



E-Mail Newsletter

30 December 2022

Volume 126, Number 5

Meeting Dates

January 9th

8am - TEAM Blanchard

6pm - BPS Bd of Ed

January 10th

5pm - Sp City Council

6pm - Tourism Board

January 12th

6pm - Planning Comm

January 17th

6pm - BOA

January 24th

6pm - BMIA

6pm - City Council

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



Carbon-Monoxide

Due to the extreme cold temperatures and the potential for power outages, please be aware of the hazards of the following types of heating:

- ♦ **Never** use gas grills, propane grills, charcoal grills in a house, garage or enclosed area;
- ♦ All gas fire heaters **MUST** be vented to the outside to remove carbon monoxide from an enclosed area; and
- ♦ **Please** read and follow all manufacturer instructions for any heater.

Citizen Collection Center

The City of Blanchard's Citizen Collection Center (Transfer Station) will be closed tomorrow (**Saturday, December 31st**) and **Monday, January 2nd**.

It will reopen on **Tuesday, January 3rd**.

Special Events

December 31st

- NEW YEAR'S EVE

January 1st

- NEW YEAR'S DAY

January 2nd

- NEW YEAR Observed

January 12th

- MLK Jr. Day

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

Library Events: Please visit their website at <https://pioneer.libnet.info/events?l=virtual,blanchard>

City of Blanchard
P.O. Box 480
122 N. Main Street
Blanchard, OK 73010
Phone: (405) 485-9392

Fax: (405) 485-3199

E-mail: citymanager@cityofblanchard.us

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

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).
- » **Street Laborers** (full-benefits).
- » **Utility 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.

Holiday Closing

City offices will be closed for the observance of New Year's on **Monday, January 2nd (New Year's Day Observed)**.

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 collection as usual.

City Offices will reopen on **Tuesday (January 3rd)** after New Year's.

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.

New Year's Day

In Scotland, **December 31st** is known as Hogmanay, the word children use to ask for their traditional present of an oatmeal cake (which is why this is also called Cake Day). The first person to cross the threshold into your home, called the first footer, is an indication of the year to come. Although the tradition varies, if the first footer is tall and dark, the year will be a good one.



To celebrate, the City allows the discharge of fireworks tomorrow (**Saturday, December 31st** from **12:00 Noon to 12:00 Midnite**); and on **Sunday, January 1st** from **12:01 am to 12:30 am**.

Oil 'n Gas

There were **NO** oil wells permitted or completed in Blanchard according to the Oklahoma Corporation Commission since **Friday, December 23rd**.

Police Blotter

- 12/28/22 ~ STIGER, Nickolas arrested for Disturbing the Peace.
- 12/27/22 ~ WHITE, Aaron arrested for Domestic Assault and Battery in the presence of a minor under 12 years old.

School Break

The Blanchard Public Schools will be closed for the Christmas Holidays, **NO CLASSES**. Students will be out of school until **January 3rd, 2023**. Classes resume on **Wednesday, January 4th**.

Shop Local

Here's what happens when you "shop local."

1. 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 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. 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. Buying from a locally owned business conserves energy and resources in the form of less fuel for transportation and less packaging.
5. 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. Shopping in a local business district means less infrastructure, less maintenance, and

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, January 2nd ~ Center CLOSED

Tuesday, January 3rd ~ Chicken Patty, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Vegetable, Dessert.

Wednesday, January 4th ~ Meatballs, Parsley Potatoes, Green Beans, Sliced Bread, Dessert.

Thursday, January 5th ~ Stew, Okra, Cornbread, Dessert.

Friday, January 6th ~ Sloppy Joes, Salad, Corn, Bun, 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.

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

