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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.

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.

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.

January Meetings

- 10th ~ Traffic Court (2pm)
- 10th ~ BPS Bd of Education (6pm)
- 11th ~ BETA (6pm)
- 13th ~ Planning Commission (6pm)
- 18th ~ Board of Adjustment (6pm)
- 20th ~ Juvenile/Code Court (4pm)
- 21st ~ Board of Adjustment
- 25th ~ City Council (6pm)
- 25th ~ BMIA (6pm)

January Special Events

- 17th ~ School Holiday (**CLOSED**)
- 17th ~ Martin Luther King Day

Joint Action

The City Council and the Blanchard Municipal Improvement Board of Trustees met jointly in special session on **Tuesday, January 4th** and discussed, considered and took appropriate action accepting the FYE2021 Financial Audit as performed by Angel, Johnston, Blasingame of Chickasha.

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 regarding the upcoming municipal sales tax election slated for **Tuesday, February 8th, 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 3rd**, and **Friday, February 4th** 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

Oil 'n Gas

The Oklahoma Corporation Commission reported since **December 31st** that NO oil or gas wells were completed or permitted within the municipal limits of the City.

On the PC Agenda

The Planning Commission will meet in regular session on **Thursday, January 13th** to discuss, consider and take appropriate action on the following agenda items:

◆ Open, conduct and close Public Hearing to receive public comments on the proposed Rezoning by:

Applicant: C. Ross Coyle Revocable Trust.

Location: Just East of 3076 NE 10th St

Zoning: S-1, Suburban District

Proposed Use: A-1, Agricultural District

Legal: 4.11 acres MOL

◆ Adopting Resolution (No. 2022-01) - recommending approval or denial to the City Council regarding the rezoning request as submitted by the applicant.

◆ Proposed Lot Split application by:

Applicant: C. Ross Coyle Revocable Trust

Location: NE corner of SW 7th St and S. County Line Ave

Zoning (current): S-1, Suburban District

Zoning (proposed): A-1, Agricultural District

Original Tract: One (1) 51.24 acres MOL

Proposed Tracts: Two (2) 47.13 acres MOL and 4.11 acres MOL

◆ Possible amendment to the Zoning Regulations regarding the S-1, Suburban District General Description at Section 21-701.

◆ 2035 Comprehensive Plan progress - specifically starting at page 33.

◆ Consent Agenda.

Park Events

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



March 12th • St. Patrick's Day Parade

May 5th • Cinco De Mayo

May 20th - 21st • May Daze

June Fridays •

Movies and Concerts in the Park

July 2nd • Independence Day Celebration

August 19th & 20th • Bluegrass Festival

September 30th • Mufflers on Main

October 22nd • Ride for the Memorial

October 31st • Pumpkinfest

November 12th • Veterans Day Parade

December 10th • 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

The following individuals were arrested by the Blanchard Police Department:

- 1/01/2022 ~ MALDONADO, Jordy arrested on 4 Local Warrants.

- 1/05/2022 ~ SWEETEN, Brandon arrested for Public Intoxication.

- 1/07/2022 ~ STEWART, Mitchell arrested for Canadian County Felony Warrants.

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.

Sales Tax Collections

The sales tax collections for the month of January is more than ten percent (10.22%) of the monthly budgeted amount based on \$7,804,316.00 retail sales in Blanchard.

Month	\$ Amount	% +/-
Jul '21	285,172.32	5.12
Aug '21	342,497.79	20.77
Sep '21	235,561.39	-17.32
Oct '21	323,921.58	14.22
Nov '21	287,938.29	0.31
Dec '21	350,605.48	33.82
Jan '22	312,172.64	11.53
Feb '22		
Mar '22		
Apr '22		
May '22		
Jun '22		
Totals	2,137,869.49	9.50

sides, desserts, tea and coffee) for all senior citizens five (5) days a week beginning at 11:30am, Monday thru Friday.

SENIOR CITIZEN'S MENU:

(January 10 - January 14)

Monday ~ Chicken and Rice, Carrots, Peas, Dessert.

Tuesday ~ Salisbury Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Vegetable, Bread, Dessert.

Wednesday ~ Enchilada, Beans, Salad, Chips, Dessert.

Thursday ~ Navy Beans, Spinach, Potatoes, Cornbread, Dessert.

Friday ~ Salmon, Blackeyed Peas, Cabbage, Cornbread, 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 on this week's lunch menu, please call (405) 485-9260.

Senior Dining Program

The Blanchard Senior Nutrition Center serves a fully balanced lunch (entrees,

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-conditions-resources.html>.

2022 Holidays Observed

The City of Blanchard will observe the following holidays in 2022 in which non-emergency City services will be closed:

- ◆ Memorial Day - Monday, May 30th
- ◆ Independence Day - Monday, July 4th
- ◆ Labor Day - Monday, September 5th
- ◆ Veterans Day - Friday, November 11th
- ◆ Thanksgiving Day - Thursday, November 24th
- ◆ Thanksgiving Day After - Friday, November 25th
- ◆ Christmas Eve - Friday, December 23rd

◆ Christmas Day - Monday, December 26th

Use Tax Collections

The sales tax collections for the month of January is thirty-five percent (35.17%) more than the monthly budgeted amount based on \$3,196,614.75 retail sales for Blanchard.

Month	\$ Amount	% +/-
Jul '21	82,173.33	-12.03
Aug '21	97,410.72	24.96
Sep '21	88,542.03	13.13
Oct '21	84,860.61	-0.72
Nov '21	92,540.91	25.20
Dec '21	97,188.31	18.03
Jan '22	127,864.59	55.28
Feb '22		
Mar '22		
Apr '22		
May '22		
Jun '22		
Totals	670,431.31	35.13