



City News

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MEETINGS

March 13th

9a – McClain County Assessor (City Hall)

March 20th

6p – Board of Adjustment

March 22nd

4p – Juvenile/Code Court

March 27th

2:30p – Traffic Court

6p – City Council

6p – BMIA

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

Chamber Luncheon

The Chamber's monthly luncheon will be **Thursday, March 15th** at **12 Noon** held at the Pioneer Telephone Community Room. Lunch is \$5.00.

Daylite Saving Time



REMEMBER! When you change your clocks ... change smoke detector batteries. Most of the United States begins Daylight Saving Time at **2:00 a.m.** on the second **Sunday** in **March (11th)** and reverts to standard time on the first Sunday in

November. In the U.S., each time zone switches at a different time.

Oklahoma State Senator Joseph Silk (R-Broken Bow) introduced Senate Bill 1309, if passed, will require daylight saving time to be the year-round standard time of Oklahoma and of its political subdivisions.

Did You Know?



The driver of a motor vehicle, upon approaching a vehicle being used in the collection of refuse, solid waste or recyclables displaying side marker lamps which flash in conjunction with turn signal lamps or vehicle hazard warning lamps pursuant to the provisions of Section 12-227 of Title 47 of the Oklahoma Statutes, shall:

Events Calendar

March 11th

2a ♦ Daylite Saving Time Begins

March 15th

12Noon ♦ Chamber Luncheon

March 17th

♦ St Patty's Day

4:30p ♦ St Patrick's Day Parade

March 19th

♦ Spring Break

March 20th

11:15a ♦ Spring Begins

♦ Spring Break

March 21st

♦ Spring Break

March 22nd

♦ Spring Break

March 23rd

♦ Spring Break

March 24th

7a ♦ AYCE Breakfast

March 25th

♦ Palm Sunday

March 30th

♦ Good Friday

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

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1. If traveling on a highway that consists of two or more lanes that carry traffic in the same direction of travel as that of the driver, proceed with due caution and shall, if possible and with due regard to the road, weather and traffic conditions, change lanes into a lane that is not adjacent to the vehicle being used in the collection of refuse, solid waste or recyclables; or if the driver is not able to change lanes or if to do so would be unsafe, the driver shall proceed with due caution and reduce the speed of the motor vehicle to a safe speed for the existing road, weather and traffic conditions; and
2. If traveling on a highway other than a highway described above, proceed with due caution and reduce the speed of the motor vehicle to a safe speed for the existing road, weather and traffic conditions.

Girl Scout Cookies



The Blanchard Girl Scouts will host a drive through cookie booth at US-62 and Jackson Avenue (directly east of Pioneer Telephone) on Saturday, March 10th and Sunday, March 11th from 12 Noon to 6pm. Please support the local girl scouts!

Homestead Exemptions

The McClain County Assessor will be at Blanchard City Hall on Tuesday, March 13th from 9am to 12 Noon.

This service is provided for anyone needing to file for a homestead exemption, double homestead, property valuation freeze or 100% Disabled Veteran's Exemption. The deadline to file for the exemptions is March 15th unless you receive a Change of Assessment Notice. In that case, the deadline is extended by thirty (30) days from the date on the Notice.

The Double Homestead and Property Valuation Freeze are income based exemptions. Proof of 2017 income is required at the time of visit. The original letter of eligibility (with the embossed seal) from the Veterans Administration is required to file for the 100% Disabled Veteran's Exemption.

Institute for Quality Communities

The IQC project aims for OU students in the Design Works class to create mock ups of downtown Main Street with ideas and redesigns including but not limited to the flag pole, sidewalks, open space, landscaping, artwork, ways to promote pedestrian safety, based on ideas from Main Street business owners and the general public.

On Thursday, March 15th, the OU students will install up to three optional street design geometries using temporary materials like tape and cones. Some concepts may be represented with posters or images. The general public are welcome to observe and test the functionality of the street mock-ups at 2:30pm. During this time, OU students will observe how vehicles navigate the mock intersections. Their Final Report is due on March 16th. The total cost of the project is \$1,500, with 50% paid by the Oklahoma Municipal League grant and 50% by local matching contributions.

Police Blotter

3/08 - TYLER, Remmington arrested for Domestic

Sales Tax Collections

The City's March Sales Tax collections are more than two (2.08%) percent higher than the budgeted amount based on the January retail sales of \$5,194,442, but it is more than thirty-five (35.06%) percent less than last month's collections in February:

Month	Collections	Prior Year Δ
July 2017	\$198,621.83	11.68%
August 2017	\$225,512.22	-18.65%
September 2017	\$205,922.04	12.71%
October 2017	\$209,018.25	-2.37%
November 2017	\$218,185.96	23.34%
December 2017	\$210,906.37	19.23%
January 2018	\$250,068.43	22.18%
February 2018	\$318,586.66	6.21%
March 2018	\$206,895.42	5.56%
TOTALS	\$2,043,717.18	13.36%

Use Tax

The City's March Use Tax collections are more than two (2.84%) percent higher than the budgeted amount based on the January collections of \$584,282.75. In addition, it is more than thirty-nine (39.78%) percent less than last month's collections in February:

Month	Collections	Prior Year Δ
July 2017	\$23,374.90	11.6%
August 2017	\$21,593.52	49.76%
September 2017	\$22,215.36	-56.27%
October 2017	\$43,537.97	190.62%
November 2017	\$24,771.56	-7.49%
December 2017	\$28,986.37	8.25%
January 2018	\$41,072.35	85.40%
February 2018	\$38,646.71	101.80%
March 2018	\$23,274.16	44.61%
TOTALS	\$267,472.90	27.11%

Senior Dining Program

The Blanchard Senior Nutrition Center serve a fully balanced lunch (entrees, sides, desserts, tea and coffee) for all senior citizens five (5) days a week beginning at 11:30am.

SENIOR CITIZEN'S MENU:

Monday (March 12) - Friday (March 16)

Monday - Sloppy Joes on Buns, Coleslaw, French Fries, and Dessert

Tuesday - Grilled Cheese, Tomato Soup, Salad and Dessert

Wednesday - Chicken Tetrizzini, Carrots, Peas and Dessert

Thursday - Chili Beans, Salad, Pickle & Onion, Cornbread and Dessert

Friday - Chicken Fried Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Rolls and 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 is 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, please call the Center at (405) 485-9260.

St Patty's Day



If you're inclined toward legend, lore and festivities of the Saint and how the Irish honor him, then check out this St. Patrick's Day site at www.st-patricks-day.com, where you'll find everything from parades to recipes. In Dublin Ireland, the St. Patrick's Day Festival at www.stpatricksdays.ie is described as four (4) days of "madness and mayhem." St. Patrick's Day is **Saturday, March 17th**.

St Patrick's Day Parade

Whether you're a local, new in town, or just passing through, be sure to attend Blanchard's annual St Patrick's Day Parade. It's just one of a handful in the state of Oklahoma.



Plans are set for the annual Parade for **Saturday, March 17th**. The Parade lineup begins at 3:30pm at Legacy Bank (10th & Main) and the parade kicks off at 4:30pm. Events will feature the annual parade followed by live Irish music from 5-7pm.

If you would like to participate, you still have time! Please contact Chris Wittenbach @ 485.9392 or parks@cityofblanchard.us or visit www.cityofblanchard.us.