

# 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.



is taking applications and interviewing for positions for employment at their new Blanchard location. Please stay tuned!



sewer emergency, please call 485.9391. Trash services will run as usual.

## *Farmers Market*

The 2022 Blanchard Farmers Market is open for business! The Market will run thru **Saturday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>**.

Please visit our website at [www.cityofblanchard.us](http://www.cityofblanchard.us) under RESIDENTS and make application to participate.

## *Food Trucks*

The Blanchard Parks Department has brought back several food trucks throughout the summer.

On Mondays and Tuesdays when available food trucks will be available at 300 N Main Street (Municipal Court House). Starting each Tuesday in June, Chick-Fil-A will join us for lunch and dinner ... so stay tuned for more updates on Blanchard's Parks and Recreation facebook page.



# Franchise Election Independence Day

PLEASE EXERCISE YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE! POLLS ARE OPEN FROM 7am - 7pm.

The primary election will be held on **Tuesday, June 28<sup>th</sup>**, at your normal polling place.



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

1. **Police Officers** (Full-time w/Benefits).
  2. **Reserve Officers** (No benefits).
  3. **Volunteer Firefighters** (Pension Only).
  4. **Code Enforcement Officer** (Full-time w/Benefits).
  5. **Street 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](http://www.cityofblanchard.us).

The City's annual Independence Day celebration will be **Saturday, July 2<sup>nd</sup>**, from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Plans for the event are underway. We will be honoring Oklahoma's recording artists.



## June Meeting Calendar

- 28<sup>th</sup> ~ BMIA Board of Trustees (6pm)
- 28<sup>th</sup> ~ City Council (6pm)

## June Special Events

- 25<sup>th</sup> ~ Farmers Market
  - 28<sup>th</sup> ~ Primary and Special Elections
  - 28<sup>th</sup> ~ Food Truck Tuesday: Chick-Fil-A
- For more info, visit the Parks Facebook Page.

## Oil 'n Gas

The Oklahoma Corporation Commission reported since June 17<sup>th</sup> that NO oil or gas wells were permitted and zero completed within the City limits of Blanchard.

## On the BMIA Agenda

The Board of Trustees of the Blanchard Municipal Improvement Authority (BMIA) will hold their regular meeting on Tuesday, June 28, 2022, beginning at 6p.m. to discuss, consider, take possible action on the following items:

- ✓ Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) - 2022 Covering Calendar Year 2021;
- ✓ Waste Connection rate increase of 3.00% effective July 1, 2022;
- ✓ DEQ proposed Consent Order covering the City's Total Retention Lagoons;
- ✓ Availability of water; and
- ✓ Consent Agenda.

The full Agenda Packet will be available for viewing on the City's website at [www.cityofblanchard.us](http://www.cityofblanchard.us).

## On the City Agenda

The City Council of the City of Blanchard will hold their regular meeting on Tuesday, June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022, immediately following the BMIA meeting to discuss, consider and take possible action regarding the following items:

- ✓ PUBLIC HEARING on Vision 2035 Comprehensive Plan;
- ✓ RESOLUTION adopting the Vision 2035 Comprehensive Plan;
- ✓ RESOLUTION approving annual Delta Public Transit Agreement to provide transportation services;
- ✓ RESOLUTION approving 4 Road & Maintenance Agreements with OVINTIV USA, Inc.;

✓ RESOLUTION approving 3 Interlocal Agreements with McClain County;

✓ RESOLUTION accepting the nomination and/or reappointment of Randy Brink as the Municipal Judge for a new 2-year term;

✓ RESOLUTION accepting the nomination and/or reappointment of Jeff Heefner as a Trustee of the Blanchard Economic Trust Authority (BETA) for a new 4-year term;

✓ RESOLUTION accepting the nomination and/or reappointment of Melissa Elden, Donna Stokes and Tim Harnois to the Board of Adjustment for a new 3-year term;

✓ RESOLUTION accepting the road dedication of Autumn Way and Summer Oaks Road, all located in Phase I of the Red Oaks Addition (located Section 36-T8N-R5W of the I.M., Grady County);

✓ RESOLUTION amending the City's Fee Schedule by adding fees pertaining to microchipping of dogs (6 weeks or older);

✓ RESOLUTION accepting OMAG's recommendation to deny Tort Claim due to alleged severe erosion in Claimant's yard;

✓ PRESCRIPTIVE ROADS, maintenance of and seeking possible declaratory judgment;

✓ ROAD IMPROVEMENTS to include draft plans and authorization for bidding;

✓ PROPOSED PARK DEVELOPMENT/IMPROVEMENTS for Miniature Golf;

✓ CONSENT AGENDA; and

✓ EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The full Agenda Packet can be viewed on the City's website at [www.cityofblanchard.us](http://www.cityofblanchard.us).

## Park Events

The upcoming 2022 events are:

\*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

Details of each event will be posted on the City's Facebook page and the City's website.

## Police Blotter

6.19.22 ~ RUPE, Shane Michael arrested DUI.

## Senior Dining



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.

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, call (405) 485-9260.

## Think, Shop, Live Blanchard!

Please keep in mind that Blanchard's quality of life and local economy relies on where residents spend their money and do their shopping. Sales tax is a direct and vital lifeline to essential services like public safety (Police, Fire, 911 services), public facilities, projects, programs and services. Shopping locally keeps businesses here in Blanchard, providing jobs and benefiting community schools and non-profits. If there's one thing we can all do to

make our dollars work for this community, it's to shop local! Grab dinner in Blanchard on your way home. You'd be surprised what a difference that can make. Shopping locally benefits the entire community. Make your tax dollars work for you and our community.

## Vision 2035 Comp Plan

The Blanchard City Council will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, June 28<sup>th</sup> to receive public comments on the Planning Commission's recommendation to adopt the proposed Vision 2035 Comprehensive Plan.

## Watering Odd-Even

Oklahoma City's odd-even watering rotations permanent and has been in place since 2013. It eases the summer-time demand on their water treatment system.



These restrictions apply to Blanchard residents since we receive one-hundred (100) percent of our water from OKC. Addresses ending in a 0, 2, 4, 6 or 8, can water on any day that ends in

an even number. Addresses ending in a 1, 3, 5, 7 or 9 can water on any day ending in an odd number. Most Oklahoma lawns don't need more than one (1) inch of water per week in the summer to maintain optimum health. Use a rain gauge to determine how much water your lawn is getting. Fewer, deeper watering ensures better root health. Visit [www.squeezeverydrop.com](http://www.squeezeverydrop.com) for details.