



# E-Mail Newsletter

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## MEETINGS

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 11<sup>th</sup>

5:30pm - Sp BOA

October 11<sup>th</sup>

6pm - Sp City Council

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 - BMA 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.

## 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.

## BMIA Action

The Blanchard Municipal Improvement Authority Board of Trustees held their September meeting on **Tuesday, September 27<sup>th</sup>** and discussed, considered and took appropriate action on the following items:

- **DISCUSSED** Authority's fee schedule.
- **DISCUSSED** the Citizen Collection Station.
- **APPROVED** Revised Engineering Report re: the sewer lagoon system.
- **APPROVED** the Wasteload Allocation Report re: the sewer lagoon system.
- **APPROVED** consent agenda.

The next regular meeting will be **Tuesday, November 8<sup>th</sup>**.

## Braum's Opening

**GRAND OPENING CELEBRATION & CUSTOMER PRIZES**

The highly anticipated Blanchard Braum's is opening on **Tuesday, October 4<sup>th</sup>** just in time for the holiday season!

The store is at 1501 E. Veterans Memorial Highway, Blanchard, OK 73010.

Customers can enjoy their breakfast favorites like biscuits

## SPECIAL EVENTS

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

- Farmers Market
- Annual Fall Bazaar

**October 4<sup>th</sup>**

- Braum's Grand Opening

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

- COLUMBUS DAY

**October 9<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup>**

- Fire Prevention Week

**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)

and gravy or the big country breakfast beginning at **6:00** a.m. Tuesday morning. Lunch and dinner options will be available after **10:30** a.m. and ice cream is available all day! Operating hours will be **6:00** a.m. - **10:45** p.m. daily.

The building is just over 6,000 square feet inside and there is seating for about 80 guests. The store features a large Fresh Market offering a wide variety of fresh meats, fruits, vegetables, and fresh-from-the-farm dairy products. Plus, online Fresh Market Ordering is now available! Guests will also enjoy double drive-thru lanes, which accommodate more orders and traffic.

"We are thrilled to finally be in Blanchard and look forward to serving this great community," said Drew Braum, President and CEO.

The new Braum's store will host a Grand Opening celebration week starting **Monday, October 17<sup>th</sup>**, through **Sunday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>**. Customers will receive scratch-to-win cards for a chance to win a FREE HD TV, wireless headphones, a laptop computer, as well as free Braum's food and merchandise. You must go inside to receive the scratch-to-win cards. Supplies are limited and will be handed out on a first-come, first-served basis.

On **Saturday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>**, kids can get a free single dip of ice cream from **1:00** p.m. to **6:00** p.m. inside the store (*Kids must be fifteen (15) or under and accompanied by a parent. Offer not available through the drive-thru.*)

Braum's entire dairy operation is in Tuttle, Oklahoma. It consists of the farm, ice cream plant, bakery and warehouse. Braum's raises their cows and processes the milk to make ice cream and dairy items they sell in their Fresh Market. Braum's makes their signature loaves of bread, cookies, ice cream cones, cinnamon rolls, and more at the bakery. Everything is distributed to the stores on Braum's trucks.

Quality and freshness are a top priority for Braum's, which is why each store gets a truck with fresh food every other day. The company is vertically integrated from the ground up.

The newest location brings Braum's stores in operation to 308. All stores are located in a five-state area: Oklahoma, Texas, Kansas, Missouri, and Arkansas.

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We're on the Web!  
[www.cityofblanchard.us](http://www.cityofblanchard.us)

About Braum's, Bill and Mary Braum opened their first Braum's store in 1968. The company is still family-owned and operated. For more information about Braum's, please visit [www.braums.com](http://www.braums.com).

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## 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.



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## Council Action

The Blanchard City Council held their September meeting on **Tuesday, September 27<sup>th</sup>** and discussed, considered and took appropriate action on City related agenda items as follows:

- **CONDUCTED** a Public Hearing to receive public comments on the Planning Commission's recommendation to approve the Rezoning Application submitted by:

Applicant: Janice McMann Zwart

Location: 641 Avery Drive

Current Zoning: S-1 Suburban District

Proposed Zoning: A-1 Agricultural District

Legal: The N $\frac{1}{2}$  NW $\frac{1}{4}$  SW $\frac{1}{4}$  NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 26-T8N-R5W of the Indian Meridian, Grady County.

Property: Five (5) Acres MOL

- **ADOPTED** Ordinance No. 758 accepting the Planning Commission's recommendation of reclassifying property from the S-1 District to the A-1 District.

- **ADOPTED** an Emergency Clause for Zoning Ordinance No. 758.

- **CONDUCTED** a Public Hearing to receive public comments on the Planning Commission's recommendation to approve the

## AFTER HOURS

For Public Works after-hour incidents:

- \*water leaks
  - \*waterline breaks
  - \*sewer backups
  - \*sewer line breaks
  - \*lift station alarms
  - \*manholes overflowing
  - \*low-water pressure
  - \*no water
  - \*potholes
  - \*road repairs
  - \*signs missing
  - \*signs down
  - \*roadway flooding
  - \*debris in road
  - \*street lite out
- please call 405.485.9391.

The Blanchard Emergency Communications Center is 24-7 and will contact the on-call personnel regarding the incident.

Rezoning Application submitted by:

Applicant: Terri Nelson  
Location: 3149 10<sup>th</sup> Street NE  
Current Zoning: A-1, Agricultural District  
Proposed Zoning: R-1, Single-Family Residential District  
Legal Description: A tract of land located in the SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 21-T8N-R4W of the Indian Meridian, McClain County.

Property: 34.19 acres MOL.

- **ADOPTED** Ordinance No. 759 accepting the Planning Commission's recommendation of reclassifying property from the A-1 District to the R-1 District.
- **ADOPTED** an Emergency Clause for Zoning Ordinance No. 759.
- **ADOPTED** RESOLUTION No. 2022-43 adopting a Resolution amending the City's FYE2023 Fee Schedule based on recommendations from the City Council.
- **ADOPTED** Resolution No. 2022-44 authorizing the creation of a Street Sales/Use Tax Transfer Fund to provide for the general and specific fiscal accounting of funds relating to the proceeds from the one cent sales and one cent use tax to be used for street and road improvements debt service expenses.
- **ADOPTED** Resolution No. 2022-45 proposing a change in the boundaries of the wards of the City of Blanchard, giving notice of same and setting a date for the hearing.
- **TABLED** Resolution No. 2022-46 approving an Agreement with Prairie Rock Architecture for the purchase and development of four (4) lots located on Main Street.
- **ADOPTED** Resolution No. 2022-47 accepting the 2023 Community Expansion of Nutrition Assistance (CENA) Grant in the amount of \$8,022 awarded by The Association of South Central Oklahoma Governments (ASCOG) for Senior Citizens food purchases.
- **ADOPTED** Resolution No. 2022-48 accepting the 2022 Patrick Leahy Bulletproof Vest Partnership (BVP) for a 50% reimbursement grant in the amount of \$5,840.00 for the Blanchard Police Department.
- **TABLED** Resolution No. 2022-49 accepting the sealed bids

for Water System Improvements - US 62 Water Line Extension and awarding the contract to Grooms and Pollard for being the lowest and best bidder in the amount of \$809,768.00.

- **TABLED** Resolution No. 2022-50 accepting the sealed bids for Sanitary Sewer Improvements - West Lift Station and awarding the contract to Quicksilver Utility Contracting LLC for being the lowest and best bidder in the amount of \$989,198.00.

- **ADOPTED** Resolution No. 2022-51 accepting the sealed bids for Paving and Drainage Improvements - Oak Drive and awarding the contract to First Water Contracting for being the lowest and best bidder in the amount of \$175,490.00.

- **ADOPTED** Resolution No. 2022-52 approving an Cooperation Agreement with the Chickasaw Nation Division of Housing and the Chickasaw Housing Authority to construct one-hundred (100) single-family residences in Blanchard.

- **ADOPTED** Resolution No. 2022-53 approving the Contract and Bonds with Haskell Lemon Construction in the amount of \$7,158,655.00 for Section Line Road Improvements, as per bid.

- **AUTHORIZED** City Attorney to contact General Contractor's insurance company re: "calling the contract bonds" for fire station construction and completion.

- **DENIED** a Special Event Permit to allow animal adoption on Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup> or Saturday, October 8<sup>th</sup> to be held on Main Street.

- **APPROVED** a Special Event Permit re: staff's proposal addressing the cat issue in Blanchard.

- **APPROVED** Special Event Permit approving the date for observance of Halloween "Trick or Treat" nite in Blanchard, as **Monday, October 31<sup>st</sup>** from **6pm to 9pm**.

- **APPROVED** Consent Agenda.

- **HELD** Executive Session.

The next regular meeting will be **Tuesday, November 8<sup>th</sup>**.

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# *Employment Opportunities*

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

- ☐ **Code Enforcement Officer** (full-benefits).
- ☐ **Police Officers** (full-benefits).
- ☐ **Receptionist/Cashier** (full-benefits).
- ☐ **Reserve Police Officers** (no benefits).
- ☐ **Volunteer Firefighters** (pension and stipend per call).
- ☐ **Street Laborers** (full-benefits).
- ☐ **Volunteer Firefighters** (full-benefits).

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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## *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 will close after tomorrow's (**Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup>**) Market.

Please visit our website at

## *Fire Prevention Week*

A Proclamation designating the week of **October 9<sup>th</sup>** thru **15<sup>th</sup>** was proclaimed by the Mayor at the September Blanchard City Council meeting.

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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## *Halloween*

'Trick or Treat" nite in Blanchard will be **Monday, October 31<sup>st</sup>** from **6 pm to 9 pm**.

Please drive carefully with caution and watch out for little ghosts and goblins!

For Halloween safety tips for your kids, pets, etc. please go to <https://nnw.org/halloween-safety-tips>.

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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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## *Oil 'n Gas*

The Oklahoma Corporation Commission reported since **September 23<sup>rd</sup>** that NO (0) oil wells was permitted within the City limits of Blanchard.

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## *Park Events*

The upcoming **2022** events are:

- **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*

**9.24.22** ~ PERRIMAN, Jon-Erik arrested on Outstanding Grady County Warrants.

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## *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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## *PumpkinFest*

Are you ready for a real **SPOOKY GOOD TIME?**



The City's annual PumpkinFest will be held on **Monday, October 31<sup>st</sup>** from **6pm to 9pm** on Main Street.

Activities include:

- Costume Contest (Ages 0-10) (11-18) & (19-over)
- Pet Costume Contest (all pets must be on a leash)
- Face Painting
- Free Candy & Refreshments
- Games and Trunk or Treats
- Safe Candy Walk & Music

For more information, please contact Chris Wittenbach at 405.248.6521 or [parks@cityofblanchard.us](mailto:parks@cityofblanchard.us).

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## *Senator Lankford*



Join the Blanchard Chamber of Commerce will host a roundtable discussion with Senator James Lankford. He will be coming to Blanchard to speak and answer questions on **Monday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>** from **3pm to 3:30pm**.

## *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](#)

- **October 3<sup>rd</sup>** ~ Chicken & Rice, Carrots, Peas, Dessert.
- **October 4<sup>th</sup>** ~ Loaded Potato, Salad, Roll, Fruit, Dessert.
- **October 5<sup>th</sup>** ~ Chili Pie, Salad, Corn, Dessert.
- **October 6<sup>th</sup>** ~ Pinto Beans, Spinach, Potato, Cornbread, Dessert.
- **October 7<sup>th</sup>** ~ Fish, Coleslaw, Baked Beans, Cornbread, 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.**