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**MEETINGS**

- February 19<sup>th</sup>  
6p - BOA [Canceled]
- February 19<sup>th</sup>  
7:30p - Joint Special Council/BETA
- February 21<sup>st</sup>  
4p - Juvenile/Code Court
- February 26<sup>th</sup>  
2p - Traffic Court  
6p - City Council  
6p - BMIA

# AYCE Breakfast



The Blanchard Masonic Lodge located at 10<sup>th</sup> (OK-76) and Main Street will be serving an AYCE breakfast from 7am - 11am on **Saturday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>**. The cost is only \$6 and proceeds will benefit the Dibble Band. Thank you for supporting our youth!

# Chamber Luncheon

The Chamber's monthly luncheon will be **Thursday, February 21<sup>th</sup>** at **12Noon** to be held at the Pioneer Telephone Community Room. This month's sponsor is Legacy Bank and lunch will be catered by Mazzios. Lunch is \$5.00.

# Cigarette-Tobacco Tax



collections by the Oklahoma Tax Commission on behalf of Blanchard during fiscal year 2018-2019 are:

| Month           | \$ Amount          | Δ Previous Yr |
|-----------------|--------------------|---------------|
| Jul 2018        | \$3,134.23         | 9.43%         |
| Aug 2018        | \$1,168.19         | -51.11%       |
| Sep 2018        | \$2,339.31         | -8.92%        |
| Oct 2018        | \$1,722.84         | -33.22%       |
| Nov 2018        | \$2,408.22         | -6.88%        |
| Dec 2018        | \$2,948.30         | 12.4%         |
| Jan 2019        | \$3,840.12         | 74.57%        |
| <b>Feb 2019</b> | <b>\$1,589.83</b>  | <b>-20.5%</b> |
| Mar 2019        | 0.00               | 0%            |
| Apr 2019        | 0.00               | 0%            |
| May 2019        | 0.00               | 0%            |
| Jun 2019        | 0.00               | 0%            |
| <b>Total</b>    | <b>\$19,151.04</b> | <b>-3.33%</b> |

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

## Events Calendar

**February 18<sup>th</sup>**

\* President's Day

**February 21<sup>st</sup>**

12Noon \* Chamber

Luncheon

**February 23<sup>rd</sup>**

7am \* AYCE Breakfast

**March 3<sup>rd</sup>**

\* National Anthem Day

**March 5<sup>th</sup>**

7am \* McClain County

Election

**March 9<sup>th</sup>**

\* St Patrick's Day

Parade

**March 10<sup>th</sup>**

2am \* Daylite Saving

Time

**March 17<sup>th</sup>**

\* St Patrick's Day

**March 18<sup>th</sup>**

\* Spring Break: NO

SCHOOL

**March 19<sup>th</sup>**

\* Spring Break: NO

SCHOOL

**March 20<sup>th</sup>**

\* Spring Break: NO

SCHOOL

4:58pm \* Spring Begins

**March 21<sup>st</sup>**

\* Spring Break: NO

SCHOOL

**March 22<sup>nd</sup>**

\* Spring Break: NO

SCHOOL

For Blanchard Library  
Events: Please visit their  
website at  
[pioneer.lib.ok.us/home](http://pioneer.lib.ok.us/home)

# Daylite Saving Time

When we change our clocks ... Change Smoke Detector Batteries on **March 10<sup>th</sup>** - Most of the United States begins Daylight Saving Time at **2:00 a.m.** on the second Sunday in **March (10<sup>th</sup>)** 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. Oklahoma State Representative Kevin West (R) filed House Bill 1117, if approved, this measure would exempt Oklahoma from Daylight Saving Time, thus joining Arizona and Hawaii.

# 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. 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/](http://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.

You can make healthy changes to lower your risk of developing heart disease. Controlling and preventing risk factors is also important for people who already have heart disease. To lower your risk:

- Watch your weight.
- Quit smoking and stay away from secondhand smoke.
- Control your cholesterol and blood pressure.
- If you drink alcohol, drink only in moderation.
- Get active and eat healthy.

## CONTACT THE CITY

### City Hall

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122 N. Main Street  
Blanchard, OK 73010

Phone: (405) 485-9392  
Fax: (405) 485-3199

[www.cityofblanchard.us](http://www.cityofblanchard.us)

Hours: 8:00 am - 5:00pm  
Monday - Friday

**Police/Fire:** 911

**After-Hours**  
**Water/Sewer**  
**Emergency**  
(405) 485-9391



# McClain County Election



McClain County voters will be voting on March 5, 2019, on the proposed extension of the current one-half penny County-wide sales tax. The one-half cent County Tax was originally voted on and approved to begin in 2007. Again in 2011, citizens voted to extend the tax for 8 years, beginning in 2012. Below is a breakdown of how the tax extension will be divided among

county entities. Citizens will have the opportunity to vote YES/NO on each of the two (2) areas: Public Safety and Essential Services:

### PUBLIC SAFETY

|                         |     |
|-------------------------|-----|
| Fire Departments        | 30% |
| Law Enforcements        | 33% |
| County Facilities       | 10% |
| Emergency Mgmt          | 2%  |
| Total ~ 75% of 1/2 Cent |     |

### ESSENTIAL SERVICES

|                         |    |
|-------------------------|----|
| 4-H and Extension       | 7% |
| Senior Citizens         | 7% |
| Free Fair               | 4% |
| Economic Development    | 7% |
| Total ~ 25% of 1/2 Cent |    |

To keep the whole 1/2 Cent active, both measures must pass!

## National Anthem Day

Celebrated on **Sunday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>** ... You don't need to know all the words to the national anthem to appreciate its history. On this day in 1931, 'The Star Spangled Banner' was adopted as America's national anthem. The lyrics of the song were taken from Francis Scott Key's poem about the battle at Fort McHenry in the war of 1812 and set to the melody of a popular British drinking song. Today 'The Star Spangled Banner' is played to kick off large public events and sports games.



## 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.

## CITY NOTES

### CITY HALL OPEN

City offices will be open on Monday, February 18<sup>th</sup>. However, County, State and Federal Offices will be closed in observance of Presidents Day.

### EVERBRIDGE SYSTEM

Please go to [www.mcclain-co-ok.us](http://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](mailto:@everbridge.net) into your email in-box.

### GARBAGE PICKUP

Trash service is normal next week!

### MUNICIPAL ELECTION

Polls will be open from 7am to 7pm on Tuesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, for Blanchard residents to elect a councilman to serve a new 4-year term representing Ward 2 on the City Council.

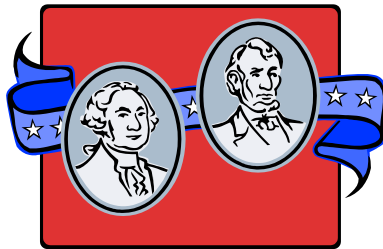
# Police Blotter

Jail Activity for Week of **February 3<sup>rd</sup> to February 10<sup>th</sup>**:

2/9/19 - Taylor Johnson arrested for DUI; and

2/10/19 - Garardo Andrade arrested on Felony Eluding, DUI, Resisting Arrest, Obstruction, Disorderly Conduct.

## Presidents Day



Presidents Day will be observed on **Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> of February**. In the United States, President's Day is always celebrated on the third Monday of February. Trash service is unaffected. City Offices are open for business.

## 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:

(**February 18 - February 22**)

**Monday** ~ BBQ Polish Sausage, Parsley Potatoes, Cabbage, Rolls, Dessert.

**Tuesday** ~ Chicken & Broccoli Stir-fry, Rice, Fruit, Dessert.

**Wednesday** ~ Ham & Potato Casserole, Broccoli, Rolls, Dessert.

**Thursday** ~ Butter Beans, Beets, Potatoes, Cornbread, Dessert.

**Friday** ~ Pigs in a Blanket, Coleslaw, Black Beans, Biscuit, 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.

## FEEDBACK

Please send your comments to:

**Mail to:**

City Manager, P.O. Box  
480, Blanchard, OK 73010  
OR

**Email to:**

[citymanager@cityofblanchard.us](mailto:citymanager@cityofblanchard.us)

# Spring Break

# SPRING BREAK 2019

The Blanchard Public School District will be on Spring Break beginning **Monday, March 18<sup>th</sup>** thru **Friday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>**. NO Classes for students.

# Spring Equinox



Spring will begin on **Wednesday, March 20<sup>th</sup>** at **4:58p.m. CDT**. The word equinox is derived from the Latin words meaning "equal nite." The Vernal, or spring, equinox is the point at which the Sun appears to cross the celestial equator from south to north, signaling the beginning of nature's renewal in the Northern Hemisphere.

# 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](http://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](http://www.stpatricksdays.ie) is described as four (4) days of "madness and mayhem." St. Patrick's Day will be **Sunday, March 17<sup>th</sup>**.

# St Patrick's Day Parade

Plans are set for the annual St Patrick's Day Parade being held on **Saturday, March 9<sup>th</sup>**. Parade lineup begins at 3:30pm at Legacy Bank and the parade kicks off at 4:30pm. Events will feature the annual parade followed by live Irish music. If you would like to participate, please contact Chris Wittenbach @ 485.9392 or [parks@cityofblanchard.us](mailto:parks@cityofblanchard.us) or visit [www.cityofblanchard.us](http://www.cityofblanchard.us).

