



# E-Mail Newsletter

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## MEETINGS

September 27<sup>th</sup>

6pm - BMIA

6pm - City Council

October 3<sup>rd</sup>

6pm - TEAM

Blanchard

6pm - BETA

October 3<sup>rd</sup>

6pm - Blanchard

School Board

October 10<sup>th</sup>

2pm - Traffic Court

October 13<sup>th</sup>

6pm - Planning

Commission

October 18<sup>th</sup>

6pm - Board of

Adjustment

October 20<sup>th</sup>

4pm -

Juvenile/Code

Court

October 25<sup>th</sup>

6pm - BMIA Board

of Trustees

October 25<sup>th</sup>

6pm - City Council

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

## 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.

## Annual Fall Bazaar

The ladies of the First United Methodist Church of Blanchard are pleased to announce their 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Fall Bazaar to be held on **Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup>**. The Bazaar will run from **9am** to **4pm**.

Come enjoy this FREE shopping event with unique gifts and wares. Lunch will be provided for purchase.

Please call the FUMC at 485-3579 for more information.

## BOA Action

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

- **HELD** public hearing to solicit public input regarding the approval or denial of a variance to allow the applicant (Corey Deskin) 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 to be located at 189 Parkland Ranch Road, Blanchard, OK.
- **APPROVED** the Findings of Fact on the above application as submitted.

## SPECIAL EVENTS

**September 24<sup>th</sup>**

– Farmers Market

**October 1<sup>st</sup>**

– Farmers Market  
– Annual Fall Bazaar

**October 10<sup>th</sup>**

– COLUMBUS DAY

**October 13<sup>th</sup>**

– Fall Break

**October 14<sup>th</sup>**

– Fall Break

**October 17<sup>th</sup>**

– BOSS'S DAY

**October 31<sup>st</sup>**

– HALLOWEEN

– PUMPKINFEST

*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)

- **APPROVED** consent agenda.

The next regular meeting will be **Tuesday, November 15<sup>th</sup>**.

## *BVP Grant*

The Blanchard Police Department was awarded a 2022 Patrick Leahy Bulletproof Vest Partnership (BVP) matching grant from the US DOJ in the amount of \$5,840.00. It is a 50-50 reimbursing grant.

## *CENA Grant*

The City of Blanchard was awarded a 2023 Community Expansion of Nutrition Assistance (CENA) in the amount of \$8,022 for food (Senior Nutrition) from ASCOG.

## *Columbus Day*

On October 12, 1492, Christopher Columbus landed on a small island in the Bahamas, convinced that he had reached the East Indies. Now, by federal law, Columbus Day is celebrated on the second Monday in October which is **Monday, October 10<sup>th</sup>**. City offices will be open for business.



## *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).
- ☐ **Receptionist/Cashier** (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).

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www.cityofblanchard.us

- 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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## *Fall Break*

The Blanchard Public Schools will be out of classes on **Thursday, October 13<sup>th</sup>** and **Friday, October 14<sup>th</sup>** for Fall Break. NO SCHOOL!

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## *Farmers Market*

The 2022 Blanchard Farmers Market is open every Saturday for business! The Market ends 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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## *Fire Prevention Week*

A Proclamation designating the week of October 9<sup>th</sup> thru 15<sup>th</sup> will be considered at the Blanchard City Council meeting.

If proclaimed, the City urges all the people of Blanchard to plan and practice a home fire escape and to support the many public safety activities and efforts of the City of Blanchard Fire and Emergency Services during Fire Prevention Week 2022.

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## *Golf Tournament*

The Blanchard Chamber of Commerce's 19th Annual Golf

Tournament will be held on **Friday, September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022** at Winter Creek Golf & Country Club. A chance to win \$25,000!

For more information contact the Blanchard Chamber at 485-8787 or email at [chamber@blanchardchamber.com](mailto:chamber@blanchardchamber.com).

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## *Great State Fair of OK*

The annual Great State Fair of Oklahoma ends **Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup>**.

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

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## *Household Hazardous Waste*

The Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality (ODEQ) has approved the City's Household Hazardous Waste Event for **Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup>, 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.

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## *Mufflers On Main*



The City's 8<sup>th</sup> annual car and truck show will be held tomorrow **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 **September 16<sup>th</sup>** that **two (2)** oil wells was permitted within the City limits of Blanchard.

The wells will be located in Grady County more specifically in the old Indian Ridge Housing Development.

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## *On the BMIA Agenda*

The Blanchard Municipal Improvement Authority Board of Trustees will hold their September meeting on **Tuesday, September 27<sup>th</sup>** at 6pm to discuss, consider and take appropriate action of utility agenda items.

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

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## *On the Council Agenda*

The Blanchard City Council will hold their September meeting on **Tuesday, September 27<sup>th</sup>** following the BMIA meeting at 6pm to discuss, consider and take appropriate action on City agenda items.

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

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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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## *Police Blotter*

**9.17.22** ~ CRESPO VASQUEZ, Juan Jose arrested for Public Intoxication and issued Citation for Altered Tag.

## *Public Hearing*

A proposed Ordinance of the City of Blanchard, Oklahoma, amending Section 21-401, Article 4 of Chapter 21, Section 21-702 of Article 7 of Chapter 21, Section 21-712 of Article 7, Division 2 of Chapter 21, Section 21-722 of Article 7, Division 3 of Chapter 21, and Section 21-732 of Article 7, Division 4 of Chapter 21 of the Blanchard Municipal Code pertaining to Farmers Markets.

The Blanchard Planning Commission will hold a "Public Hearing" on said proposed Ordinance at 6 p.m. on October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022, at the Blanchard Municipal Courthouse, 300 N. Main, Blanchard, Oklahoma, at its regular schedule meeting.

The Blanchard City Council will also conduct a "Public Hearing" on said recommendation from the Planning Commission for the proposed Ordinance at 6 p.m. on October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022, at the Blanchard Municipal Courthouse, 300 N. Main, Blanchard, Oklahoma, at its regular schedule meeting.

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## *Sealed Bids*

The City received two (2) sealed bids for the paving improvements of a portion of Oak Drive. Project to include constructing approximately 500 L.F. MOL of 6" asphalt overlay. Sealed bids were submitted as follows:

- First Water Contracting \$ 175,490.00
- Silver Star Construction \$ 215,550.00

A recommendation will be made to the City Council at their Tuesday regular meeting on **September 27, 2022**.

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## *Sealed Bids*

The City received two (2) sealed bids for Sanitary Sewer Improvements - West Lift Station.

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.

Sealed bids were submitted as follows:

- Quicksilver Utility Contractor \$ 989,198.00
- Downey Contracting \$1,056,447.00

A recommendation will be made to the City Council at their Tuesday regular meeting on **September 27, 2022**.

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## *Sealed Bids*

The City received one (1) sealed bid for the US-62 Water Line Extension Project.

The Project includes constructing approximately 3,700 L.F. of 12" PVC water line, and appurtenances to serve the new Family Dollar/Dollar Tree store and Yarbrough facility.

The seal bid submitted as follows:

- Grooms & Pollard \$ 809,768.00

A recommendation will be made to the City Council at their Tuesday regular meeting on **September 27, 2022**.

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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 26<sup>th</sup>** ~ Goulash, Carrots, Peas, Fruit.
- **Tuesday, September 27<sup>th</sup>** ~ Tetrazzini, Corn, Vegetable, Dessert.
- **Wednesday, September 28<sup>th</sup>** ~ Pizza, Salad, Vegetable, Dessert.
- **Thursday, September 29<sup>th</sup>** ~ Navy Beans, Spinach, Beets, Cornbread, Dessert.
- **Friday, September 30<sup>th</sup>** ~ Smoked Sausage, Cabbage, Parsley Potatoes, C 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 your tax dollars work for you and our community.

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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.