



E-Mail Newsletter

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MEETINGS

November 7th

8am - TEAM Blanchard

6pm - BPS Bd of Ed

November 8th

6pm - BMIA Board of Trustees

6pm - City Council

November 10th

6pm - Planning Comm

November 15th

6pm - BOA

BMIA Action

The Blanchard Municipal Improvement Authority Board of Trustees meeting was held on **Tuesday, October 25th**, and the Board discussed, considered and took the following agenda action:

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

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

City Council Action

The Blanchard City Council meeting was held on **Tuesday, October 25th**, immediately following the BMIA meeting, and the Council discussed, considered and took the following action:

- **HELD** Public Hearing re: Zoning Reclassification of property from the S-1, Suburban District to the A-1, Agricultural District;
- **ADOPTED** Zoning Ordinance No. 760;
- **ADOPTED** Emergency Clause for Ordinance No. 760;
- **ADOPTED** Tourism Ordinance No. 761 with effective date of January 1, 2023;
- **DELETED** Emergency Clause for Ordinance No. 761;
- **ADOPTED** Resolution No. 2022-46 re: Agreement with Prairie Rock Architecture for the purchase and development of 4-lots on Main Street;

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

SPECIAL EVENTS

October 31st

– HALLOWEEN

– PUMPKINFEST

November 6th

2am – Daylite Saving
Time Ends

November 11th

– Veterans Day

November 12th

10:30am – Veterans
Parade

November 14th

2pm – Traffic Court

November 17th

4pm – Code &
Juvenile Court

November 24th

– THANKSGIVING
DAY

November 25th

– Veterans Day

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

Library Events:
Please visit their
website at
www.pioneer.lib.org

- **ADOPTED** Resolution No. 2022-55 re: new wage chart for Fire employees;
- **ADOPTED** Resolution No. 2022-56 re: new wage chart for Emergency Management Communications' employees;
- **ADOPTED** Resolution No. 2022-57 re: \$33,000 donation from OVINTIV USA, LLC for the purchase of an amusement train;
- **ADOPTED** Resolution No. 2022-58 re: city match for parks and recreation grants;
- **ADOPTED** 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;
- **ADOPTED** 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;
- **TABLED** Resolution No. 2022-61 re: Mutual Aid Agreement with the Town of Dibble;
- **ADOPTED** 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;
- **ADOPTED** Resolution No. 2022-63 re: Irrevocable Standby Letters of Credit for paving, drainage, water and sanitary sewer improvements for Oasis Ranch Phase V subdivision;
- **DISCUSSED** status of Phase I for Section Line Road Improvement Project with Haskell Lemon Construction in the total amount of \$7,158,655.00;
- **DISCUSSED** status of the completion of Fire Station No. 2 and calling of the bonds to complete;
- **TABLED** Resolution 2022-64 re: Emergency Dispatch Services Agreement with the Town of Dibble;
- **APPROVED** Consent Agenda, as presented; and
- **HELD** Executive Session.

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

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Daylight 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 Daylight 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 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.

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.

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).
- ☐ **Cook** (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.

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>.

Holiday Closing

City offices will be closed on **Friday, November 11th**, for the observance of Veteran's Day. If you have a police or fire emergency, please call 911. If you have a water or sewer emergency, please call 485.9391. Trash service will be as usual.

City Offices will reopen on **Monday, November 14th**.

Household Hazardous Waste

The Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality (ODEQ) approved the City's Household Hazardous Waste Event for tomorrow (**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 21st** that NO (0) oil wells was permitted within the City limits of Blanchard.

Oklahoma Heritage Week

The signing of the Statehood Proclamation on November 16, 1907, was the most significant action in the history of the State of Oklahoma. The week of November 10th through the 16th has been declared 'OKLAHOMA HERITAGE WEEK' in the State of Oklahoma.

All Oklahomans should pause during this time and reflect on our Oklahoma heritage, as well as our national heritage. Blanchard has the obligation and privilege to play an important role in the observance of this great week! So the Blanchard City Council issued a proclamation declaring the week of November 10th thru the 16th to be 'Oklahoma Heritage Week' in Blanchard and encourages all citizens, families, clubs, churches, business organizations and schools in Blanchard to give personal attention to all special Statehood Day observances, to fly the State Flag and the National Colors, to participate in and help sponsor programs, projects, and activities emphasizing the heritage of our great State.

Parade Marshal



The Blanchard American Legion and VFW posts have chosen Stan Adams of Blanchard to be the Grand Marshal of the annual Veterans Day Parade on **Saturday, November 12th**.

Stan is a Korean War Navy veteran. Both his father and brother were also Navy veterans. Because Stan was just 17 years

old when he joined the Navy, his father had to give his permission.

Stan was assigned a Submarine Chaser, a small but very fast anti-submarine warfare vessel. Two other benefits of his USN service were seeing the world and providing financial assistance to his family back home. He served a total of four (4) years before mustering out and returning home to Oklahoma City.

Stan married Marlene Moore just two (2) weeks before she graduated from high school. They have lived in Blanchard since the 1960s. They have two (2) children, a son (Michael) and a daughter (Carolyn Sill), who both graduated from Blanchard High School in the late 60s.

Stan and Marlene have five (5) grandchildren and seven (7) great grandchildren. Stan was an avid golfer and loved working on old cars, and the whole family loved to snow ski. Stan and Marlene have been long-time members of the First United Methodist Church in Blanchard.

Park Events

The upcoming **2022** events are:

- **October 31st** ~ Pumpkin Fest.
- **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 Bulletin

10.25.22 ~ DAVIS, Makayla arrested for Public Intoxication.

Pumpkin Fest

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

The City's annual Pumpkin Fest 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 31st ~ Goulash, Carrots, Peas, Dessert.

Tuesday, November 1st ~ Salmon, Cabbage, Blackeyed Peas, Cornbread, Dessert.

Wednesday, November 2nd ~ Ribbette, Coleslaw, Baked Beans, Parsley Potatoes, Cornbread, Dessert.

Thursday, November 3rd ~ Beef Stew, Okra, Cornbread, Dessert.

Friday, November 4th ~ BBQ Meatballs, Parsley Potatoes, Broccoli, Bread, 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 ~ 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!

Veterans Day



Originally Armistice Day, commemorating the signing of the agreement that ended World War I at 11:00am, on November 11, 1918, this federal holiday was changed to Veterans Day in 1954 by Congress. At that time, it became a day to honor all the men

and women who have served in the armed forces of the United States. Each year, special ceremonies are held around the nation honoring our veterans. Please consider spending some time on-line learning more about our nation's true HEROES [the American Veteran] who have served our country in time of peace and war.

Veterans Day Parade



Plans are under way for the annual Blanchard Veterans Day Parade to be held on **Saturday, November 12th**.

The Parade Marshal will be Stan Adams of Blanchard. Parade Entry Forms will be available on the City's website at www.cityofblanchard.us.