



E-Mail Newsletter

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Meeting Dates

JUNE 27th

6pm ~ BMIA

6pm ~ City Council

JUNE 30th

12 Noon ~ BPS Board

JULY 13th

6pm ~ Planning Commission

JULY 18th

6pm ~ BOA

JULY 25th

6pm ~ BMIA

6pm ~ City Council

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

Concert in the Park

The final Concert in the Park will feature Edgar Cruz, this **Friday** nite (**June 30th**). He's a solo guitarist. Following the Concert, a movie will be shown. Tentatively scheduled is The Lego Movie!

Farmers Market

The 2023 Blanchard Farmers Market is open for business every **Saturday** beginning at **8am** until **12 Noon** thru October.

Please visit our website under **RESIDENTS** and make application to participate.



House Numbering

In an emergency, first responders (fire, police and ambulance) and utility service technicians depend on clearly marked addresses to find the right home as quickly as possible. Finding a residence can be challenging if street addresses (house numbers) are unreadable, hidden, unlit or missing. You can help emergency responders and service technicians locate your home by following these tips:

- Replace aging or faded numbers;
- Clear all obstructions (hanging plants, bushes, flags, etc.)

Special Events

June 30th

~ Concert in the Park

~ Friday Nite Movie

July 1st

~ Farmers Market

July 3rd

~ Independence Celebration

July 4th

~ Independence Day

July 4th

~ City Offices Closed

July 23rd

~ Parents' 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>

from blocking your house number;

- Post large numbers to allow visibility from the street;
- Place your numbers near the street or on the curb, with a reflective coating and contrasting background;
- Allow numbers to be seen from all directions (if your home is on a corner, have numbers posted on all sides).

The BMC §4-402 requires all building and houses to be numbered. The even numbers (2,4,6, etc.) shall be on the east side of the streets extending north and south, and on the south side of the streets extending east and west; the odd numbers (1,3,5, etc.) shall be on the opposite side of streets.

Independence Day Celebration

PATRIOTIC SPIRITS BLAST OFF IN BLANCHARD!

Gather up the gang and head to Blanchard. Plans are underway for the City's annual Independence Day Celebration for the 4th of July.

The annual event will once again be held at the Blanchard Crossing behind the Sonic Drive-in from 6pm to 10pm on **Monday, July 3rd**.

Please contact Chris Wittenbach at 485.9392, ext 105 for more information.



The Blanchard's Parks Department will show a movie Friday nite following the Edgar Cruz concert.

The movie begins approximately at 9:15pm after the concert and is FREE to the public.

The final Concert and Movie will be held at Lions Park (West of Main Street on 7th Street SW).

June 30th

The Lego Movie

Visit the City's Facebook page for more details.

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.

Oil 'n Gas

There were **NO** oil wells permitted or completed in Blanchard according to the Oklahoma Corporation Commission since **Friday, June 16th**.

On the BMIA Agenda

The Board of Trustees of the Blanchard Municipal Improvement Authority will meet in regular session on the **27th of June** beginning at **6:00 p.m.**, 300 North Main, to discuss, consider and take appropriate action on the following items:

- Change Order No. 2 in the amount of \$9,800.00 with QuickSilver Utility Construction;
- Purchase of water line materials for High School water line;
- Consent Agenda; and
- Executive Session.

The Agenda and Packet will be available on the City's website on Monday.

On the City Council Agenda

The City Council will meet in regular session on **Tuesday, June 27th** following the BMIA meeting to discuss, consider and take appropriate action on the following items:

- Annexation Ordinance;
- Emergency Clause;
- TIF Ordinance;
- Emergency Clause;
- Zoning Public Hearing;
- Zoning Ordinance;
- Resolution re: Agreement for legal counsel for TIF No. 3 with Public Finance Law Group;
- Resolution re: Agreement with Dibble for dispatching;
- Resolution re: FYE2023 Audit performed by HSPG & Assc;
- Resolution re: Amendment No. 2 with GSA;
- Resolution re: Appointment of Luke Short to Planning

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

Commission;

- Resolution re: Appointment of Jeff Clay to Planning Commission;

- Resolution re: Appointment of Connie Armstrong to Planning Commission;

- Resolution re: Re-appointment of Yvonne Lackey to BOA;

- Resolution re: Final Plat of Oasis Ranch 5 and acceptance of public utilities;

- Resolution re: Street signage for Oasis Ranch 5;

- Resolution re: OMAG's Workers' Comp Plan;

- Job Requisition for new position of Capital Projects Manager;

- Consent Order issued by ODEQ;

- Memorialization of Vehicle Lease-Purchase;

- Status of Section Line Road Improvements;

- Status of Fire Station completion;

- Consent Agenda; and

- Executive Session.

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

Police Blotter

- **6/21/23** ~ VAN HOFWEGEN, Erik arrested on Outstanding Blanchard Warrants.

- **6/20/23** ~ TOVAR, Daniel arrested on Outstanding McIntosh County Warrants.

- **6/19/23** ~ ETHINGTON, Timothy arrested on Outstanding Blanchard Warrants.

- **6/17/23** ~ RUSHING, Robert arrested on Domestic Abuse in front of a Minor.

Senior Nutrition Center

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**.

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.

MENU (June 26th - June 30th)

Monday ~ Stroganoff, Carrots, Peas, Dessert.

Tuesday ~ Loaded Potato, Salad, Bread, Dessert.

Wednesday ~ Chicken Salad, 3-Bean Salad, Jello Salad, Crackers, Dessert.

Thursday ~ Navy Beans, Potatoes, Spinach, Cornbread, Dessert.

Friday ~ Ham & Potato Casserole, Green Beans, Fruit, Dessert.

If you are 60 or older, you are eligible to participate free of charge. However, a suggested 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 located at 101 S. Main Street, the City contracts with Delta Transit to provide bus service. Rides are available by calling 1-866-THAT-BUS. For more information, 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.

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Tourism Action

The Blanchard Tourism Board held their June meeting on **Monday, June 19th** and discussed, considered and took action on the following agenda items:

- **DISCUSSED** the passage of the Hotel/Motel Tax passed by the voters on Tuesday, June 13th;
- **DISCUSSED** the promotion and advertising of Blanchard Events;
- **DISCUSSED** the further planning of a Wine/Beer Festival in October;
- **DISCUSSED** tourism activities to include but not limited to commercial/radio ads, website/social media;
- **DISCUSSED** beautification activities to include but not limited to trash pickup, tall weeds and grass removal, landscaping; and
- **APPROVED** the Consent Agenda.