



# E-Mail Newsletter

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## Meeting Dates

### AUGUST 7<sup>th</sup>

6pm ~ BETA

[Canceled]

6pm ~ BPS Bd of Ed

### AUGUST 10<sup>th</sup>

6pm ~ Planning

Commission

### AUGUST 15<sup>th</sup>

6pm ~ BOA

### AUGUST 22<sup>nd</sup>

6pm ~ BMIA

6pm ~ City Council

### AUGUST 29<sup>th</sup>

6pm ~ Sp BMIA

6pm ~ Sp Council

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

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## Blanchard's Bluegrass Festival

Plans for the City's annual 2023 Bluegrass Festival is scheduled for the middle of August. Activities will include:

- \* Friday Gospel Night;
- \* Saturday is traditional Bluegrass;
- \* Food;
- \* Vendors; and
- \* FREE Entry.

## Consumer Confidence Report

The Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) is a document community water systems are required to provide annually to its customers.

This report is a snapshot of the quality of the water that we provided last year (2022) from the City of Oklahoma. Included are the details about where your water comes from, what it contains, and how it compares to Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and state standards.

We are committed to providing you with information because informed customers are our best allies. If you would like more information, the reports can be accessed on the DEQ website and the link was provided in the June billing.

## 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.

# Special Events

## AUGUST

5th ~ Sales Tax Holiday

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6th ~ Sales Tax Holiday

7th ~ Purple Heart Day

12th ~ Farmers Market

16th ~ National Airborne Day

17th ~ SCHOOL BEGINS

17th ~ Chamber Luncheon

19th ~ Farmers Market

26th ~ Farmers Market

For more info, visit the Parks Facebook Page regarding City sponsored events.

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?!=virtual,blanchard>

## 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.) 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.



## National Airborne Day

August 16th is a day designated by the United States Congress to honor the nation's airborne units of the armed forces. It was created in 2001 by President George W. Bush. August 16, 1940 marked the first official Army parachute jump, validating the innovative concept of inserting United States ground combat forces behind a battle line by parachute. During World War II, airborne tactics were critical to the success of important missions, including the D-Day invasion at Normandy, the Battle of the Bulge, the invasion of Southern France, and many others. In Korea and Vietnam, airborne soldiers played a critical combat role, as well as in later conflicts and peacekeeping operations, including Panama, Grenada, Desert Storm, Haiti, Somalia, and the Balkans. Most recently, airborne forces were vital to liberating the people of

# 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.

Afghanistan from the repressive and violent Taliban regime; and these soldiers continue to serve proudly around the world in the global coalition against terrorism.

The elite airborne ranks include prestigious groups such as the 82nd Airborne Division, "America's Guard of Honor," and the "Screaming Eagles" of the 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division (Air Assault). Paratroopers in the Army's XVIII Airborne Corps, the 75th Infantry (Ranger) Regiment and other Special Forces units conduct swift and effective operations in defense of peace and freedom.

Airborne combat continues to be driven by the bravery and daring spirit of sky soldiers. Often called into action with little notice, these forces have earned an enduring reputation for dedication, excellence, and honor. All citizens are encouraged to recognize the contributions of these courageous soldiers to our Nation and the world.

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## Oil 'n Gas

There were **NO** oil wells permitted or completed in Blanchard according to the Oklahoma Corporation Commission since **Friday, July 28<sup>th</sup>**.

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## On the PC Agenda

The Blanchard Planning Commission will meet in regular session on **Thursday, August 10<sup>th</sup>**, at 6p.m. to discuss, consider and take appropriate action on the following agenda:

- Nominating and appointing a chairman and vice chairman.
- Pre-Application on proposed PUD for Lots 1-8 of Block 129 in original town of Blanchard.
- Resolution regarding Zoning Application for a PUD Overlay.
- Resolution to recommend approval or denial of Blackberry Ponds Estate Final Plat.
- Public Hearing to rezone property from S-1 to R-E.
- Resolution recommending approval or denial regarding rezoning of property from S-1 to R-E.
- Public Hearing on Zoning Application from S-1 to R-E.
- Resolution recommending approval or denial regarding rezoning of property from S-1 to R-E.
- Approve or deny Lot Split Application of 47.58 acres.
- Public Hearing to rezone property from A-1 to C-1.
- Resolution recommending approval or denial of Zoning Application.

# 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

- Proposed Tobacco Zoning Ordinance.
- Nomination and appointment of a Planning Commissioner to serve on the TIF 3 Review Committee.
- Establishing a date for a special meeting for training purposes.
- Consent Agenda.

The complete Agenda Packet will be accessed on the City's website at [www.cityofblanchard.us](http://www.cityofblanchard.us) for reviewing and/or downloading on Monday.

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## Park Events

The upcoming 2023 events are:

- \* August ~ Bluegrass Festival
- \* September ~ Mufflers on Main
- \* October ~ Ride for the Memorial Poker Run
- \* October ~ Pumpkinfest
- \* November 11th ~ Veterans Day Parade
- \* December ~ Christmas Events & Parade of Lites

Details of each event will be posted on the City's Facebook page and the City's website.

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## Pet Care

**IF IT'S TOO HOT FOR YOU, IT'S TOO HOT FOR YOUR PET!**

Keep your pets safe and cool in the summer by remembering that if it's too hot for you, it's too hot for them. Bring pets inside, when it's hot, and provide them with plenty of shade and fresh water when they're outside.

Walk your pets at cooler times of the day and never leave an animal in a car. Contact Animal Control at 405-485-9392 if you see an animal in distress.

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## Police Blotter

- No Arrests Reported.
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## Purple Heart Day

Purple Heart Day is observed on **August 7th** each year and is a time for Americans to remember and honor the brave men and women who were either wounded on the battlefield, or paid the ultimate sacrifice with their lives. Purple Heart Day is also known as National

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.

Purple Heart Day, Purple Heart Recognition Day and Purple Heart Appreciation Day.

The City of Blanchard was recognized as a Purple Heart City in September 2019.

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## *Sales Tax Holiday*

Oklahoma's annual sales tax holiday began this morning at **12:01 am (Friday, August 4, 2023)** and ends at **12:01 am on Sunday, August 6, 2023**.

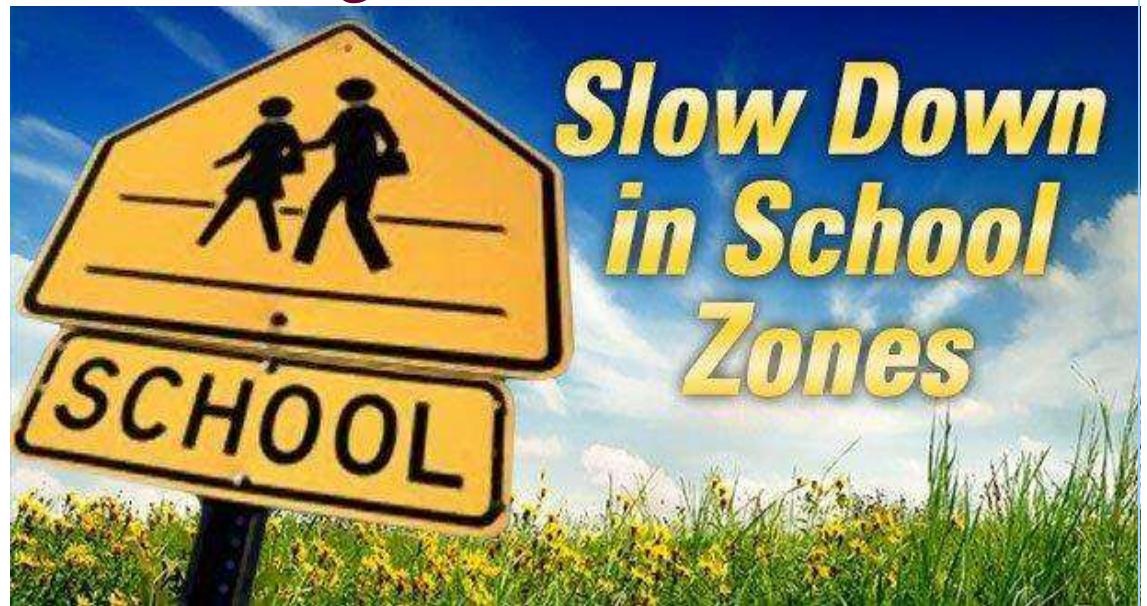
Certain clothing and shoe purchases are exempt from sales tax for this time period only. Qualified items are exempt from state, city, county and local municipality sales taxes.

Retailers are required to participate and may not collect state and local sales or use tax on most footwear and clothing that are sold for less than \$100 during the holiday.

For more information and answers to common questions on the sales tax holiday, as well as a listing of sales tax exempt items, please refer to the Oklahoma Tax Commission website at [www.tax.ok.gov](http://www.tax.ok.gov).

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## *School Begins*



**Thursday, August 17<sup>th</sup>**, for Blanchard students.

Please drive carefully in posted school zones. The speed limit is 25 mph ... and fines are double for speeding.

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# 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.

## MENU

(August 7<sup>th</sup> - August 11<sup>th</sup>)

**Monday** ~ Stroganoff, Carrots, Peas, Dessert.

**Tuesday** ~ Loaded Potato, Salad, Bread, Dessert.

**Wednesday** ~ Ham & Potato Casserole, Green Beans, Fruit, Dessert.

**Thursday** ~ Navy Beans, Potatoes, Green Beans, Fruit, Dessert.

**Friday** ~ Chicken Salad, 3-Bean Salad, Jello Salad, Crackers, 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.