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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.

COVID Numbers

Currently, the City is COVID free!



February Meetings

- 7th: TEAM Blanchard [8am]
- 7th: BETA [6pm]
- 14th: Traffic Court [2pm]
- 15th: Board of Adjustment [6pm]
- 17th: Code/Juvenile Court [4pm]
- 22nd ~ City Council (6pm)
- 22nd ~ BMIA (6pm)

February Special Events

- 14th ~ Valentine's Day
- 21st ~ Presidents' Day (City Offices Opened)

Heart Health Month



February is Heart Health Month! Are you at risk for diabetes? If so, you may also be at risk for heart disease. The American

Heart Association says 65 percent of people with diabetes die from some form of heart disease or stroke. Do you have diabetes? Some symptoms of diabetes to look for include frequent urination, frequent hunger and thirst, blurry vision, feeling very tired, bruises and cuts that heal very slowly, unexplained weight loss, and numbness/tingling in the hands and feet. You may take the diabetes risk test at www.diabetes.org/are-you-at-risk/

by answering some basic health questions and your risk for diabetes will be calculated. For more information about diabetes prevention and education, you may contact



The City of Blanchard is looking

for qualified people to fill the following positions:

1. **Police Officers** (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 for full-time employment include but not limited to:

- Health, Dental and Vision paid for 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.

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.

Oil 'n Gas

The Oklahoma Corporation Commission reported since January 28th that NO oil or gas wells were completed or permitted within the municipal limits of the City.

On the BETA Agenda

The Board of Trustees of the Blanchard Economic Trust Authority will hold their regular February meeting on Monday, February 7th to discuss, consider and take appropriate action re:

- * Economic Development of Industrial/Commercial.
- * Farmers Market.
- * Request for Proposals.

- * ICSC Conference.
- * 2022 Appointments.
- * Consent Agenda.

The next Planning Commission meeting will be Monday, April 4th.

On the PC Agenda

The Blanchard Planning Commission will hold their regular February meeting on Thursday, February 10th to discuss, consider and take appropriate action re:

- * Zoning Map Update.
- * Amendment to the Subdivision Regs.
- * 2035 Comprehensive Plan.
- * Consent Agenda.

The next Planning Commission meeting will be Thursday, March 10th.

Park Events

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



- March 12th • St. Patrick's Day Parade
- May 5th • Cinco De Mayo
- Fridays in June • Movies and Concerts in the Park

- July 2nd • Independence Day Celebration
- August 19th & 20th • Bluegrass Festival
- September 24th • Mufflers on Main

October 22nd • Ride for the Memorial Poker Run

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

1/30/22 ~ MATTERN, Richard arrested on issuing a fake check to O'Reillys.

Presidents' Day

Monday, 21st of February, will be observed as Presidents' Day.

In the United States, Presidents Day is always celebrated on the third Monday of February. Trash service is unaffected.

City Offices are open for business.


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.

Sample Ballot

TO VOTE:
 FILL IN THE BOX NEXT TO
 YOUR CHOICE(S) LIKE THIS:



Correct



Incorrect

PROPOSITIONS

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Shall the City of Blanchard, Oklahoma be authorized to levy and assess a City excise tax (sales tax) of one percent (1.00%), in addition to all other City, County, and State excise taxes presently being levied or assessed, upon the gross proceeds or gross receipts derived from all sales taxable under the Oklahoma Sales Tax Code; providing that the proceeds of such tax shall be used to fund and finance road, street and bridge improvements, all for the use and benefit of the City and any public trust having the City as beneficiary thereof, and/or for the payment of debt service in connection with obligations heretofore issued or to be issued by the City and any public trust having the City as beneficiary thereof to finance or refinance said road, street and bridge improvements and related costs; provided that said excise tax shall be levied beginning July 1, 2022, all as more specifically set out in Ordinance No. 747 of the City?

FOR THE PROPOSITION - YES

AGAINST THE PROPOSITION - NO

McCLAIN COUNTY

<u>Polling Place</u>	<u>Location</u>
Washington 1 st Baptist Ch	100 S Main _ Wash
Horizon Pointe Ch	2945 SE 44 th - Nor
Old City Hall	114 W Broadway - Bl
Newcastle 1 st Baptist Ch	1650 N Main St - Ne
Woodland Hills Baptist Ch	313 S Hwy76 - Newc
Blanchard Public Library	205 NE 10 th - Blanc
Pleasant Hills Baptist Ch	3308 E Vets Hwy - B
Cole Community Center	26887 Main St - Cole

Senior Dining

The Blanchard Senior Nutrition Center will be open Monday (February 7th) and 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:**

MENU

- **7th** ~ Stroganoff, Broccoli, Fruit, Dessert.
- **8th** ~ Loaded Potato, Salad, Rolls, Dessert.
- **9th** ~ Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Vegetable, Bread, Dessert.
- **10th** ~ Chili Beans, Salad, Corn, Crackers, Dessert.
- **11th** ~ Fish, Coleslaw, Baked Beans, 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

The following precinct poll locations are open Tuesday, February 8th from 7am to 7pm:

GRADY COUNTY

<u>Polling Place</u>	<u>Location</u>
Middleburg School	2130 CR 1317
Crossroad to Life Baptist Ch	1496 CR 2980
Ridgecrest Baptist Ch	1118 CS 2970

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.

School Board Election

The local school board election will be **Tuesday, February 8th**. Voters will select one of the following candidates to Office No. 2 on the Blanchard School Board serving a new 5-year term:

Kristi Mitchell; or
Lonnie Bewley; or
Justin Smith.

Please exercise your constitutional right to **VOTE! TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8th, 7 AM - 7 PM.**

Special Election

The municipal sales tax proposal is set for election on **Tuesday, February 8th**. Please exercise your constitutional right to **VOTE! TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8th, 7 AM - 7 PM.**

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>.

Trash Service



Waste Connections will resume trash service tomorrow (Saturday) running their Thursday and Friday routes.

Please set your trash out tonite, if possible.