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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.

Alert System

If you having done so, please sign up for the City's NEW Emergency Alert System by going to the City's website below at <https://public.alertsense.com/SignUp/?RegionId=1828>.

Bluegrass Festival

Blanchard Parks & Recreation Department is proud to present Blanchard's 11th Annual Bluegrass Festival this August 19th and 20th.

A weekend of great bluegrass music provided by some of the best musicians ... be sure to bring a lawn chair and don't forget the kids!



location. Please stay tuned!

is taking applications and will begin interviewing on Monday, August 2nd at old City Hall, 114 W. Broadway, for positions of employment at their new Blanchard

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.



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.

July Meeting Calendar

- 19th ~ Board of Adjustment (**CANCELLED**)
- 26th ~ BMIA Board of Trustees (6pm)
- 26th ~ City Council (6pm)

July Special Events

- 23rd ~ Farmers Market
- 24th ~ Parents' Day
- 29th ~ Voter Registration Deadline
- 30th ~ Farmers Market

For more info, visit the Parks Facebook Page.

Oil 'n Gas

The Oklahoma Corporation Commission reported since **July 8th** that NO oil or gas wells have been permitted and zero completed within the City limits of Blanchard.

PC Action

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:

✓ **OPENED, CONDUCTED** and **CLOSED** 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.

✓ **ADOPTED** Resolution No. 2022-06
recommending approval to the City Council
regarding the Zoning Application.

✓ **APPROVED** the Preliminary Plat for the
proposed Narrow Gates Estates with certain
conditions to be met:

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.

✓ **APPROVED** the Final Plat for the proposed
Narrow Gates Estates with certain conditions
to be met.

✓ **APPROVED** Consent Agenda, as presented.

The next Planning Commission meeting will
be **Thursday, August 11, 2022.**

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.

Pet Care

**IF IT'S TOO HOT FOR YOU, IT'S TOO HOT FOR
YOUR PET!** Keep your pets safe and cool in the
summer by remembering that if it's too hot for
you, it's too hot for them. Bring pets inside
when it's hot, and provide them with plenty of
shade and fresh water when they're outside.
Walk your pets at cooler times of the day and
never leave an animal in a car. Contact Animal
Control at 405-485-9392 if you see an animal
in distress.

Police Blotter

7.16.22 ~ COMANCHE, Jerome arrested on
Grady County Outstanding Warrants for FTA on
Domestic Assault and Battery Charges.

7.15.22 ~ Davis, Robert arrested on municipal
warrants.

7.15.22 ~ Miller, Brenda arrested for McClain
County Outstanding Warrants.

7.10.22 ~ Adkins, Stephanie arrested for
Obstruction and Resisting Arrest.

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.

School Begins



Thursday, August 18th, for Blanchard students.

Please drive carefully in posted school zones. The

speed limit is 25 mph ... fines are double for speeding.

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, 18 July ~ Chicken Noodles, Green Beans, Carrots, Fruit.

Tuesday, 19 July ~ Pork Chops, Mashed Potatoes, Vegetable, read Dessert.

Wednesday, 20 July ~ Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Vegetable, Bread, Dessert.

Thursday, 21 July ~ Pinto Beans, Tater Tots, Spoon Relish, Cornbread, Dessert.

Friday, 22 July ~ Hot Dogs, Coleslaw, Baked Beans, Bun, 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.

Voter Registration Deadline

Friday, July 29th, 2022, is the last day to apply for voter registration in order to be eligible to vote in the August 23rd Runoff Primary.

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 for details.

Shop Local!

Here's what happens when you "shop local."

1. More of your money will be kept in the Blanchard local economy: For every \$100 you spend at locally owned businesses, \$68 will stay in Blanchard. What happens when you spend that same \$100 at a national chain? Only \$43 stays in the community.*

2. You embrace what makes Blanchard unique: You wouldn't want your house to look like everyone else's in the U.S. So why would you want your community to look that way?

3. You create local jobs: Local businesses are better at creating higher-paying jobs for your neighbors. When you shop locally, you help create jobs for teachers, firemen, police officers, and many other essential professions.

4. You help the environment: Buying from a locally owned business conserves energy and resources in the form of less fuel for transportation and less packaging.

5. You nurture community: Local business owners know you, and you know them. Studies have shown that local businesses donate to community causes at more than twice the rate of chains.

6. You conserve your tax dollars: Shopping in a local business district means less infrastructure, less maintenance, and more money available to beautify the community. Also, spending locally instead of online ensures that your sales taxes are reinvested where they belong – in Blanchard!

7. You create more choice: Locally owned businesses pick the items and products they sell based on what they know you like and want. Local businesses carry a wider array of unique products because they buy for their own individual markets.

8. You take advantage of their expertise: You are their friends and neighbors, and locally owned businesses have a vested interest in knowing how to serve you. They're passionate about what they do. Why not take advantage of it?

9. You invested in entrepreneurship: Creativity and entrepreneurship are what the American economy is founded upon. Nurturing local business ensures a strong community.

10. You made Blanchard a destination: The more interesting and unique Blanchard community, the more we will attract new neighbors, visitors and guests. This benefits everyone! *Source: Civic Economics - Andersonville Study of Retail Economics.