy solution for managing mosquitoes. Countless products on the market claim to be effective and easy to use but few have appreciable value in lessening the annoyance and incidence of bites. Unlike most insects found around homes, mosquitoes are pervasive outdoor pests and there are limits to what can be done to minimize their abundance,

Nonetheless, there are measures that can afford some relief.

Independence Celebration

One week away for the City's Annual Independence Celebration set for **Friday, July 2nd** from 6pm to 10pm.

BRING YOUR LAWNCHAIR!

Blanchard's INDEPENDENCE Celebration

Friday, July 2nd
6 PM - 10 PM Fireworks - Kid Zone - Food
(10TH & HYW 62) Fun for the whole Family!

Featuring the music of: **STARS & THE OKLAHOMA CITY SYMPHONIC BAND**

FIREWORKS PRESENTED BY:
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 OKLAHOMA ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE
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 Blanchard Parks & Recreation
Restore Christian Church

Vendors (Non-Food) may submit their application to Chris Wittenback at parks@cityofblanchard.us or fax at 405-484-3199. The night sky will become illuminated with dazzling fireworks sponsored by OEC and the City of

Blanchard. **YOU WON'T BE DISAPPOINTED!**

The events and fireworks display are **FREE** with **FREE** parking.

For more information, please visit the City's website at www.cityofblanchard.us or Facebook Page.

July Meeting Calendar

8th ~ Planning Commission [6:30pm]

20th ~ BOA [6pm]

22nd ~ Code/Juvenile Court [4pm]

27th ~ Traffic Court [2pm]

27th ~ City Council [6 pm]

27th ~ BMIA Board of Trustees [6 pm]

June Meeting Calendar

30th ~ Blanchard School Board [12Noon]

Fishing Derby

The City's first annual Kid's Fishing Derby was a success! 150 kids from the ages of 18months to 16 years of age registered Saturday for the City's first fishing event.

OFFICES CLOSED FOR HOLIDAY

City offices will be closed **Monday, July 5th** in observance of Independence 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 **June 18th** that 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, July 28th**, at **8:30 am**.

Police Blotter

The following arrests were made by the Blanchard PD:

- 6/19/21 ~ HYATT, Chasiti arrested on Outstanding Warrants;
- 6/20/21 ~ GOSSETT, Jamie arrested on DUS, Expired Tag, and Suspended Driver's License;
- 6/21/21 ~ DAMRON, Ashley arrested on Outstanding Warrant;
- 6/24/21 ~ SOLIS, Eduardo arrested on No State Driver's License.

Request for Proposals

The City of Blanchard received four (4) RFPs this afternoon from qualified firms for testing services of roadway base, sub-base and aggregate base core sampling of approximately 43 miles of Section Line roads in Blanchard.

Proposals will be evaluated and submitted to the City Council at their July meeting for award.

Senior Nutrition

If you are 60 or older, you are eligible to participate free of charge. A suggested d)

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 ~ Ham Salad, Tomato Soup, Salad, 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.

July Special Events

2nd ~ Independence Celebration

3rd ~ Farmer's Market

4th ~ Independence Day

10th ~ Farmer's Market

17th ~ Farmer's Market

24th ~ Farmer's Market

31st ~ Farmer's Market

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!

Upcoming Events

The first half of 2021 will be over this coming week! However, some of the best events are coming up in the 2nd half of the year. This events are:

Friday, July 2nd ~ Independence Day Celebration

Friday, August 20th ~ Blanchard's Bluegrass Festival

Saturday, August 21st ~ Blanchard's Bluegrass Festival

Saturday, September 25th ~ Mufflers on Main

Thursday, October 30th ~ PumpkinFest

Saturday, November 13th ~ Veterans Day Parade

Saturday, December 11th ~ Christmas Parade of Lights

