



# E-Mail Newsletter

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## Meeting Dates

### February 6<sup>th</sup>

8am - TEAM Blanchard

6pm - BETA

6pm - BPS Bd of Ed

### February 9<sup>th</sup>

6pm - Planning Comm

### February 20<sup>th</sup>

6pm - Tourism Board

### February 21<sup>st</sup>

6pm - BOA

### February 28<sup>th</sup>

6pm - BMIA

6pm - City Council

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

## BMIA Action

The Blanchard Municipal Improvement Authority held their regular meeting on **Tuesday, January 24<sup>th</sup>** and discussed, considered and took appropriate action as follows:

- **Discussed** DEQ Letter regarding Engineering Report on total retention lagoons waste load allocation;
- **Authorized** City Attorney to address Consent Order Case No. 22-273 with the DEQ;
- **Approved** Lease-Purchase of Equipment and **authorize** City Manager to seek interest rate quotes with local banks;
- **Approved** Right of Way Grant with Enable Gas Gathering LLC; and
- **Approved** Consent Agenda.

The next meeting of the Authority is scheduled for **Tuesday, February 28<sup>th</sup>**.

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## 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.

# Special Events

**February 2<sup>nd</sup>**

~ Ground Hog Day

**February 12<sup>th</sup>**

~ Super Bowl Sunday

**February 12<sup>th</sup>**

~ Lincoln's Birthday

**February 14<sup>th</sup>**

~ Valentine's Day

**February 20<sup>th</sup>**

~ Presidents Day

**February 21<sup>st</sup>**

~ Mardi Gras

**February 22<sup>nd</sup>**

~ Ash Wednesday

**February 22<sup>nd</sup>**

~ Washington's Birthday

**For Blanchard**

**City events:**

Please visit our

website at

[www.cityofblanchard.us](http://www.cityofblanchard.us)

**Library Events:**

Please visit their

website at

<https://pioneer.libnet.info/events?l=virtual,blanchard>

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[www.cityofblanchard.us](http://www.cityofblanchard.us)

# Council Action

The Blanchard City Council held their regular meeting on **Tuesday, January 24<sup>th</sup>** and discussed, considered and took appropriate action as follows:

- **Held** Public Hearing on Zoning Application from S-1 to A-1.
- **Adopted** Zoning Ordinance No. 768 approving rezoning from S-1 to A-1.
- **Adopted** an Emergency Clause for Ordinance No. 768.
- **Adopted** Ordinance No. 769 approving Official 2023 Zoning Map.
- **Adopted** an Emergency Clause for Ordinance No. 769.
- **Adopted** Ordinance No. 770 amending Oil and Gas Regulations pertaining to Trucks.
- **Adopted** an Emergency Clause for Ordinance No. 770.
- **Adopted** Ordinance No. 771 approving Official 2023 Zoning Map.
- **Adopted** an Emergency Clause for Ordinance No. 771.
- **Adopted** Resolution No. 2023-01a approving the 2022 Code Supplement.
- **Adopted** Resolution No. 2023-02 accepting RFQ for the engineering and design of water line replacement within the Original Town Plat funded by CDBG and awarding engineering services to Glenn Sullivan & Associates.
- **Adopted** Resolution No. 2023-03 accepting RFQ for the engineering and design of a 12-inch water line serving the Blanchard High School and awarding engineering service to Parkhill.
- **Adopted** Resolution No. 2023-04 directing the return of Escrow Funds from the 2019-2020 OMAG Workers' Compensation Policy Plan in the amount of \$5,903.40.
- **Adopted** Resolution No. 2023-05 approving Special Event Permit for "Build a Bear" during Valentines and Easter.
- **Approved** Lease-Purchase of Equipment and authorized City Manager to seek interest rate quotes for financing with local banks.
- **Approved** Power of Attorney and related documents to

# 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.

facilitate the purchase of a trackless train and related park equipment.

- **Discussed** Road Improvements Status.
- **Discussed** Fire Station Completion Status.
- **Discussed** Concession Stand/Press Box Status.

## ADDENDUM:

- **Discussed** Public Safety (Dispatch/Fire/Police) Complex.
- **Renewed** Axon Body Cam contract in the amount of \$42,155.28.
- **Approved** Consent Agenda.
- **Held** Executive Session and authorized the City Manager to prepare a Resolution for raises to all employees (non-uniformed) who have not received raises in the fiscal year 2022-2023.

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## 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.
- 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](http://www.cityofblanchard.us).

## 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

## Oil 'n Gas

There were **NO** oil wells permitted or completed in Blanchard according to the Oklahoma Corporation Commission since **Friday, January 20<sup>th</sup>**.

## Police Blotter

- **1/23/23** ~ HUSSFELDT, Nicholis arrested on Outstanding Oklahoma County Warrants for possession of Drug Paraphernalia and Unlawful possession of Controlled Drugs.

## 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 30<sup>th</sup>** ~ Beef Stroganoff, Green Beans, Corn, Dessert.

**Tuesday, January 31<sup>st</sup>** ~ Smoked Sausage, Cabbage, Blackeyed Peas, Cornbread, Dessert.

**Wednesday, February 1<sup>st</sup>** ~ Chicken and Dumplings, Peas, Carrots, Dessert.

**Thursday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>** ~ Pinto Beans, Relish, Potatoes, Cornbread, Dessert.

**Friday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>** ~ Fish, 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

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.

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.

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## *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.

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## *Voter Registration Deadline*

Requests for Absentee Ballots for the February 14, 2023 Election deadline is **Monday, January 30<sup>th</sup>**.

