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MEETINGS

November 7th

8am - TEAM Blanchard

6pm - BPS Bd of Ed

6pm - BETA Special

November 8th

6pm - BMIA Board of Trustees

6pm - City Council

November 10th

6pm - Planning Comm

November 15th

6pm - BOA

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 This experiment lasted only until 1920, when the law was repealed due to opposition from dairy farmers [cows don't pay attention to clocks].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.

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

SPECIAL EVENTS

November 6th

2am – Daylight 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

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).
- ☐ **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.

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

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**.

Moment of Silence

In 2016, the President of the United States, signed the Veterans Day Moment of Silence Act. The Proclamation calls for the American people everywhere to observe a two-minute national moment of silence on Veterans Day, **November 11th** at **1:11** p.m. Central Standard Time.

A century ago, America was fighting a war to liberate Europe. However, the U.S. involvement was relatively short in time compared to other countries ... but the sacrifices were enormous. A total of 116,516 Americans paid the ultimate price. Another 200,000 were wounded.

The Armistice signed on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month in 1918 was signed during the First World War between the Allies and Germany - also known as the Armistice of Compiegne after the location in which it was signed - and the agreement ended the fighting on the Western Front.

Oil 'n Gas.

No information.

Oklahoma Heritage Week

The signing of the Statehood Proclamation on November 16, 1907, was the most significant action in the history of 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.

State of Oklahoma. The week of **November 13th** through the **19th** 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 13th** thru the **19th** 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.

On the BETA Agenda

The Board of Trustees of the Blanchard Economic Trust Authority will meet in special session on Monday, December 5th at 6pm to discuss, consider and take appropriate action regarding the following agenda items:

- Attendance at the 2023 ICSC on January 18-20 in Dallas; and
- Economic development for industrial and commercial businesses.

The full agenda packet will be available for viewing or download at www.cityofblanchard.us on Monday. The next meeting of the Authority will be Monday, December 5th.

On the B M I A Agenda

The Board of Trustees of the Blanchard Municipal Improvement Authority will meet in regular session on Tuesday, November 8th at 6pm to discuss, consider and take appropriate action regarding the following agenda items:

- Resolution approving a Schedule of Fees for maintenance and operations of the Authority;

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- Resolution approving the annual Schedule of Meeting dates for Calendar Year 2023;
- Resolution approving the annual Schedule of Holidays observed for Calendar Year 2023;
- Status of bids and award to F&M Bank for being the lowest and best bidder for the financing of the BMIA - \$2,710,000 Utility System & Sales Tax Revenue Note, Series 2022; and
- Consent Agenda.

The full agenda packet is available for viewing or download at www.cityofblanchard.us. The next meeting of the Authority will be Monday, December 13th.

On the Council Agenda

The Governing Body of the City of Blanchard will meet in regular session on Tuesday, November 8th immediately following the BMIA meeting to discuss, consider and take appropriate action regarding the following agenda items:

- Public Hearing on the proposed new ward boundaries based on the 2020 Federal Census;
- Ordinance approving the new ward boundaries;
- Emergency clause for Ordinance;
- Departmental Requests:
 1. Fire Department to purchase vehicles;
 2. Police Department to hire part-time police officers;
- Resolution approving Mutual Aid Agreement with the Town of Dibble;
- Resolution approving an Agreement with the Town of Dibble for emergency dispatch services;
- Resolution adopting the City's Schedule of Meetings for Calendar Year 2023;
- Resolution adopting the City's Schedule of Observed Holidays for Calendar Year 2023;
- Resolution approving an Agreement with the Blanchard Chamber of Commerce;
- Resolution approving an Agreement with the City of

Newcastle for certain road improvements;

- Resolution accepting the nomination of the Mayor and confirmation by the City Council of a new member to serve on the Board of Adjustment;
- Special Event Permit for Blanchard Band Boosters to paint house numbers thru-out the town;
- Special Event Permit for American Legion & Veterans of Foreign Wars to hold a Veterans Day Ceremony on Friday, November 11th at 11am;
- Nomination and appointment of members to the newly created Tourism Board;
- Road improvement status;
- Fire Station Improvement status;
- Designation of One-Way Street during football games;
- Consent Agenda; and
- Executive Session.

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On the P C Agenda

The Blanchard Planning Commission will meet in regular session on Thursday, November 10th at 6pm to discuss, consider and take appropriate action regarding the following agenda items:

- Public Hearing on a Zoning Application submitted by:
Applicant: Kimberly Bingman and Rebecca Bingman
Address: 3006 SW 8th Street
Current Zoning: S-1 Suburban District
Proposed Zoning: R-E Residential Estates District
Location: Lot 32 of Block 1 of Rolling Hills Estates
- Resolution recommending approval or denial to the City Council regarding the Zoning application of Kimberly Bingman and Rebecca Bingman.
- Public Hearing on a Zoning Application submitted by:
Applicant: Chance Scott
Address: 501 Mitchell Drive
Current Zoning: A-1 Agricultural District
Proposed Zoning: R-E Residential Estates District

Location: Lot 4 of the East Park addition

- Resolution recommending approval or denial to the City Council regarding the Zoning application by Chance Scott.

- Public Hearing on a Zoning Application submitted by:

Applicant: City of Blanchard

Current Zoning: R-2 Combined Residential District, C-4 Restricted Commercial District

Proposed Zoning: C-6 General Commercial District

Location: Blocks 97, 98, 104, 105, 114, 115 less lots 7 through 12 of Block 97

- Resolution recommending approval or denial to the City Council regarding the Zoning application by the City of Blanchard.

- Ordinance amending Section 21-401, Article 4; Section 21-702, Article 7; Section 21-712, Article 7, Division 2; Section 21-722, Article 7, Division 3; Section 21-732, Article 7, Division 4 all in Chapter 21, of The Blanchard Municipal Code pertaining to farmers market; declaring repealer; providing for severability; and declaring an emergency.

- Discussion and consideration in regards to the zoning for the growing and processing of marijuana.

- Discussion and consideration and a motion to approve the 2023 regular Planning Commission meeting dates.

- Resolution recommending approval or denial to the City Council regarding the Final Plat for Oasis Ranch Section 5:

Final Plat: Oasis Ranch Section 5

Applicant: IH Development, LLC

Location: Two parts, one in the far NW corner of the Oasis Ranch development area and the other filling in the rest of the development on the East side of Main St, South of Section 4.

Legal description: See staff report.

- Consent Agenda.

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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:

- **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.

P olice B lotter

No arrests.

S enior D ining

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, November 7th ~ Chicken Patty, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Vegetable, Bread, Dessert.

Tuesday, November 8th ~ Sloppy Joes, Baked Beans, Coleslaw, Bun, Dessert.

Wednesday, November 9th ~ Chicken Salad, Carrots and Raisins, Crackers, Dessert.

Thursday, November 10th ~ Navy Beans, Beets, Potatoes, Cornbread, Dessert.

Friday, November 11th ~ CLOSED.

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.

S hop 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 **Tuesday** 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.



Blanchard's
VETERANS DAY PARADE
November 12th, 2022
10:30 am



Join us as we honor all who served
in times of war & in times of peace.
