



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 500 L.F. MOL of 6" asphalt overlay.

Bids will be received at City Hall, located at 122 N. Main St., Blanchard, OK 73010, until **3:00 pm**, on **Thursday, September 22, 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

SPECIAL EVENTS

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*

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, 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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Board of Adjustment

The Blanchard Board of Adjustment will hold their September meeting on **Tuesday, September 20th** at 6pm to discuss, consider and take appropriate action on the following agenda items:

- Public Hearing to solicit public input regarding the approval or denial of a variance to allow the applicant to acquire a building permit from the City of Blanchard while going through the rezoning process, and in the case of the rezoning being denied, allow for the applicant to finish building and be allowed to occupy the home.

Applicant: Corey Deskin

Address: 189 Parkland Ranch Road, Blanchard, OK

Zoning: S-1, Suburban District

Legal: A tract of land being a part of the South Half of the Northeast Quarter (S/2 NE/4) of Section Six (6), Township Eight (8) North, Range Four (4) West, of the IM, McClain County, Oklahoma.

- Approve or deny by the Findings of Fact on the application as submitted.
- Consent Agenda.

The next regular meeting will be **Tuesday, November 15th**.

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.

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 started yesterday (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.

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 parks@cityofblanchard.us.

Oil 'n Gas

The Oklahoma Corporation Commission reported since **September 9th** that **ONE** oil wells was permitted 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

9.09.22 - PAGE, Christina arrested on Outstanding Warrants from Denton Texas.

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 19th** ~ Chicken Noodles, Green Beans, Carrots, Fruit.
- **Tuesday, September 20th** ~ Pork Chops, Mashed Potatoes, Vegetable, Bread, Dessert.
- **Wednesday, September 21st** ~ Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Vegetabe, Bread, Dessert.
- **Thursday, September 22nd** ~ Pinto Beans, Tater Tots, Spoon Relish, Cornbread, Dessert.
- **Friday, September 23rd** ~ Hot Dogs, Coleslaw, Baked Beans, Bun, 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.

2022 Election

November 8th ~ General Election.

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