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MEETINGS

January 24th

2:30pm – Traffic Court

6pm – City Council

6pm – BMIA

February 6th

6pm – BPS Bd of Ed

February 9th

6:30pm – Planning Commission

February 21st

6pm – Bd of Adj

February 23rd

3:30pm – Juvenile Court

February 28th

2:30pm – Traffic Court

6pm – City Council

6pm – BMIA

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

Agenda

The Blanchard City Council and the Board of Trustees of the Blanchard Municipal Improvement Authority will discuss, consider and take appropriate action on the following agenda items at their regular January 24th meeting:

CITY COUNCIL

- ◆ Public Hearing for application for Outdoor Recreation Grant with the Oklahoma Department of Tourism and Recreation;
- ◆ Application for Outdoor Recreation Grant application;
- ◆ Offer from W & W Construction to purchase of city-owned land;
- ◆ Resolution directing the filing and notification of the publication of the 2016 Supplement to the Blanchard Code of Ordinances;
- ◆ Consent Agenda.

TRUSTEES

- ◆ Surplus of 2183 water meters; and dispose as appropriate;
- ◆ Consent Agenda.

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

EVENTS

February 2nd

◆ Groundhog Day

February 12th

◆ Lincoln's Birthday

February 14th

◆ Valentine's Day

February 20th

◆ Presidents' Day

February 22nd

◆ Washington's
Birthday

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

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.

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.



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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

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.

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.

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.

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%

Public Hearing

The Blanchard City Council will conduct a public hearing at their regular meeting on **Tuesday, January 24nd** at **6pm**. The purpose of the hearing is to solicit public input regarding an application to the Oklahoma Department of Tourism and Recreation to fund a multi-use walking trail.

The proposed application is seeking an 80-20 grant to fund walking trails connecting Southpark to Lions Park. This proposal is the second phase of multi-phases of a Blanchard Master Plan for Walking Trails to connect city parks, public schools, library, downtown and post office.

All interested parties are encouraged to attend said hearings.

Senior Citizens Center

The remodel of the Blanchard Senior Citizens Center is now completed.

The Center will began cooking on site after approval of the County Health Department.

Plans are underway for a ribbon cutting and open house for the facility at a later date.

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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.