

# 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.

## *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.

## *Best Places in Oklahoma*

Blanchard ranks in the following categories:

◆ in McClain County

#1 Places with the Lowest Cost of Living;

#1 Suburbs with the Lowest Cost of Living;

#2 Best Places for Young Professionals;

#3 Best Places to Live;

#3 Best Places to Raise a Family;

#3 Suburbs with the Best Public Schools; and

#4 Places with Best Public Schools.

◆ in Oklahoma City Area:

#6 Best Places to Buy a House;

#7 Best Places to Raise a Family;

#10 Places with the Best Public Schools;

#10 Suburbs with the Best Public Schools; and

#11 Places with the Lowest Cost of Living.

◆ in Oklahoma:

#10 Best Suburbs to Buy a House;

#12 Best Suburbs to Raise a Family;

#14 Best Suburbs to Live;

#17 Suburbs with the Lowest Cost of Living;

#18 Suburbs with the Best Public School;

#20 Best Places to Raise a Family; and

#21 Best Suburbs for Young Professionals.

## *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.



## *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.**

## *January Meetings*

- 18<sup>th</sup> ~ Board of Adjustment (6pm)
- 20<sup>th</sup> ~ Juvenile/Code Court (4pm)
- 21<sup>st</sup> ~ Board of Adjustment (6pm)
- 25<sup>th</sup> ~ City Council (6pm)
- 25<sup>th</sup> ~ BMIA (6pm)

## *January Special Events*

- 17<sup>th</sup> ~ School Holiday (CLOSED)
- 17<sup>th</sup> ~ Martin Luther King Day
- 27<sup>th</sup> ~ Town Hall Meeting

## *Martin Luther King Day*

Blanchard Public Schools will be closed. However, City Hall is open for business.

## *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 7<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 from Friday, January 21<sup>st</sup> thru Sunday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Plan to visit! Please <https://oklahomacityhomeshow.com/information> for more show details.

## Park Events

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

**May 20<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup>** • May Daze

**June Fridays** •

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 30<sup>th</sup>** • Mufflers on Main  
**October 22<sup>nd</sup>** • Ride for the Memorial  
**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.

## *PC Action*

The Planning Commission met in regular session on **Thursday, January 13<sup>th</sup>** and discussed, considered and took appropriate action on the following agenda items:

♦ **HELD** 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

♦ **ADOPTED** Resolution No. 2022-01 recommending approval to the City Council regarding the rezoning request as submitted by the applicant.

♦ **APPROVED** Lot Split subject to rezoning:

Applicant: C. Ross Coyle Revocable Trust

Location: same as Zoning

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

♦ **DISCUSSED** amendment to the Zoning Regulations regarding the S-1, Suburban District General Description at Section 21-701.

♦ **DISCUSSED** 2035 Comprehensive Plan progress - specifically starting at page 33.

♦ **APPROVED** Consent Agenda.

The next meeting will be Thursday, February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

## *Police Blotter*

The following individuals were arrested by the Blanchard Police Department:

• 1/07/2022 ~ STEWART, Mitchell arrested on 2 Felony Warrants from Canadian County.



## 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 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, Monday thru Friday.**

**SENIOR CITIZEN'S MENU:**  
(**January 17 - January 21**)

**Monday ~ Spaghetti, Salad, Corn, Dessert.**

**Tuesday ~ Tater Tot Casserole, Corn, Salad, Dessert.**

**Wednesday ~ Chicken and Dumplings, Carrots, Peas, Dessert.**

**Thursday ~ Hobo Beans, Okra, Pickle and Onion, Cornbread, Dessert.**

**Friday ~ Grilled Cheese, Tomato Soup, Salad, Bread, 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.

## 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 Blanchard Public Hearing.

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

2. **Cook** (Part-time with Benefits); and
3. **911 Communications Specialist** (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).



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

1. **Police Officer** (Full-time with Benefits);

