

# BLANCHARD E~NEWSLETTER

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## *After Hours*

For Public Works after-hour incidents (ie: water leaks, waterline breaks, sewer backups, sewer line breaks, lift station alarms, manhole overflowing, low-water pressure, no water, potholes, road repairs, signs missing or down, roadway flooding, debris in road, street lite out, 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 Board of Trustees of the Blanchard Municipal Improvement Authority will meet in regular session on **Tuesday, January 25<sup>th</sup>** to discuss, consider and take appropriate action on the following agenda items:

- ◆ **Utility Operations and Billing.**
- ◆ **Sealed Bids** for Phase 1 of Old Town Water Line Replacement.

◆ **Water Plan** submittal for US-62 Water Line Extension.

◆ **Engineering Agreement** with Glenn Sullivan & Associates for preparing Engineering Report of the sanitary sewer system.

◆ **Grant Application** for Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event.

◆ **Consent Agenda.**

The next meeting will be **Tuesday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2022.**

## *Business & Employment Notice*

The City of Blanchard is preparing to carry out the CDBG Grant Waterline Replacement Project through the use of Community Development Block Grant Funds. In the implementation of this project, the following job types may be available:

**Laborers, Pipe Layers, Equipment Operators**

All job openings will be posted at Blanchard City Hall. To the greatest extent feasible, employment and training positions will be made available to

qualified persons who permanently reside in McClain County or in the City of Blanchard. Persons qualified for the jobs listed should register at the City of Blanchard, City Hall, 122 N. Main, Blanchard, OK 73010-0480.

Additionally, the following contracts and procurements will/may be made and to the greatest extent feasible, businesses located in and owned by persons residing in McClain County will possibly be utilized:

**Waterline Replacement Project  
Equipment Rental  
Materials- Waterline PVC Pipe,  
Valves, Fire Hydrants**

All above-referenced procurements will be made on a competitive basis. The names of businesses who respond to this notice will be included on procurement lists for this project. Names of job seekers will be given to contractors.

Any person residing or firm located in the above-named areas may request to participate in procurement opportunities associated with this project by contacting City Hall, at 405-485-9392 within ten (10) days of this notice.

## *Burn Permits*

**Required in McClain County**

Residents are reminded that burn permits are required in McClain County to burn brush. It is not lawful to burn trash. For

information about obtaining a burn permit please contact the Blanchard Fire Department.

## *Carbon-Monoxide*

Due to the upcoming extreme cold and potential power outages, please be aware of the hazards of the following types of heating:

- ◆ **Never** use gas grills, propane grills, charcoal grills in a house, garage or enclosed area;
- ◆ All gas fire heaters **MUST** be vented to the outside to remove carbon monoxide from an enclosed area; and
- ◆ **Please** read and follow all manufacturer instructions for any heater.

## *Council Agenda*

The City Council of the City of Blanchard will meet in regular session on **Tuesday, January 25<sup>th</sup>** to discuss, consider and take appropriate action on the following agenda items:

- ◆ **Public Hearing** to receive public comments on the proposed Rezoning by:  
Applicant: C. Ross Coyle Revocable Trust.  
Location: Just East of 3076 NE 10<sup>th</sup>  
Zoning: S-1, Suburban District  
Proposed Use: A-1, Agricultural District  
Legal: 4.11 acres MOL

◆ **Ordinance No. 749** approving the rezoning request as submitted by the applicant.

◆ **Emergency Clause.**

◆ **Ordinance No. 747** amending said Ordinance relating to the Sales Tax Proposal.

◆ **Emergency Clause.**

◆ **Resolution No. 2022-01** approving the 2021 Supplement to the Blanchard Municipal Code of Ordinances.

◆ **Resolution No. 2022-02** approving a 4-stop at the intersection of NE 8<sup>th</sup> Street & Jackson Avenue, as requested by homeowners.

◆ **DEQ Application** for Oasis Ranch Addition Section 5 for both water and sewer permits.

◆ **DEQ Application** for the Preserve Section 1 for a water permit.

◆ **Roads Ad Hoc Committee Recommendation** based on the Road Condition Analysis dtd 1/18/22.

◆ **Consent Agenda.**

◆ **Executive Session.**

The next meeting will be **Tuesday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2022.**

## *COVID Numbers*

Currently, the City has seven (7) employees out sick with COVID from City Hall, Communications, Fire and Police. However, we may have more testing positive in the next few days.



## *January Meetings*

25<sup>th</sup> ~ City Council (6pm)

25<sup>th</sup> ~ BMIA (6pm)

## *January Special Events*

27<sup>th</sup> ~ Town Hall Meeting

## *Moving Forward!*

Attached is an informational flyer

[https://www.cityofblanchard.us/sites/g/files/vyhlf2821/f/news/12-20-2021\\_version\\_blanchard\\_road\\_replacement\\_plan.pdf](https://www.cityofblanchard.us/sites/g/files/vyhlf2821/f/news/12-20-2021_version_blanchard_road_replacement_plan.pdf) regarding the upcoming municipal sales tax election slated for **Tuesday, February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022.**

## *New Early Voting Location*

The McClain County Election Board has exciting news for voters in McClain

County concerning Early Voting for all elections being held in 2022. Voters who wish to vote early will now be doing so at the McClain County Community Center located at 1721 Hardcastle Blvd in Purcell. McClain County voters have been coming to the Election Board office to vote early for many years, but they have just outgrown the small space.

Conducting Early Voting at the County Community Center will have many advantages. The room is very large so they will be able to accommodate a lot more voters. This should cut down on the extremely long lines the Election Board have experienced in the past. The parking lot will also be a great improvement for voters. Parking around the Courthouse has always been very limited, but the McClain County Community Center has a large parking lot with many handicapped spaces up close.

February will be the first election voters will be able to cast their ballots early at the new location. Early Voting dates are **Thursday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>**, and **Friday, February 4<sup>th</sup>** from **8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.** Voting will take place in the large room on the North end of the County Community Center. The Center shares the parking lot with the McClain County Expo Center/Fairgrounds.

There is road construction project that currently has closed the North end of Hardcastle Blvd. Voters will have to

turn west off of Green Ave onto Chandler Rd then turn north onto Hardcastle Blvd right behind Walmart. The County Community Center is approximately .4 of a mile north on Hardcastle Blvd. The County will have signs clearly posted at the large entry gate to direct voters to the right location. Voters should not pull into the small parking lot on the east side of the Community Center. They need to continue north past the building to the large parking lot marked with signs. There will also be signs on the large glass entryway to direct voters.

The McClain County Election Board is very excited to be able to offer the voters this new location and they hope it is a great experience for all. For more information: please call or email the McClain County Election Board office if there are any questions:

PH: 405-527-3121

Email: [mcclaincounty@elections.ok.gov](mailto:mcclaincounty@elections.ok.gov)

## *Oil 'n Gas*

The Oklahoma Corporation Commission reported since **January 14<sup>th</sup>** that NO oil or gas wells were completed or permitted within the municipal limits of the City.

## *OKC Home-Garden Show*

The 2022 Oklahoma City Home and Garden Show will be held at the Oklahoma

State Fair Park will continue on **Saturday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>** thru **Sunday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>**. Plan to visit! Please <https://oklahomacityhomeshow.com/information> for more show details.

The second session of the 58th Legislature will begin at **Noon, Monday, February 7<sup>th</sup>** with the State of the State address from Gov. Kevin Stitt in the House Chamber.

## Oklahoma Legislature Park Events

The Oklahoma House of Representatives completed bill filing Thursday, January 20<sup>th</sup>, for the upcoming Second Session of the 58<sup>th</sup> Legislature. A grand total of 1,482 House Bills, 18 House Joint Resolutions and 2 House Concurrent Resolutions were filed. Additionally, 1,656 House Bills and 45 House Joint Resolutions, which may be filed at any point during session, remain eligible for consideration in the upcoming session.

The House is comprised of 82 Republicans and 19 Democrats.

Likewise, the Oklahoma Senate completed filing their bills for the Second Session of the 58<sup>th</sup> Legislature. Their deadline was Thursday, January 20<sup>th</sup>. A total of 774 Senate Bills and 23 Senate Joint Resolutions were filed. Additionally, 771 Senate Bills and 25 Senate Joint Resolutions were carried over from the 2021 session and are available for consideration during the 2022 session.

The Senate is comprised of 39 Republicans and 9 Democrats.

Planning for calendar year 2022 is well underway. The upcoming events are:



**March 12<sup>th</sup>** • St. Patrick's Day Parade

**May 5<sup>th</sup>** • Cinco De Mayo

**Fridays in June** • Movies and Concerts in the Park

**July 2<sup>nd</sup>** • Independence Day Celebration

**August 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>** • Bluegrass Festival

**September 24<sup>th</sup>** • Mufflers on Main

**October 22<sup>nd</sup>** • Ride for the Memorial Poker Run

**October 31<sup>st</sup>** • Pumpkinfest

**November 12<sup>th</sup>** • Veterans Day Parade

**December 10<sup>th</sup>** • Christmas Events & Parade of Lites

**March - October** • Pop Up Parties (food truck & live music)

More information will be forthcoming regarding each event posted on the City's Facebook page and the City's website.

## Police Blotter

No arrests this week.

## Public Hearing



The City Council will conduct a Public Hearing at the **January 25<sup>th</sup>** meeting to approve or deny

the Planning Commission's recommendation for rezoning property located on 10<sup>th</sup> Street NE from the S-1, Suburban District to the A-1, Agricultural District.

## Request for Proposals

The City of Blanchard thru the Blanchard Municipal Improvement Authority will be soliciting bids for the replacement of water lines as part of our CDBG project.

Advertising of the project will begin within the next few weeks.

## Senior Dining Suspended

The Blanchard Senior Nutrition Center will be closed due to COVID for in-door dining beginning **Monday, January 24<sup>th</sup>**.

However, the Blanchard Senior Nutrition Center will be delivering lunches to area seniors (60 years & older) who are currently on the Center's delivery list

and to any other area seniors in need. If you are a senior adult in need who is not already on the delivery list, please call the Center at 485.9260 to be added to the list.

The Center will remain closed until **Monday, February 7<sup>th</sup>**.

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

## Statewide Road Conditions

If you are traveling out of state this winter, for road conditions in Oklahoma call 844.465.4997.



For road conditions in neighboring states call the following:

Arkansas 501.569.2374;

Colorado 303.639.1111;

Kansas 866.511.5368;

Missouri 888.275.6637;

Nebraska 800.906.9069;

New Mexico 800.432.4269; and

Texas 800.452.9292.

For more information visit <https://oklahoma.gov/odot/travel/current-traffic-conditions/road-condition-resources.html>.

## Town Hall Meeting

The Blanchard Roads Ad Hoc Committee invites citizens to attend a Town Hall

Meeting scheduled for 7pm, **Thursday, January 27<sup>th</sup>** to discuss the proposed sales tax election.

The Meeting will take place at the Community Room in the Blanchard Public Hearing.

The special election is scheduled for **Tuesday, February 8<sup>th</sup>**. Polls are open from 7am to 7pm.



The City of Blanchard is looking for qualified people to fill the following positions:

1. **Police Officer** (Full-time with Benefits).
2. **Reserve Officers** (No benefits).
3. **Volunteer Firefighters** (Pension Only).
4. **Cook** (Part-time with Benefits).
5. **911 Communications Specialist** (Full-time with Benefits).
6. **Utility (water/sewer) Laborers** (Full-time with Benefits).

Benefits include but not limited to:

- Health, Dental and Vision paid by the City for the employee;
- Nationwide Retirement Solutions Plan;

- Oklahoma Police Pension and Retirement System (OPPRS) – Police Officers Only;
- 10 paid Vacation days per year;
- 10 paid Sick days per year;
- 9 paid Holidays per year;
- No cost Life Insurance paid by the City;
- Employee Assistance Program (EAP) provided by the City.

The City of Blanchard is an Equal Opportunity Employer (EOE). For more information, please contact the Human Resource Officer at 405-485-9392 or download an application at [www.cityofblanchard.us](http://www.cityofblanchard.us).



**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8<sup>th</sup>**  
**7 AM - 7 PM**