



# E-Mail Newsletter

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## MEETINGS

**Sep 6<sup>th</sup>**

6pm - Council Special

**Sep 8<sup>th</sup>**

6pm - Planning  
Commission

**Sep 12<sup>th</sup>**

8am - TEAM  
Blanchard

2pm - Traffic Court

6pm - BP School  
Board

**Sep 15<sup>th</sup>**

4pm - Code/Juvenile  
Court

**Sep 20<sup>th</sup>**

6pm - Board of  
Adjustment

**Sep 27<sup>th</sup>**

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 25<sup>th</sup>**.

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## 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 1<sup>st</sup>**.

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## 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,**

## SPECIAL EVENTS

**Sep 3<sup>rd</sup>**

– Farmers Market

**Sep 5<sup>th</sup>**

– LABOR DAY

**Sep 6<sup>th</sup> ~ 11<sup>th</sup>**

– McClain County  
Free Fair

**Sep 8<sup>th</sup> ~ 11<sup>th</sup>**

– Cleveland County  
Free Fair

**Sep 10<sup>th</sup>**

– Farmers Market

**Sep 11<sup>th</sup>** – Patriot  
Day

**Sep 17<sup>th</sup>**

– Farmers Market  
– Citizenship Day

**Sep 17<sup>th</sup> ~ 23<sup>rd</sup>**

– Constitution Week

**Sep 22<sup>nd</sup>**

– First Day of  
Autumn

**Sep 24<sup>th</sup>**

– Farmers Market

**For Blanchard**

**City events:**

**Please visit our  
website at**

[www.cityofblanchard.us](http://www.cityofblanchard.us)

**Library Events:**

**Please visit their  
website at**

[www.pioneer.lib.ok.us](http://www.pioneer.lib.ok.us)

**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, 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.

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## Autumnal Equinox

Fall begins **Thursday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>** at **8:03p.m.** CST. The



Autumnal Equinox is defined as the point at which the Sun appears to cross the celestial equator from north to south. The celestial equator is the circle in the celestial sphere halfway between the celestial poles. Another definition of fall is nites of below-freezing

temperatures combined with day of temperatures below 70 degrees Fahrenheit. The word equinox means "equal nite"; nite and day are the same length of time. The equinoxes are times when the Sun's apparent motion undergoes the most rapid change. Around the time of the equinoxes, variations in the position on the horizon when the Sun rises and sets can be noticed from one day to the next by alert observers.

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## *Citizenship Day*

Formerly called Constitution Day, Citizenship Day will be observed on **Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup>**. However, September 17<sup>th</sup> marks the anniversary of the date in 1787 when the final draft of the Constitution of the United States was signed by delegates to the Constitutional Convention after months of wrangling. The framers had been arguing constantly as they met in secret, but they had leaked reports to the press indicating that all was well. The Federalists [as they were called] argued thru June and most of July and reached an agreement on July 16. After deciding to leave out a bill of rights - because everyone was worn-out and they thought there was no need for such a list - the framers completed the final draft on September 17 and made it ready for submission to the states for ratification.



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## *City Hall Closed*

City Hall offices will be closed for observance of Labor Day on **Monday, September 5<sup>th</sup>**. Offices will reopen on **Tuesday, September 6<sup>th</sup>**, 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.

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## *Cleveland County Free Fair*

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

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## *Constitution Week*

Constitution Day and Citizenship Day is a combined event that is annually observed in the United States on September 17. This

event commemorates the formation and signing of the Constitution of the United States on September 17, 1787. It also recognizes all who, by coming of age or by naturalization, have become US citizens.

The City Council proclaimed the week of September 17 - 23 as the observance of National Constitution Week.

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## *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](http://www.cityofblanchard.us).

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## *Farmers Market*

The 2022 Blanchard Farmers Market is open every Saturday for business! The Market runs thru Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup>. Please visit our website at [www.cityofblanchard.us/community/page/farmers-market](http://www.cityofblanchard.us/community/page/farmers-market).

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## *McClain County Free Fair*

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

## *Mufflers On Main*

The City's 8<sup>th</sup> annual car and truck show will be held on **Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup>** from **10am to 2pm**, on Main Street.

There will be entertainment for all with food vendors, games and live bands. For more information, contact Chris Wittenbach at 485-9392 or [parks@cityofblanchard.us](mailto:parks@cityofblanchard.us).

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## *Oil 'n Gas*

The Oklahoma Corporation Commission reported since **August 26<sup>th</sup>** that **ZERO** oil wells have been permitted and completed within the City limits of Blanchard.

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## *Park Events*

The upcoming **2022** events are:

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

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

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## *Planning Commission Agenda*

The Blanchard Planning Commission will hold their September meeting on **Thursday, September 8<sup>th</sup>** beginning at 6pm to discuss, consider and take possible action, including, but not limited to, the approval, denial, amendment, revision or conditional approval, in whole or in part of the following agenda items:

- Public Hearing to solicit public input regarding rezoning property from S-1 to A-1 located at 641 Avery Drive.
- Resolution recommending approval or denial to the City Council regarding the Zoning Application Request.
- Lot Split of 34.19 acres MOL into 2-tracts of 6.21 acres and 27.98 acres located at 3149 NE 10<sup>th</sup> Street SUBJECT to rezoning of said property.
- Public Hearing to solicit public input regarding rezoning property

from the A-1 to R-E located at 3149 NE 19<sup>th</sup> Street.

- Resolution recommending approval or denial to the City Council regarding the Zoning Application Request.
- Consent Agenda.

The full agenda packet is available on the City's website at [www.cityofblanchard.us](http://www.cityofblanchard.us).

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## *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.
- **8/28/2022** ~ WARREN, Shade arrested for DUI.

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## *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, September 5<sup>th</sup>** ~ **CLOSED** for LABOR DAY.

**Tuesday, September 6<sup>th</sup>** ~ Breakfast Sausage Biscuit, Gravy, Fruit.

**Wednesday, September 7<sup>th</sup>** ~ Smoked Sausage, Cabbage, Parsley Potatoes, Cornbread, Dessert.

**Thursday, September 8<sup>th</sup>** ~ Pinto Beans, Tomato Relish, Tater Tots, Cornbread, Dessert.

**Friday, September 9<sup>th</sup>** ~ Spaghetti, Salad, Corn, 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.

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# 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.

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## *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, 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 you tax dollars work for you and our community.

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## *Special Meeting*

The BMIA Board of Trustees and the City Council will hold a joint Special Meeting on **Tuesday, September 6<sup>th</sup>** beginning at **6pm** to discuss, consider and take possible action, including, but not limited to, the approval, denial, amendment, revision or conditional approval, in whole or in part of the following agenda items:

- \$11,000 claim for 2022 Independence Day Fireworks by Arc Pyrotechnics.
- Contract with Haskell Lemon Construction for road improvements in the amount of \$7,158,655.00.
- FYE2023 Fee Schedule.

The full agenda packet is available on the City's website at [www.cityofblanchard.us](http://www.cityofblanchard.us).

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## *2022 Election*

**November 8<sup>th</sup>** ~ General Election.

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