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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.

Autumnal Equinox



Fall begins
Wednesday,
September 22nd
at **2:21 p.m.**
CST.

The Autumnal
Equinox is defined

as the point at which the Sun appears to cross the celestial equator from north to south. The celestial equator is the circle in the celestial sphere halfway between the celestial poles. Another definition of fall are nites of below-freezing temperatures combined with day of temperatures below 70 degrees Fahrenheit. The word equinox means "equal nite"; nite and day are the

same length of time. The equinoxes are times when the Sun's apparent motion undergoes the most rapid change. Around the time of the equinoxes, variations in the position on the horizon when the Sun rises and sets can be noticed from one day to the next by alert observers.

BMIA Action

The Board of Trustees of the Blanchard Municipal Improvement Authority met in regular session on Tuesday, August 24th and discussed, considered and took appropriate action on the following agenda items:

- **Adopted** Resolution No. 2021-03 amending the Fee Schedule;
- **Declared** an Emergency Declaration to repair sanitary sewer line;
- **Approved** Consent Agenda.

The next regular meeting will be **Tuesday, September 28th.**

CCR

The City received our 2021 Water Consumer Confidence Report covering the Calendar Year 2020 from the Oklahoma

Department of Environmental Quality (ODEQ) this week. We are required by EPA to notify our consumers directly, so an insert in the September 1st billing will have a link to that Report. Also, it will be uploaded to our Website.

In addition, here is the link to the Report:

<http://sdwis.deq.state.ok.us/DWW/CCReports/OK3004710.pdf>.

Citizenship Day



Formerly called Constitution Day, Citizenship Day will be observed on Friday, **September 17th**. However, **September 17th** marks the anniversary of the date in 1787 when the

final draft of the Constitution of the United States was signed by delegates to the Constitutional Convention after months of wrangling. The framers had been arguing constantly as they met in secret, but they had leaked reports to the press indicating that all was well. The Federalists [as they were called] argued thru June and most of July and reached an agreement on July 16. After deciding

to leave out a bill of rights - because everyone was worn-out and they thought there was no need for such a list - the framers completed the final draft on September 17 and made it ready for submission to the states for ratification.

Constitution Week

Celebrate

**CONSTITUTION
★ ★ ★ ★ ★ DAY**



September 17

Constitution Day and Citizenship Day is a combined event that is annually observed in the United States on **September 17**.

This event commemorates the formation and signing of the Constitution of the United States on September 17, 1787.

It also recognizes all who, by coming of age or by naturalization, have become US citizens.

The Mayor proclaimed the week of September 13 - 19 for observance of National Constitution Week.

Council Action

The Blanchard City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, August 24th and

discussed, considered and took appropriate action on the following agenda items:

- **Held** Public Hearing for public comments on the proposed Rezoning from S-1, Suburban District to R-E, Residential Estates District.
- **Adopted** Ordinance No. 743 approving the rezoning request as submitted by the applicant.
- **Adopted** Emergency Clause for Zoning Ordinance;
- **Adopted** Resolution No. 2021-35 amending the Jail Policy;
- **Adopted** Resolution No. 2021-36 accepting water/sewer improvements as "public utilities";
- **Approved** funding for ADA improvements at South Park;
- **Discussed** Main Street School Traffic;
- **Approved** funding for the Blanchard PSAP (911 Dispatch Center);
- **Adopted** Resolution No. 2021-37 approving a Final Plat for the Blanchard U-Haul Storages;

ADDENDUM

- **Authorized** the City Attorney to file appropriate pleadings on the Petition to vacate a public street in McClain County;
- **Approved** Ad Hoc Committee's recommendation regarding Standard Testing of section line roads;
- **Approved** the first \$50,000 for road repairs; and
- **Held** Executive Session:

The next regular meeting will be **Tuesday, September 28th**.

Executive Order

The Governor directed that all U.S. and Oklahoma flags to be flown at half staff immediately to honor and pay our respects to the U.S. service members and other victims killed in the terrorist attack on August 26, 2021, Kabul, Afghanistan. Flags should remain lowered until 5:00 p.m on August 30, 2021.

Farmers Market



The Blanchard Farmers Market is open every **Saturday**, from **8am - Noon** until

October 2nd. It is located at 316 E. Veterans Memorial (in the former campground site adjacent to the Blanchard Trinity Holiness Church).

We have a total of eighteen (18) vendors who have signed up and may be on hand with fresh fruit and vegetables, breads, and other products.

Please come out and support our local market!

Fire Prevention Week

As Fire Prevention Week™ approaches, the City of Blanchard's Fire Department reminds residents to

"Learn the Sounds of Fire Safety™"

The Blanchard Fire Department is teaming up with the National Fire Protection Association® (NFPA®)—the official sponsor of Fire Prevention Week for more than 90 years—to promote this year's Fire Prevention Week™ campaign, "Learn the Sounds of Fire Safety™."

This year's campaign, October 3-9th, works to educate everyone about simple but important actions they can take to keep themselves and those around them safe.

The Blanchard Fire Department encourages all residents to embrace the 2021 Fire Prevention Week theme.

"It's important to learn the different sounds of smoke and carbon monoxide alarms. When an alarm makes noise—a beeping sound or a chirping sound—you must take action!" said Charlie Largent, Fire Chief. "Make sure everyone in the home understands the sounds of the alarms and knows how to respond. To learn the sounds of your specific smoke and carbon monoxide alarms, check the manufacturer's instructions that came in the box, or search the brand and model online."

The Blanchard Fire Department wants to share safety tips to help you "Learn the Sounds of Fire Safety"

- * A continuous set of three loud beeps—beep, beep, beep—means smoke or fire. Get out, call 9-1-1, and stay out.
- * A single chirp every 30 or 60 seconds means the battery is low and must be changed.
- * All smoke alarms must be replaced after 10 years.
- * Chirping that continues after the battery has been replaced means the alarm is at the end of its life and the unit must be replaced.
- * Make sure your smoke and CO alarms meet the needs of all your family members, including those with sensory or physical disabilities.

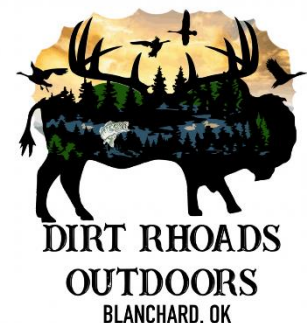
For more general information about Fire Prevention Week and fire prevention in general, visit www.fpw.org.

Grand Opening

You may have already seen the sign heading to the Spur.

Blanchard is getting a new full service outdoors gear

store located on US-62 across the road



from Knippelmier Chevrolet. They are opening up in the building where the Motorcycle Station was located. Dirt Rhoads Outdoors is planning to have their Grand Opening on **Wednesday, September 1st**.

They will sell guns, ammo, hunting gear, fishing gear, live bait, tackle, archery gear, compound bows and crossbows. They have their FFL and will have a full time gunsmith on duty and will be adding a bowtech soon. The gunsmith is certified and will also be able to refinish, reblue, and cerakote.

Opening store hours will be Tuesday thru Friday; 9 AM until 7 PM and Saturday and Sunday; 9 AM until 6 PM. They will be closed on Mondays. The store phone number will be 405-597-2100.

Their mission is to bring quality products and great customer service to the great folks in this area. Make it a point to go out and support this great business as the doors open this coming week in Blanchard.

Holiday Observance



City offices will be closed on **Monday,**

September 6th for Labor Day.

If you have a Police or Fire emergency, please call 911. If you have a water or sewer emergency, please call 485-9391 or 306.9532 for public works personnel on-call.

City offices will reopen Tuesday, Sept 7th at 8am. Trash service as usual.

McClain County Free Fair

The annual McClain County Free Fair and Livestock Show in Purcell will be held beginning **September 7th** running thru the **11th**.

The Fair includes 4-H, FFA, HCE and open class competition events, an antique tractor display featuring a five-gallon ice cream maker, kiddie tractor pull, best dressed pet contest and fun for the entire family. Browse through exhibits of local crops and farming and celebrate the agricultural abundance of the area. Exhibits on clothing construction, food preservation, baked goods, science projects, photography and more will also be featured.

Don't miss the fair's popular horse show or the all-you-can-eat bean and cornbread supper. Visitors to the McClain County Free Fair will also enjoy live entertainment throughout the event, a beef and dairy show and a children's rodeo. Bid for tasty treats in the fair's pie, cake and salsa auction, or simply come to this Purcell fair for luscious

barbecue and yummy homemade ice cream.

Mufflers on Main

The City's annual car and truck show will be held on **Saturday, September 25th** from **10am to 2pm**, on Main Street.

There will be live music and food vendors. Some of the best classic cars & trucks in the area, with over 40 trophies awarded and \$500 awarded to the Grand Champion, Join as we take a look into the Past and the future!

For
more



information, contact Chris Wittenbach at 248-6521 or parks@cityofblanchard.us.

OCC Hearing

The Oklahoma Corporation Commission hearing regarding the Wildcat Saltwater Disposal Well 1 LLC has been scheduled to be heard on **Wednesday, September 29th** at **8:30 am**.

Oil 'n Gas

The Oklahoma Corporation Commission reported since **August 20th** that NO oil wells were completed or permits issued

within the municipal limits of the City of Blanchard.

Oklahoma State Fair



The Great State Fair of Oklahoma will be held September 16th to the 26th. **BACK 2 FUN IN 21!**

One lucky winner will receive a prize

package valued at \$500 comprising of:
8-State Fair General Admission Tickets
4-Disney On Ice Tickets
4-Tickets to the Sky Wheel
4-Unlimited Carnival Ride Armbands
4-State Fair Polo Shirts
2-Preferred Parking Passes; and a \$100 Gift Card (for all the corn dogs and cinnamon rolls you can eat)!

Visit www.oklahoman.com/contests.

Sweepstakes runs August 15 -September 13, 2021.

The State Fair was canceled last year (2020) due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Police Blotter

- **8/21/21 ~ MUNOZ, Rodrigo** arrested for Domestic by Strangulation, Domestic in the Presence of a Minor, Obstructing Officer, and Resisting Arrest.

- 8/25/21 ~ SCOTT, Michael arrested for DUI.

Request for Proposals

The City Council of the City of Blanchard is requesting proposals from well qualified developers and/or development teams who have the capacity and expertise to develop city-owned property comprising of four (4) lots approximately 25 x 140' each for a total of 14,000 square feet MOL with 2-story style buildings with residential uses on top and commercial sales tax generating components on the bottom. This parcel "for sale" comprises Lots 1 -4 of Block 87, Original Plat of the Town of Blanchard located at the northwest corner of Main Street and 2nd Street SW within the Central Business District. The City encourages teams who have experience with masterplans and these type of developments that employ creative design elements.

The Request for Proposals (RFP) can be downloaded from the City's website at www.cityofblanchard.us homepage. For more information, please contact the City Manager at 405.485.9392.

Proposals are due by 5:00 O'clock P.M., Monday, September 27, 2021.

Senior Dining Program

The Blanchard Senior Nutrition Center serves a fully balanced lunch (entrees, sides, desserts, tea and coffee) for all senior citizens five (5) days a week beginning at 11:30am.

MENU

- 8/30 ~ Spaghetti, Salad, Hominy, Dessert.
- 8/31 ~ Hot Dog, Potato Salad, Pea Salad, Dessert.
- 9/01 ~ Chicken Tetrizzini, Carrots, Green Beans, Dessert.
- 9/02 ~ Stew, Okra, Cornbread, Dessert.
- 9/03 ~ Ribette, Coleslaw, Baked Beans, Bun, Dessert.

If you are 60 or older, you are eligible to participate free of charge. However, a suggested donation of \$2.00 is requested to insure the continuance in meeting the nutritional needs of our elderly citizens. Citizens under the age of 60 may participate but are required to pay \$5.00 for the meal. If you need a ride to the Center located at 101 S. Main Street, the City contracts with Delta Transit to provide bus service. Rides are available by calling 1-866-THAT-BUS.

For more information or this week's lunch menu, please call (405) 485-9260.

September Meeting Calendar

- 7th ~ Blanchard School Board [6pm]
- 9th ~ Planning Commission [6pm]
- 13th ~ TEAM Blanchard [8am]
- 13th ~ BETA [6pm]
- 14th: Possible Special City Council [6pm]
- 16th: Juvenile/Code Court [4pm]
- 20th: Ad Hoc Road Committee [6pm]
- 21st: BOA [6pm]
- 28th: Traffic Court [2pm]
- 28th: City Council [6pm]
- 28th: BMIA Board of Trustees [after Council meeting]

September Special Events

- 4th ~ Farmer's Market
- 6th ~ Labor Day
- 11th ~ Farmer's Market
- 11th ~ Patriot Day
- 18th ~ Farmer's Market
- 22nd ~ Fall Begins
- 25th ~ Farmer's Market

Tall Grass & Weeds

The City of Blanchard Municipal Code concerning public nuisances and property enhancement requires that owners or responsible persons of property located within the municipal city limits are prohibited from allowing debris, junk, waste or trash to accumulate, or weeds or tall grass over twelve (12") inches in

height, dead trees, bushes, and shrubs to grow or stand upon the premises.

This regulation is based upon the Oklahoma State Law Title 11, Section 22-111 which sets forth the procedure and definitions for the cleaning and mowing of property.

For more information, please contact Carol Mueller, Code Enforcement Officer, at 405.485.9392.

Upcoming Events

Upcoming events are:

Saturday, 9-25 ~ Mufflers on Main

Saturday, 10-30 ~ PumpkinFest

Saturday, 11-13 ~ Veterans Day Parade

Saturday, 12-11 ~ Christmas Parade of Lights