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MEETINGS

- March 19th
6p – Board of Adjustment
- March 21st
4p – Juvenile/Code Court
- March 26th
2p – Traffic Court
6p – City Council
6p – BMIA

Fair Housing Month



April is 'Fair Housing Month' in Blanchard. The City encourages each citizen to implement the provisions of the City's Fair Housing Ordinance and requests that any person, or group of persons, planning activities to promote fair housing to inform the City Clerk of such activities. A copy of the

Ordinance may be obtained from the Office of the City Clerk.

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 16th from 12 Noon to 6pm. Please support the local girl scouts!

H.B. 2150

The Oklahoma House of Representatives voted 64-32 on Monday approving House Bill 2150. It has been sent to the Oklahoma Senate for their consideration.

If approved, this new bill limits cities and towns from regulating oil and gas activities; and designating certain scenarios that constitute a taking of property rights that will:

- Substantially interfere with the use and enjoyment of a mineral estate.
- Impose or enforce a limitation adversely impacting the use and development of minerals.

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



March 16th

• St Patrick's Day Parade

March 17th

• St Patrick's Day

March 18th

• Spring Break: NO SCHOOL

March 19th

• Spring Break: NO SCHOOL

March 20th

• Spring Break: NO SCHOOL

4:58p — Spring Begins

March 21st

• Spring Break: NO SCHOOL

12Noon — Chamber Luncheon

March 22nd

• Spring Break: NO SCHOOL

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

- Prohibit access to mineral holdings.
- Substantially increase the costs of oil and gas operations.
- Substantially reduce the fair market value of a mineral estate.

This allows the oil and gas industry or mineral owner to file litigation against the city by claiming a taking when they do not agree with the city's ordinances pertaining to oil and gas drilling.

If approved, it makes our ordinance for Drilling Regulations, Null and Void.

Police Blotter

Jail Activity for Week of **March 8th** to **March 14th**:

3/8/19 - LEWIS, Earl arrested for Domestic Violence, Strangulation, Child Abuse, Animal Cruelty;

3/10/19 - PROSISE, Trace arrested for Possession of CDS with Intent to Distribute, Possession of Paraphernalia;

3/10/19 - KINLEY, Dymetrius arrested for Possession of CDS with Intent to Distribute, Possession of Paraphernalia;

3/11/19 - WHYGLE, Randy arrested for Possession of Meth and Paraphernalia.

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:

(**March 18** – **March 22**)

Monday ~ Stroganoff, Carrots, Fruit, Dessert.

Tuesday ~ Ham & Potato Casserole, Cabbage, Rolls, Dessert.

Wednesday ~ Pizza, Salad, Hominy, Dessert.

Thursday ~ Southwest Stew, Okra, Cornbread, Dessert.

Friday ~ Chicken Fritters, Mashed Potatoes, Broccoli, Rolls, 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.

CONTACT THE CITY

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

Police/Fire 911

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



Shelter Registration

Blanchard Emergency would like to take this remind everyone that severe is fast approaching. We want to important it is for everyone to home's storm shelters and safe



Management opportunity to storm season express how register their rooms. The

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.

Spring Break



The Blanchard Public School District begins Spring Break on **Monday, March 18th** thru **Friday, March 22nd**. NO Classes for students.

Spring Equinox

Spring will begin on **Wednesday, March 20th** 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



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.

MUNICIPAL ELECTION

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

FEEDBACK

Please send your comments to:

Mail to:

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

Email to:

citymanager@cityofblanchard.us

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, where you'll find everything from parades to recipes. In Dublin Ireland, the St. Patrick's Day Festival at www.stpatricksday.ie is described as four (4) days of "madness and mayhem." St. Patrick's Day will

be tomorrow, **Sunday, March 17th**.

St Patrick's Day Parade



The annual St Patrick's Day Parade is today, **Saturday, March 16th**. Beginning at 3pm, join us on Main Street in front of City Hall for a little pre-parade fun with the Black Oak Shillelagh playing Irish music. Then come and watch

the Marlow Gun Fighters at 4pm as there may be a shoot-out and possibly a bank robbery going on in the City of Blanchard.

Parade lineup begins at 3:30pm at Legacy Bank and the parade kicks off at 4:30pm.

If you would like to participate, please contact Chris Wittenbach @ 485.9392 or parks@cityofblanchard.us or visit www.cityofblanchard.us.

Striping Project



Rudy Construction plans to start tomorrow (Sunday) in preparation to restripe the intersection of Blanchard Drive and Main Street at the Elementary School; create handicap parking in front of the Municipal Court House in accordance with ADA; new parking and lanes for Harrison

Avenue next to the school; stripe Houser Lane between Taco Bell and Domino's, and crosswalk on US62 at Van Buren.

They will have it completed next week since school is out for Spring Break and it appears the weather will cooperate.