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MEETINGS

January 17th

6pm – BoA

[Canceled]

January 19th

4pm – Juvenile

Court

January 24th

2:30pm – Traffic

Court

6pm – City Council

6pm – BMIA

*All City Boards, Commissions, & Authorities meet at Blanchard Municipal Courthouse unless otherwise noted

Board of Adjustment

The meeting of the Board of Adjustment scheduled for Tuesday (January 17th) is canceled due to a lack of agenda items.

Carbon-Monoxide Warning



Due to extreme cold and 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.

Also, be careful with your heaters, fireplaces and candles. Home and apartment fires are more common during the winter because of improperly used heating equipment, fireplaces and candles. Be sure anything that can burn is at least three (3) feet away from fireplaces or space heaters. Fireplaces should be inspected by a professional every year and cleaned when necessary, and make sure fires are fully extinguished before you go to bed. It's important your home has working smoke alarms and your family knows how to escape a fire safely.

Chamber Luncheon

The January luncheon for the Blanchard Chamber of Commerce will be **Thursday, January 19th** at **12:00 Noon** in the Pioneer Telephone Community Room. Lunch will be \$5.00.

EVENTS

January 16th

◆ MLK DAY

January 19th

12Noon◆ Chamber Luncheon

For Blanchard Library Events: Please visit their website at pioneer.lib.ok.us/home

Cowboy Up!

OG+E Kids' Day at the Rodeo! will be **Sunday, January 15th**, for the 47th Annual International Finals Rodeo held at the Oklahoma State Fair Arena in Oklahoma City.

Children 12 and under will be admitted for half-price and the first 750 will receive a FREE cowboy hat. Adults can save \$5 on their tickets by presenting their Currents coupon at the ticket office.

OG+E Kids' Day lets your cowboy or cowgirl meet the athletes, get autographs and enjoy special activities and free gifts.

The rodeo starts at **1:30** p.m., but doors open at **11:30** a.m. for OG+E Kids' Day activities.

For more information, please visit ifrodeo.com.

Odd-Even Watering

Central Oklahoma is still in a dry to moderate drought. As a result, OKC has implemented Progressive Water Conservation Stages which requires the surrounding communities to adopt the same. Therefore, a mandatory odd/even watering (Stage 1) is permanently in effect in Blanchard. How does odd/even watering work? It's simple!

If your address ends in an even number, you can water on even-numbered calendar days.

If your address ends in an odd number, you can water on odd-numbered calendar days.

For example: If your address is 1400, you can water on the 2nd, 4th, 6th of the month and so on. If your address is 1401, you can water on the 1st, 3rd, 5th, etc.

1400		SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	1401	
25	26	27	28	29	30	1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8

All watering shall be supervised in person to limit unproductive runoff. Water running in drainage ditches or streets shall be determined to be in violation of this restriction.

CITY NOTES

Meetings All City regular meetings are held at the new Blanchard Municipal Courthouse located at 300 N. Main Street.

Recycling The City's Citizen Collection Center is opened to receive recyclables Monday thru Friday from 6:30am to 8:30am and from 4pm to 6:30pm. Also on Saturday from 8am to 12Noon. Visit our website for more information.

Newspaper Subscriptions



The City encourages all residents to subscribe to the Blanchard News in order to stay current on City-related issues, public notices, public hearings and news releases that are published throughout the year.

Although the outdoor watering ban is lifted, we still encourage residents to conserve water.

Citizens who may have questions regarding the water rationing schedule may contact City Hall during normal business hours.

Postal Rate Increase



The U.S. Postal Service (USPS) has filed the rate case for Market Dominant products with the Postal Regulatory Commission (PRC). Set to go into effect on January 22, 2017, the new rates represent about an overall 0.87% increase over the current prices. For Commercial First-Class Mail, the prices actually drop in some categories.

Type	Current Rates	Proposed Rates	Per Piece Change	% Change
Retail Single Piece	\$0.470	\$0.490	\$ 0.020	4.3%
Metered Single Piece	\$0.465	\$0.460	\$ (0.005)	-1.1%
Mixed AADC	\$0.419	\$0.423	\$ 0.004	1.0%
3-Digit/AADC	\$0.399	\$0.403	\$ 0.004	1.0%
5-Digit	\$0.376	\$0.373	\$ (0.003)	-0.8%
Single Piece Flats	\$0.940	\$0.980	\$ 0.040	4.3%

Sales Tax Collections

The City's January sales tax collections are more than five (5.08%) percent higher than the budgeted amount based on November retail sales of \$5,116,927.75. In addition, it is more than sixteen (16.09%) percent higher than last month's collections for December:

Month	Collections	Prior Year Δ
July 2016	\$177,852.34	-6.31%
August 2016	\$277,206.11	44.24%
September 2016	\$182,700.78	-8.81%
October 2016	\$214,091.68	11.29%
November 2016	\$176,896.13	-8.05%
December 2016	\$171,745.18	-17.54%
January 2017	\$204,677.11	5.09%
TOTALS	\$1,408,169.33	2.56%

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480, Blanchard,
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Or, email
comments to:
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Statewide Road Conditions



For information regarding road conditions
in Oklahoma and for neighboring states
please call:

Oklahoma 888.425.2385;

Texas 800.452.9292;

Kansas 866.511.5368;

Arkansas 800.245.1672; and

Missouri 800.222.6400.

Water Conservation Tips

Thinking about redesigning your landscape? Add water-wise and Oklahoma native plants instead of cool-season grasses, like tall fescue. Drought tolerant plants are attractive and require less water and maintenance than tall fescue lawns.

Black-Eyed Susans and Blanket Flower attract butterflies to the garden. Russian Sage and Yucca provide unique texture and Catmint and Rosemary introduce fragrant foliage to the landscape.

For more Oklahoma appropriate plants go to Oklahoma City's www.SqueezeEveryDrop.com.