



E-Mail Newsletter

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MEETINGS

Sep 6th

6pm - Council Special

Sep 8th

6pm - Planning
Commission

Sep 12th

8am - TEAM
Blanchard

2pm - Traffic Court

6pm - BP School
Board

Sep 15th

4pm - Code/Juvenile
Court

Sep 20th

6pm - Board of
Adjustment

Sep 27th

6pm - BMIA

6pm - City Council

*All City Boards,
Commissions, &
Authority meets at
the Municipal Court
House unless
otherwise noted.

Advertisement of Bids

The City is accepting sealed bids for the Paving Improvements to a portion of Oak Drive. Project to include constructing approximately 1,000 L.F. MOL of 6" asphalt overlay.

Bids will be received at City Hall, located at 122 N. Main St., Blanchard, OK 73010, until **2:00 pm**, on **Thursday, September 15, 2022**. Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud, at 2:00 PM at City Hall.

The full Notice appeared in the Blanchard News Edition on **Thursday, August 25th**.

Advertisement of Bids

The City of Blanchard/Blanchard Municipal Improvement Authority will receive separate sealed bids for Sanitary Sewer Improvements - West Lift Station. Bids will be received at City Hall, located at 122 N. Main St., Blanchard, OK 73010, until **11:00 am**, on **Thursday, September 22, 2022**. Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud, at 11:00 AM at City Hall.

Project to include constructing a new duplex submersible lift station, approximately 2,700 L.F. of 8" PVC force main, demolition of the old site, and appurtenances.

There will be a mandatory pre-bid meeting held on **Tuesday, September 13, 2022**, at **10:00 am**, at City Hall, located at 122 N. Main St., Blanchard, OK.

The full Notice will appear in the Blanchard News Edition on **Thursday, September 1st**.

Advertisement of Bids

The City of Blanchard/Blanchard Municipal Improvement Authority will receive separate sealed bids for US 62 Water Line Extension. Bids will be received at City Hall, located at 122 N. Main St., Blanchard, OK 73010, until **11:00 am**, on **Thursday, September 22, 2022**. Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud, at **11:00 AM** at City Hall.

Project to include constructing approximately 3,700 L.F. of 12" PVC water line, and appurtenances.

There will be a mandatory pre-bid meeting held on **Tuesday,**

SPECIAL EVENTS

Sep 3rd

– Farmers Market

Sep 5th

– LABOR DAY

Sep 6th ~ 11th

– McClain County
Free Fair

Sep 8th ~ 11th

– Cleveland County
Free Fair

Sep 10th

– Farmers Market

Sep 11th – Patriot

Day

Sep 17th

– Farmers Market

Sep 22nd

– First Day of
Autumn

Sep 24th

– Farmers Market

For Blanchard

City events:

*Please visit our
website at*

www.cityofblanchard.us

Library Events:

*Please visit their
website at*

www.pioneer.lib.ok.us

September 13, 2022, at **11:00** am, at City Hall, located at 122 N. Main St., Blanchard, OK.

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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, manholes overflowing, low-water pressure, no water, potholes, road repairs, signs missing or and will contact the on-call personnel regarding the incident.

BMIA Action

The Board of Trustees of the Blanchard Municipal Improvement Authority discussed, considered & took appropriate action on the following items at their regular scheduled meeting on **Tuesday, August 23**:

- **Approved** the 12-inch water line improvements with appurtenances for the Blanchard High School to include the Miller Performing Arts Center.
- **Discussed** the FYE2023 BMIA Schedule of Fees.
- **Approved** Consent Agenda, as presented.

The next scheduled meeting is **Tuesday, September 27th**.

City Action

The Blanchard City Council discussed, considered & took appropriate action on the following items at their regular scheduled meeting on **Tuesday, August 23**:

- **Held** Public Hearing on the Planning Commission's recommendation to reclassify property from the S-1, Suburban District to the R-E, Residential Estates District.
- **Adopted** Ordinance No. 756 approving Zoning Reclassification as recommended.
- **Adopted** an Emergency Clause for Zoning Ordinance No. 756.
- **Held** Public Hearing on the Planning Commission's recommendation to reclassify property from the S-1, Suburban District to the A-1, Agricultural District.
- **Adopted** Ordinance No. 757 adopting zoning;
- **Adopted** an Emergency Clause for Zoning Ordinance No. 757.
- **Adopted** Resolution No. 2022-39 approving a Reimbursement Agreement with the Department of Environmental Quality to host a Household Hazardous Waste Event on Saturday, October 29th.
- **Adopted** Resolution No. 2022-40 accepting the nomination by the

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Mayor and confirming the appointment of Mary Beth McKane to serve on the BETA Board of Trustees for a new 4-year term.

- **Adopted** Resolution No. 2022-41 approving the process for approval of invoices relating to CDBG projects.
- **Discussed** the City's Schedule of Fees for FYE2023.
- **Authorized** the City Manager to advertise for sealed bids for the purchase and erection of a metal building for Parks.
- **Authorized** the City Manager to advertise for sealed bids for the renovations of the concession stand at South Park.
- **Discussed** and **approved** quotes for materials and improvements to the Veterans Memorial.
- **Approved** Consent Agenda, as presented; and
- **Held** Executive Session.

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City Hall Closed

City Hall offices will be closed for observance of Labor Day on **Monday, September 5th**. Offices will reopen on **Tuesday, September 6th**, at 8am.

If you have a police or fire emergency, please call 9-1-1. If you have a water or sewer emergency please call 306.9532.

Trash service will run as normal.

Cleveland County Free Fair

The annual Cleveland County Free Fair for 2022 will begin on Thursday, September 8th and will end on Sunday, September 11th in Norman.

Employment Opportunities

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

- **Code Enforcement Officer** (with full-benefits).
- **Full-time Police Officers** (with full-benefits).
- **Reserve Police Officers** (no benefits).
- **Volunteer Firefighters** (pension only).

Benefits for full-time employment include but not limited to:

- Medical benefits paid on behalf of employee.
- Nationwide Retirement Solutions Plan (City/BMIA employees only).
- OK Police Pension and Retirement System (police officers).
- 10 paid vacation days per year.
- 10 paid sick days per year.
- 9 paid holidays per year.

- 1-floating holiday.
- Life Insurance (paid by the City).
- Employee Assistance Program (EAP).

The City of Blanchard is an Equal Opportunity Employer (EOE). For more information, please contact the Human Resources Officer at 405.485.9392 or download an application from www.cityofblanchard.us.

Farmers Market

The 2022 Blanchard Farmers Market is open every Saturday for business! The Market runs thru Saturday, October 1st.

Please visit our website at www.cityofblanchard.us/community/page/farmers-market.

McClain County Free Fair

The annual 2022 McClain County Free Fair begins **Tuesday, September 6th** thru **Sunday, September 11th** in Purcell. .

Oil 'n Gas

The Oklahoma Corporation Commission reported since August 19th that ZERO oil wells have been permitted and completed within the City limits of Blanchard.

Park Events

The upcoming **2022** events are:

- **September 24th** ~ Mufflers on Main.
- **October 22nd** ~ Memorial Poker Ride.
- **October 31st** ~ PumpkinFest.
- **November 12th** ~ Veterans Day Parade.
- **December 10th** ~ Christmas Events
- **December 10th** ~ Christmas Parade of Lites.

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

Police Blotter

The Blanchard Police Department arrested the following individuals:

- **8/26/2022** ~ STORM, Chandler arrested on Payne County warrants and received 5 additional citations for Speeding 21 MPH over Posted Limit, Driving Under Suspension, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, Possession of

Marijuana, and Transporting Open Container.

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, August 29th ~ Goulash, Carrots, Peas, Dessert.

Tuesday, August 30th ~ Taco Salad, Beans, Chips, Dessert.

Wednesday, August 31st ~ BBQ Meatballs, Parsley Potatoes, Broccoli, Bread, Dessert.

Thursday, September 1st ~ Black-eyed Peas, Cabbage, Potatoes, Cornbread, Dessert.

Friday, September 2nd ~ Ribbette, Coleslaw, Baked Beans, Dessert.

If you are 60 years of age or older, you are eligible to participate free of charge. However, a 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, 101 S. Main Street, please call 1-866-THAT-BUS. The City contracts with Delta Transit to provide bus services.

For more information regarding the Senior Center, please call 405.485.9260.

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 stays 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 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.

So..Think, Shop, Live Blanchard

Please keep in mind that Blanchard's quality of life and the 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, 922 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 you tax dollars work for you and our community.

2022 Election

November 8th ~ General Election.

PLEASE EXERCISE YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE ~ POLLS ARE OPEN FROM

7am - 7pm.