



E-Mail Newsletter

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Meeting Dates

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:

- » **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.

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

- 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, January 13th**.

On the BMIA Agenda

The Blanchard Municipal Improvement Authority will hold their regular meeting on **Tuesday, January 24th** to discuss, consider and take appropriate action re:

- DEQ Letter regarding Engineering Report on total retention lagoons waste load allocation;
- Consent Order Case No. 22-273;
- Lease-Purchase of Equipment;
- Right of Way Grant with Enable Gas Gathering LLC; and
- Consent Agenda.

The BMIA Agenda Packet is on the City's website at www.cityofblanchard.us.

On the Council Agenda

The Blanchard City Council will hold their regular meeting on **Tuesday, January 24th** to discuss, consider and take appropriate action re:

- Public Hearing on Zoning Application from S-1 to A-1.
- Zoning Ordinance approving rezoning from S-1 to A-1.
- Emergency Clause.

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.

- Ordinance approving Official 2023 Zoning Map.
- Emergency Clause.
- Ordinance amending Oil and Gas Regulations pertaining to Trucks.
- Emergency Clause.
- Ordinance approving Official 2023 Zoning Map.
- Emergency Clause.
- Resolution approving the 2022 Code Supplement.
- Resolution accepting RFQ for the engineering and design of water line replacement within the Original Town Plat funded by CDBG.
- Resolution accepting RFQ for the engineering and design of a 12-inch water line serving the Blanchard High School.
- Resolution directing the return of Escrow Funds from the 2019-2020 OMAG Workers' Compensation Policy Plan in the amount of \$5,903.40.
- Resolution approving Special Event Permit for "Build a Bear" during Valentines and Easter.
- Lease-Purchase of Equipment.
- Contract, Power of Attorney and related documents to facilitate the purchase of a trackless train and related park equipment.
- Road Improvements Status.
- Fire Station Completion Status.
- Concession Stand/Press Box Status.
- Consent Agenda.
- Executive Session.

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Police Blotter

- **1/18/23** ~ McDONALD, Brent arrested on Outstanding Cleveland County Felony Warrants.
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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 23rd ~ Spaghetti, Salad, Corn, Dessert.

Tuesday, January 24th ~ Chili Pie, Salad, Vegetable, Chips, Biscuit.

Wednesday, January 25th ~ Tetrizzini, Green Beans, Carrots, Dessert.

Thursday, January 26th ~ Hobo Beans, Pickle and Onions, Okra, Cornbread, Dessert.

Friday, January 27th ~ Ribbette, Coleslaw, Baked Beans, 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

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.

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.

Special Events

February 2nd ~ Ground Hog Day

February 7th ~ Super Bowl Sunday

February 12th ~ Lincoln's Birthday

February 14th ~ Valentine's Day

February 20th ~ Presidents Day

February 21st ~ Mardi Gras

February 22nd ~ Ash Wednesday

February 22nd ~ Washington's Birthday

Voter Registration Deadline

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