



City News

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MEETINGS

- February 6th**
6pm – BPS Bd of Ed
- 6pm – BETA**
- February 9th**
6:30pm – Planning Commission
- February 15th**
6:30pm – Special City Council
- 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

AYCE Breakfast



The Blanchard Masonic Lodge located at 10th (OK-76) and Main Street will be serving an AYCE breakfast from 7am-11am on **Saturday, February 25th**. The cost is only \$5.00 and proceeds will

benefit the Bridge Creek HS Safe After Prom. For more information contact Ms. Tara Ramirez @ 405.465.9009. Thank you for supporting our youth!

Daylite Saving Time

When we change our clocks ... Change Smoke Detector Batteries on March 12th - Most of the United States begins Daylight Saving Time at **2:00** a.m. on the second Sunday in **March** (12th) and reverts to standard time on the first Sunday in November. In the U.S., each time zone switches at a different time.



Tick tock: Daylight-saving time isn't observed in Arizona or Hawaii.

EVENTS

February 12th

♦ Lincoln's Birthday

February 14th

♦ Valentine's Day

7am – School Board
Election

February 20th

♦ Presidents' Day

February 22nd

♦ Washington's
Birthday

February 25th

7am – AYCE
Breakfast
(Masonic Lodge)

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

Election



To vote on **TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14th** in the local school board election. All precincts will be open from **7am to 7pm**.

BLANCHARD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

BOARD MEMBER - OFFICE NO. 2

- * Liz George
- * Mitch Fitzgerald

Everbridge System

Please go to www.mcclain-co-ok.us to sign up for the McClain County Mass Notification System.

This free service is only available to residents of McClain County and allows citizens to receive general and emergency information that may affect you and your family as well as automated weather alerts specific to addresses you enter to include notices of water shut-off due to leaks, road closures, and other emergency notices from the City of Blanchard.

Since alert emails are sent as mass-mailings, your email filter may send it to your SPAM Folder. Be sure to allow emails from @everbridge.net into your email in-box.

See more at: <http://mcclain-co-ok.us/everbridge-the-new-notification-system/#sthash.FDJKUVoF.dpuf>.

Heart Health Month



February is Heart Health Month! Are you at risk for diabetes? If so, you may also be at risk for heart disease. The American Heart Association says 65 percent of people with diabetes die from some form of heart disease or stroke.

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.

Do you have diabetes? Some symptoms of diabetes to look for include frequent urination, frequent hunger and thirst, blurry vision, feeling very tired, bruises and cuts that heal very slowly, unexplained weight loss, and numbness/tingling in the hands and feet. You may take the diabetes risk test at www.diabetes.org/are-you-at-risk/ by answering some basic health questions and your risk for diabetes will be calculated. For more information about diabetes prevention and education, you may contact the American Diabetes Association.

Legislative Session

The official start of the First Regular Session of the 56th Legislature begins **Monday, February 6, 2017.**

Notice

In accordance with the requirements of Title 11 of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA), The City of Blanchard will not discriminate against qualified individuals with disabilities on the basis of disability in its services, programs or activities.

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.

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www.cityofblanchard.us

FEEDBACK

Please mail your
comments to:

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Office, P.O. Box
480, Blanchard,
OK 73010

Or, email
comments to:
[citymanager@cityof
blanchard.us](mailto:citymanager@cityofblanchard.us)



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

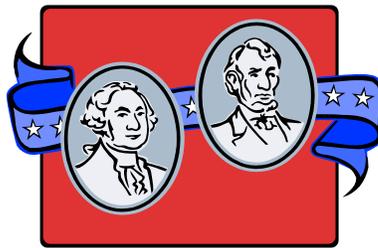


All watering shall be supervised in person to limit unproductive runoff. Water running in drainage ditches or streets shall be determined to be in violation of this restriction.

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.

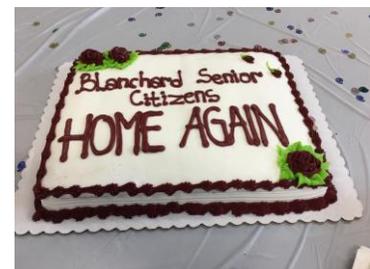
President's Day



Monday, 20th of February, will be observed as President's Day. In the United States, Presidents Day is always celebrated on the third Monday of February. Trash service is unaffected. City Offices are open.

Ribbon Cutting

A ribbon-cutting was held on Thursday for our brand-new remodeled Senior Center. On hand for the dedication were a few of the original members as well as other participants of the Center, members of the city council, the project architect, chamber of commerce, members from 1st Nat'l Bank. They enjoyed a fantastic lunch followed by a short presentation, ribbon cutting and cake.



The Center is opened from 8am to 1pm, Monday - Friday, except municipal observed holidays. The site is funded by the City of Blanchard as a Nutrition Site for Blanchard senior citizens.

Shelter Registration

Blanchard Emergency Management would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone that severe storm season is fast approaching. We want to express how important it is for everyone to register their home's storm shelters and safe rooms. The City of Blanchard storm shelter registry provides emergency services with information that allows them to locate citizens after a tornado or other natural disaster. Registration helps ensure that people in shelters affected by the storm are able to get help quickly with the potential of shelters' exits being blocked due to debris or structural damage. Registration is doubly important with the possibility of shelters flooding due to broken water lines or simply rain waters entering the shelter and drowning people trapped inside. Registration forms include your address, list of persons who would normally be present at the home and could potentially be in the shelter, the location of the shelter/safe room on the property, and contact information for yourself and an emergency contact. If you have previously registered and some part of your information has changed, feel free to submit an updated form. If you have a question as to if your shelter is registered please contact the Emergency Management Director/Fire Chief Charlie Largent at the Blanchard Fire Department at 405.485.3939.

Registration forms available at Blanchard City Hall and online www.cityofblanchard.us/document_center/storm_shelter_registration.pdf. Please return all registrations to the Blanchard City Hall, 122 North Main Street, Blanchard, OK 73010.

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.