



E-Mail Newsletter

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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.

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.

Special Events

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>

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

- 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.

Oil 'n Gas

There were **NO** oil wells permitted or completed in Blanchard according to the Oklahoma Corporation Commission since **Friday, December 30th**.

On the Council Agenda

The Blanchard City Council will hold a special meeting on **Tuesday, January 10th** to discuss, consider and take appropriate action re:

- Change Order No. 1 with Haskell Lemon Group;
- Change Order No. 2 with Haskell Lemon Group;
- Resolution declaring the intent to create a TIF;
- Agreement for TIF Counsel Services with The Public Finance Law Group PLLC; and
- Dispatching Agreement with Town of Dibble.

The regular City Council meeting will be **Tuesday, January 24th**.

On the PC Agenda

The regular meeting of the Blanchard Planning Commission will be held **Thursday, January 12th**, to discuss, consider and take appropriate action re:

- Resolution No. 2023-01 recommending approval to the City Council regarding updating the Zoning Map as of 12/31/22.
- Public Hearing for a Zoning Application submitted by:

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.

Applicant: Terry Erhardt

Address: 1745 South County Line Ave.

Current Zoning: S-1 Suburban District

Proposed Zoning: A-1 Agricultural District

Location: NE/4 of the SE/4 of Section 36-T8N-R5W of the I.M.

- **Resolution No. 2023-02 recommending approval or denial to the City Council regarding the above Zoning application.**

- **Lot Split Application submitted by:**

Applicant: Terry Erhardt

Address: 1745 South County Line Ave.

Original Tract: 5.00 Acres

**Proposed Tracts: Tract 1A - 2.5 Acres; and
Tract 1B - 2.5 Acres**

Location: NE/4 of the SE/4 of Section 36-T8N-R5W of the I.M.

- **Lot Split Application submitted by:**

Applicant: SKH Capital LLC

Address: 203 South Van Buren.

Original Tract: 17,500 Sq Ft

**Proposed Tracts: Tract 1A - 6,750 SF
Tract 1B - 10,750 SF**

Location: Lots 13-17 in Block 96 of the original town plat.

The next regular City Council meeting will be **Thursday, February 9th.**

On the Tourism Agenda

The Blanchard Tourism Board will hold their first meeting on **Tuesday, January 10th** to discuss, consider and take appropriate action re:

- **Oath of Office;**
- **Nomination & appointment of Chairman;**
- **Nomination & appointment of Vice Chairman;**
- **Setting of times, dates and place of meetings;**
- **Powers and duties of the Board.**

The regular City Council meeting will be **Tuesday, January 24th.**

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

Police Blotter

- 12/31/22 ~ VANCE, Dalton Ray arrested on Blanchard Municipal Warrant.

Sales Tax Collections

The sales tax collections for the month of January is more than twenty-six percent (26.56%) of the monthly budgeted amount based on five (5%) of \$8,560,163.60 retail sales in Blanchard.

Month	\$ Amount	% +/-
Jul '22	341,443.27	19.73
Aug '22	433,295.74	26.51
Sep '22	493,098.78	109.33
Oct '22	454,007.33	40.16
Nov '22	457,106.95	41.12
Dec '22	487,024.24	38.91
Jan '23	428,228.18	37.11
Feb '23	0	0.00
Mar '23	0	0.00
Apr '23	0	0.00
May '23	0	0.00
Jun '23	0	0.00
Totals	3,093,984.49	42.33

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 9th ~ Chicken and Noodles, Carrots, Peas, Dessert.

Tuesday, January 10th ~ Loaded Potato, Salad, Bread, Dessert.

Wednesday, January 11th ~ Enchilada Casserole, Beans, Corn,

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. 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 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. Creativity and entrepreneurship are what the American economy is founded upon. Nurturing local business ensures a strong community.

10. The more interesting and unique Blanchard community, the more we will attract new neighbors, visitors and guests. This

BENEFITS EVERYONE!

* Civic Economics - Andersonville Study of Retail Economics.

Chips, Dessert.

Thursday, January 12th ~ Pinto Beans, Relish, Potato, Cornbread, Dessert.

Friday, January 13th ~ Ham and Potato Soup, Vegetable, 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.

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.

Use Tax Collections

The use tax collections for the month of January more than fifty-four percent (54.49%) more than the monthly budgeted amount based on \$3,287,691.20 of retail sales outside of Blanchard.

Month	\$ Amount	% +/-
Jul '22	100,869.95	22.75
Aug '22	94,050.49	-3.45
Sep '22	137,513.39	55.31
Oct '22	119,613.15	40.95
Nov '22	102,787.23	11.07
Dec '22	146,676.03	50.92
Jan '23	164,384.56	28.56
Feb '23	0	0.00
Mar '23	0	0.00
Apr '23	0	0.00
May '23	0	0.00
Jun '23	0	0.00
Totals	865,894.80	29.13

Veterans Memorial

The Veterans Memorial Park Committee has raised more than \$230,000 to date for the construction of the new Veterans Memorial. The cost estimate of construction is \$308,000.

Veteran Honor Bricks, Sponsorship Panels and Silver and Bronze Donor Panels are ALL available for purchase.

Please follow us on the VMP facebook page or visit us at www.cityofblanchard.us website.

Voter Registration Deadline

Friday, January 20th, is the last day to apply for voter registration in McClain and Grady Counties to be eligible to vote in the February 14, 2023 Board of Education Primary and Special Election.

Requests for Absentee Ballots for the February 14, 2023 Election is **Monday, January 30th**.



