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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!

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.

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**.

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.



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.

Interim Studies

All interim study requests submitted by members have been approved in the Oklahoma House of Representatives.

The 82 study requests approved by House Speaker Charles McCall, R-Atoka, include eight (8) proposed joint studies with senators.

Some studies of similar topics may be combined at a later date. House committees will now begin scheduling studies between August and November.

Interim studies will be livestreamed on the House website. Handouts, presentations and documents utilized at hearings, will be available online, as well.

A full list of approved studies can be viewed @ <https://okhouse.gov/Committees/ShowInterimStudies.aspx>.

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

- 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 July 1st that NO oil or gas wells were permitted and zero completed within the City limits of Blanchard.

On the PC Agenda

The Blanchard Planning Commission will conduct their July regular meeting on Thursday, July 14th at 6:00 p.m. to discuss, consider and take appropriate action on the following agenda items:

- ✓ Open, conduct and close a Public Hearing to receive public comments on a Zoning

Application:

Applicant: The Betty Jean Felder Trust
(Nancy V. Herringdine)

Location: 900 Pinewood Lane

Current Zoning: A-1, Agricultural District

Proposed Zoning: R-E, Residential Estates District

Legal: A tract of land located in the W/2 of the SE/4 of the SW/4 of Government Lot 3 in Section 31-T9N-R4W of the I.M., McClain County, OK.

✓ Resolution No. 2022-__ recommending approval or denial to the City Council regarding the Zoning Application.

✓ Preliminary Plat for the proposed Narrow Gates Estates:

Applicant: John Stimson

Location: NE corner of County Line Road and Sandrock road

Original Tract: 17.52 acre tract MOL

Proposed Tracts: Four (4) 3.92 acre lots MOL

Legal Description: The SW/4 of the SW/4 of the SW/4 and the SW/4 of the SW/4 and the E/2 of the NW/4 of the SW/4 of Section 31-T9N-R4W of the I.M., McClain County, Oklahoma, containing 17.52 acres, more or less.

✓ Final Plat for the proposed Narrow Gates Estates:

Applicant: John Stimson

Location: NE corner of County Line Road and Sandrock road

Original Tract: 17.52 acre tract MOL

Proposed Tracts: Four (4) 3.92 acre lots MOL

Legal Description: The SW/4 of the SW/4 of the SW/4 and the SW/4 of the SW/4 and the E/2 of the NW/4 of the SW/4 of Section 31-T9N-R4W of the I.M., McClain County, Oklahoma, containing 17.52 acres, more or less.

✓ Consent Agenda.

The full agenda packet will be posted on the city's website at www.cityofblanchard.us.

Multi-Chamber Luncheon

The annual Multi-Chamber Luncheon will be held **Wednesday, July 13th** from **11:30am-1pm**

in the Pryor Place Event Center, 1900 SE 16th Street in Newcastle.

Governor Bill Anoatubby (Chickasaw Nation) will be the distinguished guest speaker.

Luncheon is catered by Luigi's.

Park Events

The upcoming 2022 events are:

***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

7.04.22 ~ ROBISON, Jarod arrested for Public Intoxication.

7.06.22 ~ EADES, Nolan arrested on Cleveland County Warrant.

7.07.22 ~ FERGUSON, Katherine arrested for Public Intoxication and Disorderly Conduct.

Sales Tax Collections

The sales tax collections for the month of July is less than one percent (0.9%) than the monthly budgeted amount based on \$8,536,081.75 of retail sales in Blanchard.

Month	\$ Amount	% +/-
Jul '22	341,443.27	18.65
Aug '22	0	0.00
Sep '22	0	0.00
Oct '22	0	0.00
Nov '22	0	0.00
Dec '22	0	0.00
Jan '23	0	0.00

Feb '23	0	0.00
Mar '23	0	0.00
Apr '23	0	0.00
May '23	0	0.00
Jun '23	0	0.00
Totals	341,443.27	18.65

Sales Tax Holiday

Oklahoma's annual sales tax holiday will begin at **12:01 am on Friday, August 5, 2021** and end at twelve Midnight on **Sunday, August 7, 2021**. Certain clothing and shoe purchases are exempt from sales tax for this time period only. Qualified items are exempt from state, city, county and local municipality sales taxes.

Retailers are required to participate and may not collect state and local sales or use tax on most footwear and clothing that are sold for less than \$100 during the holiday.

For more information and answers to common questions on the sales tax holiday, as well as a listing of sales tax exempt items, please refer to the Oklahoma Tax Commission website at www.tax.ok.gov.

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, 11 July ~ Sloppy Joes, Baked Beans, Tater Tots, Bun, Dessert.

Tuesday, 12 July ~ Chicken Patty, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Vegetable, Dessert.

Wednesday, 13 July ~ Chicken Pasta, Salad, Carrots and Raisins, Crackers, Dessert.

Thursday, 14 July ~ Navy Beans, Beets, Potatoes, Cornbread, Dessert.

Friday, 15 July ~ Pig-in-a-Blanket, Pea Salad, Coleslaw, 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.

2022 Election Dates

August 23rd ~ Primary Runoff Election

November 8th ~ General Election

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

12u Baseball Regionals *Watering Odd-Even*

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



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

Use Tax Collections

The use tax collections for the month of July is more than five percent (5.49%) less than the monthly budgeted amount based on \$2,521,748.75 of retail sales outside of Blanchard.

Month	\$ Amount	% +/-
Jul '22	100,869.95	22.75
Aug '22	0	0.00
Sep '22	0	0.00
Oct '22	0	0.00
Nov '22	0	0.00
Dec '22	0	0.00
Jan '23	0	0.00
Feb '23	0	0.00
Mar '23	0	0.00
Apr '23	0	0.00
May '23	0	0.00
Jun '23	0	0.00
Totals	100,869.95	22.75

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 for details.