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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.

their regular June meeting on Tuesday, June 28, 2022, and discussed, considered, took action on the following items:

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

The next regular meeting of the BMIA Board of Trustees will be **Tuesday, July 26th**.

12u Baseball Regionals

Blanchard will host the OK Kids Baseball Association's 12u Regional Tournament at the City's South Park Complex beginning Tuesday, July 5th thru the 9th.



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

Blanchard Cemetery Association

The Blanchard Cemetery Association's annual meeting is planned for Tuesday, July 5th, at 7p.m. at the Blanchard Cemetery.

If you have any questions, please call 405.485.3355.



City offices will be closed **Monday, July 4th** in observance of Independence Day. If you have a police or fire emergency, please call 911. If you have a water or

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

BMIA Action

The Board of Trustees of the Blanchard Municipal Improvement Authority (BMIA) held

Community Food Bank

Fresh and frozen food items are available to anyone in need on the second Tuesday of each month. Food is distributed on a first-come, first served basis for the 73010 zip code area, at the First Baptist Church of Blanchard, xxxx 10th Street NE from 4-6 p.m.

The monthly Community Food Bank will be **Tuesday, July 12th**.

Council Action

The City Council of the City of Blanchard held their June regular meeting on Tuesday, June 28th, 2022, and discussed, considered and took appropriate action regarding the following items:

- ✓ **HELD PUBLIC HEARING** on Vision 2035 Comprehensive Plan;
- ✓ **ADOPTED** Resolution No. 2022-22 adopting the Vision 2035 Comprehensive Plan;
- ✓ **ADOPTED** Resolution No. 2022-23 approving annual Delta Public Transit Agreement to provide transportation services;
- ✓ **ADOPTED** Resolution No. 2022-24 approving 4 Road & Maintenance Agreements with OVINTIV USA, Inc.;
- ✓ **ADOPTED** Resolution No. 2022-25 approving 3 Interlocal Agreements with McClain County;
- ✓ **ADOPTED** Resolution No. 2022-26 accepting the nomination and/or reappointment of Randy Brink as the Municipal Judge for a new 2-year term;
- ✓ **ADOPTED** Resolution No. 2022-27 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;
- ✓ **ADOPTED** Resolution No. 2022-28 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;

✓ **ADOPTED** Resolution No. 2022-29 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);

✓ **ADOPTED** Resolution No. 2022-30 amending the City's Fee Schedule by adding fees pertaining to microchipping of dogs (6 weeks or older);

✓ **ADOPTED** Resolution No. 2022-31 accepting OMAG's recommendation to deny Tort Claim due to alleged severe erosion in Claimant's yard;

✓ **DISCUSSED** prescriptive roads for their maintenance thereof and authorized City Attorney to seek declaratory judgment in District Court;

✓ **APPROVE** road improvement plans and authorized City Engineer to advertise for bids as soon as he completes the plans;

✓ **AUTHORIZED** City Manager to go forward in the possible development and financing of an 18-hole miniature golf;

ADDEDUM:

✓ **APPROVED** FYE2022 Budget Supplement in the amount of \$168,071.75 for the State's 12.5% reimbursement for the Waterline-Canadian 2015 Crossing;

✓ **APPROVED** Fireworks Permit Application for fireworks stand submitted by Sandra Price;

✓ **APPROVED** Consent Agenda, as presented; and

✓ **HELD** Executive Session and authorized City Attorney to seek Declaratory Judgment regarding maintenance of prescriptive roads.

The next regular meeting of the Blanchard City Council will be **Tuesday, July 26th**.

Farmers Market

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

Please visit our website at 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.

Genealogy Night

Join the Blanchard Public Library on Tuesday, July 5th at 7 p.m. to learn more about FAMILY HISTORY and finding your ancestors!

This event is entirely FREE to the public!



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).

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.

Independence Day

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



July Meeting Calendar

11th ~ TEAM Blanchard (8am)

- 14th ~ Planning Commission (6pm)
- 19th ~ Board of Adjustment (6pm)
- 26th ~ BMIA Board of Trustees (6pm)
- 26th ~ City Council (6pm)

July Special Events

- 2nd ~ Farmers Market
- 4th ~ Independence Day
- 5th ~ 12u Baseball Regionals
- 6th ~ 12u Baseball Regionals
- 7th ~ 12u Baseball Regionals
- 8th ~ 12u Baseball Regionals
- 9th ~ 12u Baseball Regionals
- 9th ~ Farmers Market
- 16th ~ Farmers Market
- 23rd ~ Farmers Market
- 24th ~ Parents' Day
- 30th ~ Farmers Market

For more info, visit the Parks Facebook Page.

Oil 'n Gas

The Oklahoma Corporation Commission reported since **June 24th** that NO oil or gas wells were permitted and zero completed within the City limits of Blanchard.

Park Events

The upcoming 2022 events are:

- ***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

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

Police Blotter

6.28.22 ~ BROOKS, Sabrina arrested on Cleveland County Warrants and 3 Municipal Citations for Obstructing an Officer, Possession of CDS and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

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.**



MENU

Monday, 4 July ~ CLOSED.

Tuesday, 5 July ~ Breakfast

Sausage, Biscuit, Gravy, Fruit.

Wednesday, 6 July ~ Smoked Sausage, Cabbage, Parsley Potatoes, Cornbread, Dessert.

Thursday, 7 July ~ Pinto Beans, Tomato Relish, Tater Tots, Cornbread, Dessert.

Friday, 8 July ~ Chicken Salad, Three Bean Salad, Jello Salad, Crackers, 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, 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.

Veterans Memorial

The Blanchard Veterans Memorial construction is underway. Concrete footings have been poured and is curing.

For an Honor Brick application, please visit the City's website at <https://cityofblanchard.us/community/page/blanchard-veterans-memorial>.

The Veteran does not need to be a Blanchard resident!

Vision 2035 Comp Plan

The Blanchard City Council held a public hearing on **Tuesday, June 28th** for the purpose of receiving public comments on the Planning Commission's recommendation to adopt the proposed Vision 2035 Comprehensive Plan.

The City Council adopted Resolution No. 2022-22 approving the 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.squeezeeverydrop.com for details.

