



E-Mail Newsletter

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MEETINGS

Sep 12th

8am - TEAM
Blanchard

2pm - Traffic Court

6pm - BP School
Board

6pm - Special City
Council

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 appeared 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,**

SPECIAL EVENTS

Sep 10th ~ 11th

- *Cleveland County
Free Fair*

Sep 10th

- *Farmers Market*

Sep 11th - *Patriot
Day*

Sep 17th

- *Farmers Market
- Citizenship Day*

Sep 17th ~ 23rd

- *Constitution Week*

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

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.

Autumnal Equinox

Fall begins **Thursday, September 22nd** 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 17th**. However, September 17th 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.



Cleveland County Free Fair

The annual Cleveland County Free Fair in Norman for 2022 will end on **Sunday, September 11th**.

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.

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.

Great State Fair of OK

The annual Great State Fair of Oklahoma begins **Thursday, September 15th** and runs thru **Sunday, September 25th**.

Please visit <https://okstatefair.com> for more information.

Household Hazardous Waste

The Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality (ODEQ) has

approved the City's Household Hazardous Waste Event for Saturday, October 29th, 2022.

Items that will be accepted will include tires, batteries, oil, paints, etc.

Further information will be sent to all citizens in the October utility billing.

McClain County Free Fair

The annual 2022 McClain County Free Fair in Purcell will end **Sunday, September 11th**.

Mufflers On Main

The City's 8th annual car and truck show will be held on **Saturday, September 24th** 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 parcs@cityofblanchard.us.

Oil 'n Gas

The Oklahoma Corporation Commission reported since **September 2nd** that **ZERO** oil wells have been permitted or 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.

Patriot Day

REMEMBERING THE VICTIMS of 9/11. Fly the U.S. Flag at Half Staff on Sunday, September 11th, 2022.

Honor those who lost their lives on September 11th, 2001 by lowering your flags to half-staff.

On this day, we honor and remember the victims of the terrorist attacks that year on the Pentagon in Arlington, Virginia, and the World Trade Center in New York City, as well as those who lost their lives when hijacked United Airlines Flight 93 crashed in Pennsylvania. On this day, we also honor those who lost their lives while attempting to save those who were trapped by the attacks.

Planning Commission Action

The Blanchard Planning Commission held their September meeting on **Thursday, September 8th** at 6pm and discussed, considered and took appropriate action on the following agenda items:

- **HELD** Public Hearing to solicit public input regarding rezoning property from S-1 to A-1 located at 641 Avery Drive.
- **ADOPTED** Resolution recommending approval to the City Council regarding the Zoning Application Request.
- **APPROVED** Lot Split of 34.19 acres MOL into 2-tracts of 6.21 acres and 27.98 acres located at 3149 NE 10th Street SUBJECT to rezoning of said property.
- **HELD** Public Hearing to solicit public input regarding rezoning property from the A-1 to R-E located at 3149 NE 19th Street.
- **ADOPTED** Resolution recommending approval to the City Council regarding the Zoning Application Request.
- **APPROVED** Consent Agenda, as presented.

The next regular meeting will be **Thursday, October 13th**.

Police Blotter

- **9/9/2022** ~ PAGE, Christina arrested on Denton County, Texas Warrants.
 - **9/5/2022** ~ ADKINS, Lance arrested for two (2) Felony Warrants out of McClain County for failure to register as a sex offender; and sex offender living within 2000 feet of school.
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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 12th** ~ Chicken Patty, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Vegetable, Bread, Dessert.
- **Tuesday, September 13th** ~ Sloppy Joes, Baked Beans, Coleslaw, Bun, Dessert.
- **Wednesday, September 14th** ~ Chicken Pasta, Salad, Carrots and Raisins, Crackers, Dessert.
- **Thursday, September 15th** ~ Navy Beans, Beets, Potatoes, Cornbread, Dessert.
- **Friday, September 16th** ~ Pig in the Blanket, Pea Salad, Potato Salad, 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, 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.

Special Meeting Action

The BMIA Board of Trustees and the City Council met in joint Special Session on **Tuesday, September 6th** at 6pm and discussed, considered and took appropriate action on the following agenda items:

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

The next regular meeting of the Blanchard City Council and BMIA Board of Trustees will be **Tuesday, September 27th**.

Special Meeting

The City Council will hold a Special Session on **Monday, September 12th** at 6pm to discuss, consider and take appropriate action on the following agenda items:

- **MASTER AGREEMENT** with Parkhill for engineering in the amount of \$8,370.
- **RESOLUTION** of Project Sponsorship for a Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Application and Maintenance Commitment.

The full agenda packet is available on the City's website at www.cityofblanchard.us.

2022 Election

November 8th ~ General Election.

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