



City News

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MEETINGS

September 13th

6:30p – Planning Commission

September 18th

6p – BOA

September 20th

3p – Juvenile/Code Court

September 25th

2p – Traffic Court

6p – City Council

6p – BMIA

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

Autumnal Equinox

Fall begins **Saturday, September 22nd** at **8:54p.m.** CST. The



Autumnal Equinox is defined as the point at which the Sun appears to cross the celestial equator from north to south. The celestial equator is the circle in the celestial sphere halfway between the celestial poles.

Another definition of fall is nites of below-freezing temperatures combined with day of temperatures below 70 degrees Fahrenheit. The word equinox means "equal nite"; nite and day are the same length of time. The equinoxes are times when the Sun's apparent motion undergoes the most rapid change. Around the time of the equinoxes, variations in the position on the horizon when the Sun rises and sets can be noticed from one day to the next by alert observers.

AYCE Breakfast

The Blanchard Masonic Lodge located at 10th (OK-76) and Main



Street will be hosting several All You Can Eat (AYCE) breakfasts from **7am - 11am** for the remainder of the year on **Saturdays**. The cost is only \$6 and proceeds will benefit certain youth organizations in Blanchard,

Events Calendar

September 8th

- ◆ – McClain Cty Free Fair

September 9th

- ◆ – Grandparents Day

September 11th

- ◆ – Patriots Day
- 11a – Food Truck
Tuesday

September 13-23

- ◆ – Oklahoma State Fair

September 18th

- 11a – Food Truck
Tuesday

September 17th

- ◆ – Constitution Day

September 17-23

- ◆ – Constitution Week

September 22nd

- ◆ – Fall Begins
- 7a – AYCE Breakfast

September 25th

- 11a – Food Truck
Tuesday

September 29th

- 10a – Mufflers on Main

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

Bridge Creek and Dibble. Thank you for supporting our youth! The remaining AYCE Breakfast schedule is:

- Saturday, September 22nd** Blanchard Band Booster Club
- Saturday, October 13th** Dibble FCCLA
- Saturday, November 3rd** Blanchard Takedown Club

Chamber Luncheon

The September Chamber luncheon will be **Thursday, September 20th**, at **12 Noon** and sponsored by Pioneer Telephone. The luncheon will be at the Pioneer Telephone Community Room.

Citizenship Day

Formerly called Constitution Day, Citizenship Day will be observed on **Monday, September 17th**.

However, September 17th marks the anniversary of the date in 1787 when the final draft of the Constitution of the United States was signed by delegates to the Constitutional Convention after months of wrangling. The framers had been arguing constantly as they met in secret, but they had leaked reports to the press indicating that all was well. The Federalists [as they were called] argued thru June and most of July and reached an agreement on July 16. After deciding to leave out a bill of rights - because everyone was worn-out and they thought there was no need for such a list - the framers completed the final draft on September 17 and made it ready for submission to the states for ratification.



Constitution Week

Constitution Day and Citizenship Day is a combined event that is annually observed in the United States on September 17. This event commemorates the formation and signing of the Constitution of the United States on September 17, 1787. It also recognizes all who, by coming of age or by naturalization, have become US citizens.

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The Mayor will proclaim the week of September 16 - 22 for observance of National Constitution Week.

Fire Prevention Week



**FIRE
PREVENTION
WEEK™**

As Fire Prevention Week approaches, the Blanchard Fire Department encourages residents to "Look. Listen. Learn."

Today's home fires burn faster than ever.

In a typical home fire, you may have as little as one to two minutes to escape safely from the time the smoke alarm sounds. Knowing how to use that time wisely takes planning and practice.

The Blanchard Fire Department is teaming up with the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) -- the official sponsor of Fire Prevention Week for more than 90 years -- to promote this year's Fire Prevention Week campaign, "Look. Listen. Learn. Be aware. Fire can happen anywhere," which works to educate the public about basic but essential ways to quickly and safely escape a home fire.

NFPA statistics show that the number of U.S. home fires has been steadily declining over the past few decades. However, the death rate per 1000 home fires that are reported to fire departments was 10 percent higher in 2016 than in 1980.

"These numbers show that while we've made significant progress in teaching people how to prevent fires from happening, there's still much more work to do in terms of educating the public about how to protect themselves in the event of one," said Lorraine Carli, NFPA's vice president of Outreach and Advocacy. "This is particularly critical given the increased speed at which today's home fires grow and spread."

Carli also notes that although people feel safest in their home, it is also the place people are at greatest risk to fire, with four out of five U.S. fire deaths occurring at home. That over-confidence contributes to a complacency toward home escape planning and practice.

"Working in the fire service for many years, we know that people often make choices in fire situations that jeopardize their safety or even cost them their lives," said Charlie Largent, Fire Chief, Blanchard Fire Department. "We need to do a better job of teaching people about the potentially life-saving difference escape planning and practice can make and motivating them to action."

This year's "Look. Listen. Learn." campaign highlights three steps people can take to help quickly and safely escape a fire

- Look for places fire could start.
- Listen for the sound of the smoke alarm.
- Learn 2 ways out of every room.

While NFPA and the Blanchard Fire Department are focusing on home fires, these fire safety messages apply to virtually anywhere.

"Situational awareness is a skill people need to use wherever they go," said Chief Largent. "No matter where you are, look for available exits. If the alarm system sounds, take it seriously and exit the building immediately."

For more information about Fire Prevention Week and home escape planning, visit www.firepreventionweek.org.

Food Truck Tuesdays

FOOD TRUCK TUESDAYS located at US-62 & Jackson from 11am to 2pm:



<u>DATE</u>	<u>VENDOR</u>
Sep 11 th	Blue J's
Sep 18 th	Lalo's Taco Chop
Sep 25 th	Pops Pocket

Mufflers On Main

The City's 4th annual car and truck show will be held on **Saturday, September 29th** from 10am to 2pm, on Main Street.



There will be entertainment for all with food vendors, games and live bands. For more

information, contact Chris Wittenbach at 485-9392 or parks@cityofblanchard.us.

Oil n Gas Complaints

With the increase of oil and gas drilling activities in and around Blanchard, comes an increase in complaints of trucks, noise and odor.

All drilling activities complaints are to be reported directly to the Oklahoma Corporation Commission at 580-255-0103 (Duncan Field Ofc) or 405-521-2271 (OKC).

The Oklahoma Department of Health is the official agency to investigate all noise complaints. Their number to call is 405-271-5779.

The Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality is the authorized agency to investigate all air quality complaints to include odor. Their complaint hot line is 1-800-522-0206.

Trucking complaints (speeding, signs, etc) are to be filed with the Blanchard Police Department at 405-485-9392.

Oklahoma State Fair

The Great State Fair of Oklahoma is a can't-mis3s family event. Enjoy carnival rides, concerts, handicrafts, shopping, and their famous fair food.

The Fair begins on **Thursday, September 13th** and runs thru **Sunday, September 24rd**.



Police Blotter

JAIL ACTIVITY REPORT for August 17th - September 3rd:

- Austin Ronald arrested 8/17/18 on DUI charges;
- Caleb Robertson arrested 8/18/18 on APC charges;
- David Young arrested 8/22/18 on Domestic charges;
- David Young arrested 8/24/18 on VPO Violation charges;
- Stephanie Fridley arrested 8/25/18 on DUI charges; and
- Brandon Beasley arrested 9/3/18 on Outstanding Warrants.

Senior Dining Program

The Blanchard Senior Nutrition Center serves 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:

(September 10 - September 14)

Monday - Goulash, Carrots, Peas, Dessert

Tuesday - Sausage and Gravy, Potatoes, Tomatoes, Biscuits, Dessert

Wednesday - Ham and Potato Casserole, Broccoli, Fruit, Rolls, Dessert

Thursday - Pinto Beans, Spinach, Tomato Spoon Relish, Cornbread, Dessert

Friday - Ribbette, Potato Salad, Coleslaw, Buns, 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 are 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 (405) 485-9260.

Veterans Day Parade

Plans are under way for the annual Blanchard Veterans Day Parade to be held on **Saturday, November 10th**.

The Parade Marshal will be announced at a later date.

Parade Entry Forms will be available on the City's website at www.cityofblanchard.us

