



E-Mail Newsletter

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MEETINGS

October 25th
6pm - BMIA Board of Trustees
October 25th
6pm - City Council

Daylite Saving Time Ends



FALL BACK SUNDAY, November 6th, when Daylight Saving Time ends at 2 a.m. Clocks will “fall back” one-hour.

Credit for Daylite Saving Time belongs to Benjamin Franklin, who first suggested the idea in 1784. The idea was revised in 1907, when William Willett, an Englishman, proposed a similar system in the pamphlet 'The Waste of Daylight'.

The Germans were the first to officially adopt the light-extending system in 1915 as a fuel-saving measure during World War 1. The British switched one year later, and the United States followed in 1918, when Congress passed the Standard Time Act, which established our time zones. This

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

SPECIAL EVENTS

October 31st
- HALLOWEEN
- PUMPKINFEST

experiment lasted only until 1920, when the law was repealed due to opposition from dairy farmers [cows don't pay attention to clocks]. During World War II, Daylight Saving Time was imposed once again [this time year around] to save fuel.

SO REMEMBER! When you change the clocks, change your batteries in your smoke and CO² detectors.

Employment Opportunities

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

- ☐ **Police Officers** (full-benefits).
- ☐ **Reserve Police Officers** (no benefits).
- ☐ **Volunteer Firefighters** (pension and stipend per call).
- ☐ **Dispatcher** (full-benefits).
- ☐ **Street Laborers** (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.

*For Blanchard
City events:
Please visit our
website at
www.cityofblanchard.us*

*Library Events:
Please visit their
website at
www.pioneer.lib.ok.us*

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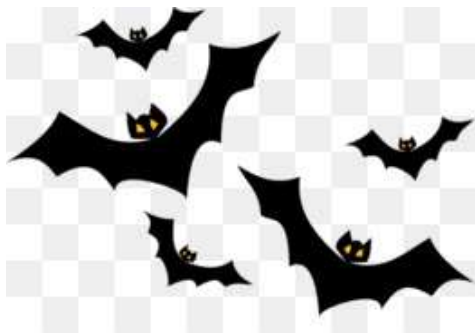
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We're on the Web!
www.cityofblanchard.us

Halloween



'Trick or Treat' nite in Blanchard will be **Monday, October 31st** 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>.

Household Hazardous Waste

The Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality (ODEQ) has approved the City's Household Hazardous Waste Event for **Saturday, October 29th, 2022, 9am to 3pm.**

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

More information was sent to all citizens in the October utility billing.

You can visit the City's website at www.cityofblanchard.us to see more information. NO household trash will be accepted on Saturday.

Oil 'n Gas

The Oklahoma Corporation Commission reported since **October 14th** that NO (0) oil wells was permitted within the City limits of Blanchard.

On the B.M.I.A Agenda

The October meeting of the Blanchard Municipal Improvement

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.

Authority Board of Trustees will be 6pm on **Tuesday, October 25th**, to discuss, consider and take possible action on the following agenda items:

- Resolution No. 2022-05 re: an amended Schedule of Fees;
- Resolution No. 2022-06 re: an establishing fees for the Citizen Collection Station; and
- Consent Agenda.

The next meeting will be **Tuesday, November 8th**.

On the City Council Agenda

The October meeting of the Blanchard City Council will be 6pm on **Tuesday, October 25th**, immediately following the BMIA meeting, to discuss, consider and take possible action on the following agenda items:

- Public Hearing re: Zoning Reclassification of property from the S-1, Suburban District to the A-1, Agricultural District;
- Emergency Clause for Ordinance No. 760;
- Tourism Ordinance No. 761;
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- Resolution No. 2022-46 re: Agreement with Prairie Rock Architecture for the purchase and development of 4-lots on Main Street;
- Resolution No. 2022-55 re: new wage chart for Fire employees;
- Resolution No. 2022-56 re: new wage chart for Emergency Management Communications' employees;
- Resolution No. 2022-57 re: \$33,000 donation from OVINTIV USA, LLC for the purchase of an amusement train;
- Resolution No. 2022-58 re: city match for parks and recreation grants;
- Resolution No. 2022-59 re: Water System Improvements - US 62 Water Line Extension contract with Grooms & Pollard in the bid amount of \$809,768.00;
- Resolution No. 2022-60 re: Sanitary Sewer Improvements - West Lift Station contract with Quicksilver Utility Contracting, LLC in the bid amount of \$989,198.00;
- Resolution No. 2022-61 re: Mutual Aid Agreement with the

Town of Dibble;

- Resolution No. 2022-62 re: Certificate of Substantial Completion; Engineer's Certificate of Completion; Pay Apps No. 2 and 3 for the CDBG Old Town Water Line Replacement - Phase 1;
- Resolution No. 2022-63 re: Irrevocable Standby Letters of Credit for paving, drainage, water and sanitary sewer improvements for Oasis Ranch Phase V subdivision;
- Status re: Phase I of the Section Line Road Improvement Project with Haskell Lemon Construction in the total amount of \$7,158,655.00;
- Status re: completion of Fire Station No. 2 and calling of the bonds to complete;
- Consent Agenda; and
- Executive Session.

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Park Events

The upcoming **2022** events are:

- **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

10.18.22 ~ HARRIS, Tyler arrested for Domestic A & B.

PumpkinFest



Are you ready for a real
SPOOKY GOOD TIME?

The City's annual PumpkinFest will be held on **Monday, October 31st** 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.

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, October 24th ~ Stroganoff, Carrots, Peas, Dessert.

Tuesday, October 25th ~ Chicken Strips, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Dessert.

Wednesday, October 26th ~ Smoked Sausage, Cabbage, Parsley Potatoes, Cornbread, Dessert.

Thursday, October 27th ~ Navy Beans, Spinach, Potato, Cornbread, Dessert.

Friday, October 28th ~ Fish, Coleslaw, Baked Beans, Roll, 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 bases 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 ~ The Oklahoma General Election will be **Tuesday, November 8th** from **7am** to **7pm**.

MCCLAIN COUNTY

A. **STATE OFFICERS**

- **GOVERNOR**

Natalie Bruno, Libertarian
Kevin Stitt, Republican
Joy Hoffmeister, Democrat
Ervin Stone Yen, Independent

- **LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR**

Chris Powell, Libertarian
Matt Pinnell, Republican
Melinda L. Alizadeh-Fard, Democrat

- **ATTORNEY GENERAL**

Lynda Steele, Libertarian
Gentner F. Drummond, Republican

- **STATE TREASURER**

Gregory J. Sadler, Libertarian
Todd Russ, Republican
Charles De Coune, Democrat

- **SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION**

Ryan Walters, Republican
Jena Nelson, Democrat

- **COMMISSIONER OF LABOR**

Will Daugherty, Libertarian
Leslie Kathryn Osborn, Republican
Jack Henderson, Democrat

- **CORPORATION COMMISSIONER**

Kim David, Republican
Margaret Warigia Bowman, Democrat
Don Underwood, Independent

B. CONGRESSIONAL OFFICERS

- **UNITED STATES SENATOR (Unexpired Term)**

Robert Murphy, Libertarian
Mark Wayne Mullin, Republican
Kendra Horn, Democrat
Ray Woods, Independent

- **UNITED STATES SENATOR**

Kenneth D. Blevins, Libertarian
James Lankford, Republican
Madison Horn, Democrat

Michael L. Delaney, Independent

- **UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE – DISTRICT 04**

Tom Cole, Republican

Mary Brannon, Democrat

C. LEGISLATIVE, DISTRICT AND COUNTY OFFICERS

- **STATE REPRESENTATIVE – DISTRICT 42**

Cindy Roe, Republican

Steve Jarman, Democrat

- **JUDICIAL OFFICERS**

- **DISTRICT JUDGE – DISTRICT 21, OFFICE 1**

- Michael David Tupper

- Patrick Crowe

- **ASSOCIATE DISTRICT JUDGE – McCLAIN COUNTY**

- William Deveraux, Jr.

- Charles N. Gray

D. JUDICIAL RETENTION

- **SUPREME COURT DISTRICT 2**

- **SUPREME COURT DISTRICT 5**

- **SUPREME COURT DISTRICT 6**

- **SUPREME COURT DISTRICT 8**

- **COURT OF CIVIL APPEALS DISTRICT 1 – OFFICE 1**

- **COURT OF CIVIL APPEALS DISTRICT 3 – OFFICE 1**

- **COURT OF CIVIL APPEALS DISTRICT 3 – OFFICE 2**

- **COURT OF CIVIL APPEALS DISTRICT 4 – OFFICE 1**

- **COURT OF CIVIL APPEALS DISTRICT 5 – OFFICE 1**

PLEASE EXERCISE YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE!

