



City News

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MEETINGS

June 20TH

6p – Bd of Adjustment

June 22ND

4p – Code & Juvenile Court

June 27TH

2:30p – Traffic Court

6p – City Council

6p – BMIA

AYCE BREAKFAST

The Blanchard Masonic Lodge No. 395, A.F. & A.M 2017 Charity Breakfast schedule:



June 24th – Pom Pom Squad

July 22nd - Blanchard High School Cheer

August 26th - Blanchard softball

September 23rd – Blanchard Band Booster Club

COMING SOON

Statistical Reports for each department will be posted on the City's website. These reports will show the departmental activities such number of crimes committed in Blanchard each month, the number of fires responded to by the Blanchard Fire Department.

FARMER'S MARKET



The Blanchard Farmer's Market is now opened every **Saturday** from **8am to Noon**. The Market is location at US-62 and Jackson Avenue just east of Pioneer Telephone.

Produce available may include tomatoes, peppers, herbs, flowers,

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

EVENTS

June 10TH

8a ♦ Farmer's
Market

June 13TH

11:30a ♦ Food Truck
Tuesday

June 14TH

♦ Flag Day

June 16TH

7p ♦ Summer
Concert

9:15p ♦ Movies
Under the Stars

June 17TH

8a ♦ Farmer's
Market

June 18TH

♦ Father's Day

June 20TH

11:24p ♦ June
Solstice (Summer
Begins)

11:30a ♦ Food Truck
Tuesday

June 23RD

7p ♦ Summer
Concert

9:15p ♦ Movies
Under the Stars

June 24TH

7p ♦ AYCE
Breakfast

8a ♦ Farmer's
Market

June 27TH

11:30a ♦ Food Truck
Tuesday

June 30TH

7p ♦ Summer
Concert

and ornamental bedding plants, early greens and spring onions, and farm fresh eggs.

FATHER'S DAY



Like Mother's Day, Father's Day has a modern origin. The idea came to Mrs. John Dodd as she sat listening to a Mother's Day sermon in 1909. Her father, William Smart, had raised his children alone on his Washington farm after his wife died giving birth to their sixth child. Mrs. Dodd proposed to the Spokane Ministerial Association and the YMCA that they celebrate a "father's day" on June 5, her father's birthday. The idea received strong support, but the good ministers of Spokane asked that the day be changed to give them extra time to prepare sermons on the unexplored subject of fathers. The first Father's Day was observed on June 19, 1910, in Spokane, Washington, and soon other towns had their own celebrations. In spite of widespread support, Father's Day did not become a permanent national holiday until 1972, when President Richard Nixon signed a law declaring that it be celebrated annually on the third Sunday in June (18th).

FLAG DAY



People across the United States celebrate Flag Day on June 14 each year to honor the United States flag and to commemorate the flag's adoption. On the same day, the United States Army celebrates its birthday.

Flag Day falls within National Flag Week, a time when Americans

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

CITY NOTES

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>

Meetings

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

Odd-Even Watering
Central Oklahoma is

reflect on the foundations of the nation's freedom. The flag of the United States represents freedom and has been an enduring symbol of the country's ideals since its early days. During both events, Americans also remember their loyalty to the nation, reaffirm their belief in liberty and justice, and observe the nation's unity.

Many people in the United States honor this day by displaying the American flag at homes and public buildings. Other popular ways of observing this holiday include: flag-raising ceremonies; Flag Day services; school quizzes and essay competitions about the American flag; musical salutes; street parades; and awards for special recognition.

Organizations such as The National Flag Day Foundation are actively involved in coordinating activities centered on the event and keeping the flag's traditions alive. Following Flag Day is Honor America Days, a 21-day period through to Independence Day (July 4) to honor America. During this period, people hold public gatherings and activities to celebrate and honor the nation.

Although Flag Day is a nationwide observance, it is not a public holiday in many parts of the United States. It is a legal holiday in a few areas in the USA, such as Montour County in Pennsylvania.

On June 14, 1777, the Continental Congress replaced the British symbols of the Grand Union flag with a new design featuring 13 white stars in a circle on a field of blue and 13 red and white stripes – one for each state. Although it is not certain, this flag may have been made by the Philadelphia seamstress Betsy Ross, who was an official flag maker for the Pennsylvania Navy. The number of stars increased as the new states entered the Union, but the number of stripes stopped at 15 and was later returned to 13.

In June 1886 Bernard Cigrand made his first public proposal for the annual observance of the birth of the flag when he wrote an article titled "The Fourteenth of June" in the old Chicago Argus newspaper. Cigrand's effort to ensure national observance of Flag Day finally came when President Woodrow Wilson issued a proclamation calling for a nationwide observance of the event on June 14, 1916. However, Flag Day did not become official until August 1949, when President Harry Truman signed the legislation and proclaimed June 14 as Flag Day. In 1966, Congress also requested that the President issue annually a proclamation designating the week in which June 14 occurs as National Flag Week.

The President is requested to issue each year a proclamation to: call on government officials in the USA to display the flag of the United States on all government buildings on Flag Day; and to urge US residents to observe Flag Day as the anniversary of the adoption on June 14, 1777, by the Continental Congress of the Stars and Stripes as the official flag of the United States.

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.



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.

Recycling The City's Citizen Collection Center is opened to receive recyclables Monday thru Friday

FOOD TRUCK SCHEDULE

The **June** schedule is listed below:



- 13th - Street Eats
- 20th - Midway Deli
- 27th - Yum Pig

Blanchard's
INDEPENDENCE
Saturday, July 1st Celebration
6 PM - 10 PM Fireworks - Carnival - Food
(10th & HWY 62) Fun for the whole Family!

RV GENERAL STORE APPEARING LIVE ON THE RV GENERAL STORE STAGE:
BANANA SEAT & THE OKLAHOMA CITY SYMPHONIC BAND

FIREWORKS PRESENTED BY: **OEO** OKLAHOMA ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE

SPONSORS: **KNIPPELMER CHEVROLET**, **Blanchard Chamber of Commerce**, **SONIC**, **Blanchard Park & Recreation**, **BlueLine Rental**, **RBI Pleasant Hill Baptist Church**, **restCre**

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.

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We're on the Web!
www.cityofblanchard.us

FEEDBACK

Please mail your comments to:
City Manager's Office,
P.O. Box 480,
Blanchard, OK 73010
Or, email comments to:
citymanager@cityofblanchard.us



June 16TH Finding Dory
June 23RD Angry Birds

The Blanchard's Parks Department will show movies every Friday during the month June. Each movie begins approximately at 9:15 after the concert and is FREE to the public. **ALL EVENTS ARE HELD IN LIONS PARK.**

June 9th Moana

PUBLIC NOTICES ~ FREE



Occasionally someone comments, "I wish I had known that the city was going to do that!" or "I see construction is being done on SH-9, what is going on?" All of these questions and many more can be easily answered if you will just subscribe to the "Blanchard News".

The benefit of these legal notices published in the local paper are:

- They are published by an independent source;
- They cannot be electronically changed or altered after the fact;
- They can be archived for future reference; and
- They are legally provable in court.

State law requires that the city publish legal notices of all ordinances, certain resolutions, bid notices, public hearings, zoning changes, projects, etc. in the local newspaper, before any activity can proceed. Also the local paper writes news stories of all projects, progress and repairs occurring around the city. In order to stay on top of everything happening in our community, the city encourages everyone to subscribe to the "Blanchard News."

A normal annual subscription is only \$25.00 a year, which is only 50¢ per issue, (the price of a stamp) delivered to your mail box...but...they are offering a **FREE** introductory special to any new or expired subscriber.

Just call the news office at 405-485-2311 to receive a **FREE** two (2) month subscription to the newspaper. You can also mail a form to them at PO Box 60, Blanchard, OK. 73010. You will start receiving the local paper in your mail box every Thursday. This way you can enjoy a trial subscription to the paper and you will be aware of everything happening in our great town.

Sales Tax Collections

The City's June sales tax collections are \$195,221.56 and more than three (3.68%) percent lower than the budgeted amount based on April retail sales of \$4,880,539. In addition, it is more than five (5.26%) percent less than last month's collections in May:

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%
February 2017	\$196,513.24	-10.70%
March 2017	\$195,994.31	16.86%
April 2017	\$229,136.00	27.29%
May 2017	\$205,490.69	8.78%
June 2017	\$195,221.56	15.21%
TOTALS	\$2,427,525.13	13.25%

SIREN TESTING

Regular seasonal testing of the City's storm sirens every Wednesday at Noon (weathering permitting) and continue at the same time each week throughout the storm season. Any area residents who have not registered the location of their storm shelter with City Hall are encouraged to do so as the season begins. Registration of shelters greatly enhances chances of area first responders being able to quickly locate and rescue anyone trapped in their shelters by storm debris.



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



The Blanchard's Parks Department will host their annual summer concerts each Friday in June and July in Lions Park. The concert begins at 7pm and is FREE to the public.

Please bring a lawn chair or blanket for seating. The FIRST concert has been canceled due to the weather and rescheduled for June 30TH.

The following Concerts:

June 16 TH	The Harris Brothers	Classic Rock
June 23 RD	Owen & Kelcie Pickard	Duets
June 30 TH	John the Franklin	60s and 70s
July 7 TH	Red Dirt Band	Classic Country
July 14 TH	Justin Fox & Friends	Country
July 21 ST	Slick Rooster	Today's Country
July 28 TH	Edgar Cruz	Classic Guitar

For more information, please contact Chris Wittenbach, 405-485-9392.

SUMMER SOLSTICE

The summer solstice heralds the beginning of summer! The timing of the summer solstice depends on when the Sun reaches its farthest



point north of the equator. This occurs annually sometime between June 20 and 22, depending on the time zone. This year, the event occurs at 11:24pm (CDT) on Tuesday, June 20th. The word *solstice* is from the Latin *solstitium*, from *sol* (sun) and *stitium* (to stop), reflecting the fact that the Sun appears to stop at this time (and again at the

winter solstice). In temperate regions, we notice that the Sun is higher in the sky throughout the day, and its rays strike Earth at a more direct angle, causing the efficient warming we call summer. In the winter, just the opposite occurs: The Sun is at its southernmost point and is low in the sky. Its rays hit the Northern Hemisphere at an oblique angle, creating the feeble winter sunlight.

TORNADO SAFETY



In Oklahoma, tornados are most frequent in the spring and summer months. An average of 800 tornados are reported each year, causing 80 deaths and over 1,500 injuries per year. These storms are capable of tremendous destruction

with wind speeds of 250 mph or greater. The following guidelines will assist in keeping you safe:

Tornado Watch – means a tornado is “possible”. When the National Weather Service issues a warning, it is time to turn on a TV or radio, look out the window from time to time, and be more alert to what is happening outside.

Tornado Warning – means that a tornado has actually been spotted, or is strongly indicated on radar, and it is time to go to a safe shelter immediately.

Warning Signs -

- » A sickly greenish or greenish black color to the sky.
- » If there is a tornado warning or watch posted, then the fall of hail should be considered as a real danger.
- » A strange quiet that occurs within or shortly after the thunderstorm.
- » Clouds moving by very fast, especially in a rotating pattern or converging toward one area of the sky.
- » A sound a little like a waterfall or rushing air at first, then turning into a roar as it comes closer.
- » Tornadoes usually move from southwest to northeast.

Possible Shelters -

- » Basements.
- » Interior rooms or hallways on the lowest floor.
- » Small rooms – restrooms, closets, etc. Avoid rooms with wide span roof areas.
- » Get under a piece of sturdy furniture – heavy table, cubicle work surface, etc.
- » Stay away from exterior walls, windows, mirrors, items hanging overhead.
- » Do not stay in vehicles.
- » If no other shelter is available, lay down in a depression in the ground, such as a ditch.
- » Use your arms to protect your head and neck.

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 Flowers 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.squeezeverydrop.com.

In addition, the City is under a Stage One (odd-even) water rationing program in compliance with the contractual agreement with the City of Oklahoma City.