

# Blanchard Town Spirit

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## 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, June 22<sup>nd</sup>**. The cost is only \$6.00 and proceeds benefit local youth groups.

## BOA Decision

On May 2<sup>nd</sup>, the McClain County District Court overturned the Blanchard Board of Adjustment's decision to approve a variance to operate a daycare center in a residential zone. After receiving notice from the Plaintiff's attorney, the defendant (Redmon) failed to appear. Therefore, the District Court granted judgment in favor of the Plaintiff (Hightower). A Final Order of Judgment was signed by the Judge and filed of record.

## 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 (16<sup>th</sup>).

## Fight the Bite!

These insects kill more people in 1 day than sharks do in a century!

Individuals can reduce their risk of contracting mosquito-borne diseases, such as the West Nile virus, by getting rid of standing water around houses and by using insect repellent. Here is a simple way to remember how to "Fight the Bite" using mosquito safety. Just remember 3 D's and a P!



- DRAIN stagnant water;
- DRESS wear long sleeves and pants;

- DEET repel when you're outside;
- PREVENT reduce your exposure.

Unfortunately, there is no easy solution for managing mosquitoes. Countless products on the market claim to be effective and easy to use but few have appreciable value in lessening the annoyance and incidence of bites. Unlike most insects found around homes, mosquitoes are pervasive outdoor pests and there are limits to what can be done to minimize their abundance. Nonetheless, there are measures that can afford some relief.

## 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 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 issues a proclamation each year 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.

## *Food Truck Tuesdays*

### June

11<sup>th</sup> ~ The Chosen Juan

18<sup>th</sup> ~ The Cheesy Grin

25<sup>th</sup> ~ The Meat Locker

### July

2<sup>nd</sup> ~ Fireworks

9<sup>th</sup> ~ Lalos Taco Chop

16<sup>th</sup> ~ El Kiasco

23<sup>rd</sup> ~ Rockin Rotolo

30<sup>th</sup> ~ MOB Grill

All trucks will be located on the vacant lots at Jackson and US-62 beginning at 11:00a.m.

BON APPETITE!

## *FYE2020 Budget*



After  
conducting a  
Public

Hearing, the Blanchard City Council voted Tuesday night to approve the City Manager's proposed budget

comprising of \$10.25 million in revenues and \$8.56 million of expenses for Fiscal Year 2020 which begins July 1<sup>st</sup>. The General Fund budget, which pays for most day-to-day City services, is \$4.7 million, or 54.95 percent of the proposed budget. The BMIA (water/services/trash) comprises 23.63 percent of the City's total budget. Expenditures for Street and Alley increased by 154% in order to make road improvements after July 1. The primary factor for the increase is a significant rise in use tax revenue collections from online retail sales and oilfield services this fiscal year. The staffing for full-time employees remain the same at 44 authorized City staff positions. Two (2) seasonal employees were added to the Street and Alley for the additional road work anticipated this summer. That's about 4.58 employees per 1,000 residents. Sales tax is the largest single source of revenue for the City, making up 58.9 percent of General Fund revenue. The budget is guided by the following:

- Maintaining the current operating service levels for all departments, accounts and funds within the projected revenues available for the upcoming fiscal year beginning July 1<sup>st</sup>.
- The creation of new accounts to include Senior Citizens Nutrition and Parks Fund to identify and focus on certain revenues and expenses associated with each for easier monthly reconciliation of these monies.
- Continue to implement a detail cost-accounting for operations of each fund and/or account with revenues and expense accounts in accordance with

GASB 34 with the financial consulting provided by Crawford & Associates.

• Continue to meet the needs in providing the basic municipal services to the citizens of Blanchard.

## *Household Hazardous Waste*

The first annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event is scheduled for Saturday, June 29<sup>th</sup> from 8am to 12Noon.

In coordination with Waste Connections and Cardinal Engineering (EnviroClean), this Event will be free to allow Blanchard homeowners to properly dispose of household chemicals, oils, greases, paints, tires, batteries, etc.

A flyer has been inserted into the current Utility Bill which was mailed out for June.

## *House Numbering*

In an emergency, first responders (fire, police and ambulance) and utility service technicians depend on clearly marked addresses to find the right home as quickly as possible. Finding a residence can be challenging if street addresses (house numbers) are unreadable, hidden, unlit or missing. You can help emergency responders and service technicians locate your home by following these tips:

- Replace aging or faded numbers;
- Clear all obstructions (hanging plants, bushes, flags, etc.) from blocking your house numbers;

- Post large numbers to allow visibility from the street;
- Place your numbers near the street of on the curb, with a reflective coating and contrasting background;
- Allow numbers to be seen from all directions (if your home is on a corner, have numbers posted on all sides).

BMC §4-402 requires all building and houses to be numbered. The even numbers (2,4,6, etc.) shall be on the east side of the streets extending north and south, and on the south side of the streets extending east and west; the odd numbers (1,3,5, etc.) shall be on the opposite side of streets.

## *Independence Day Celebration*

**PATRIOTIC SPIRITS BLAST OFF IN  
BLANCHARD!**



Gather up the gang and head to Blanchard. Plans are underway for the City's annual

Independence Day Celebration. The annual event will once again be held at the Blanchard Crossing behind the Sonic Drive-in from 6pm to 10pm on **Tuesday, July 2<sup>nd</sup>**.

Please contact Chris Wittenbach at 485.9392, ext 105 for more information.

# Meeting Calendar

## JUNE:

- 13<sup>th</sup> ~ Planning Commission
- 18<sup>th</sup> ~ BOA
- 20<sup>th</sup> ~ Juvenile/Code Court
- 25<sup>th</sup> ~ Traffic Court
- 25<sup>th</sup> ~ City Council
- 25<sup>th</sup> ~ BMIA Board of Trustees



The Blanchard's Parks Department will show movies every Friday night during the

month of June. Each movie begins approximately at 9:15 after the concert and is FREE to the public. **ALL EVENTS ARE HELD AT LIONS PARK (West of Main on SW 7<sup>th</sup> Street).**

- June 14<sup>th</sup> Bumblebee
- June 21<sup>st</sup> How to Train Your Dragon 2
- June 28<sup>th</sup> Mary Poppins

Visit the City's Facebook page for more details.

## On the PC Agenda

The Planning Commission's meeting for June will be Thursday, June 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30p.m.

- ≈ Public Hearing on Request for Rezoning of property from S-1 to R-E located in Section 23-T8N-R4W (Grady County);
- ≈ Resolution recommending approval or denial of Zoning Application;
- ≈ Public Hearing on Request for PUD Overlay of R-E Zoned property located

in Section 23-T8N-R4W (Grady County);

- ≈ Resolution recommending approval or denial of PUD Application;
- ≈ Public Hearing on Request for Rezoning of property from S-1 to R-E located in Section 28-T8N-R4W (McClain County);
- ≈ Resolution recommending approval or denial of Zoning Application;
- ≈ Lot Split Application on property located in Section 28-T8N-R4W (McClain County);
- ≈ Pre-Planning meeting for proposed subdivision on R-E property located in Section 25-T8N-R4W (Grady County);
- ≈ Acceptance of Final Plat for Oasis Ranch Addition Section III;
- ≈ Further discussion of the 2035 Comprehensive Plan; and
- ≈ Consent Agenda.

Agendas are posted on the City's website at [www.cityofblanchard.us](http://www.cityofblanchard.us).

## Police Blotter

Jail Activity Report for:

- 5/31/19 ~ CURTIS, Shane arrested on Outstanding Warrant.
- 5/31/19 ~ KNAPP, Chad arrested on Outstanding Warrant.
- 5/31/19 ~ ABDUL BAGGEE, Kareem arrested on Outstanding Warrant, Possession of Firearm, Possession of Marijuana.
- 6/01/19 ~ CALDWELL, Cedric arrested for Possession of Firearm.
- 6/01/19 ~ CALDWELL, Chedon arrested on Possession of Firearm.
- 6/01/19 ~ GOSSETT, Indi arrested for DUI.

6/01/19 ~ O'NEAL, Kevin arrested for DUS.

6/03/19 ~ GOODWIN, Kirby arrested for Public Intoxication.

6/03/19 ~ SHUPERT, Johnny arrested on Outstanding Warrant.

## Sales Taxes

The City's June Sales Tax collections are more than 11 (11.59%) percent higher than the budgeted amount based on the April retail sales of \$6,269,248 and it is more than five (5.76%) percent higher than last month's collections in May:

Month	Collections	Prior Yr $\Delta$
Jul 2018	\$216,325.54	8.91%
Aug 2018	\$322,241.98	42.89%
Sep 2018	\$245,032.34	18.99%
Oct 2018	\$271,304.16	29.80%
Nov 2018	\$292,570.00	34.09%
Dec 2018	\$371,006.21	75.91%
Jan 2019	\$272,107.18	8.81%
Feb 2019	\$260,518.40	-18.23%
Mar 2019	\$224,965.35	8.73%
Apr 2019	\$247,085.72	4.41%
May 2019	\$236,276.47	6.82%
<b>Jun 2019</b>	<b>\$250,769.83</b>	<b>9.67%</b>
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$2,723,156.88</b>	<b>17.58%</b>

## 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:

(**June 10 - June 14**)

**Monday** ~ Chicken Fritters, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Rolls, Dessert.

**Tuesday** ~ Sausage, Biscuits and Gravy, Tomatoes, Dessert.

**Wednesday** ~ Beef Stroganoff, Carrots, Veggies, Dessert.

**Thursday** ~ Chili Beans, Hominy, Salad, Crackers, Dessert.

**Friday** ~ Corned Beef, Cabbage, Potatoes, Cornbread, 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.

## Special Events

### June

**14<sup>th</sup>** ~ Movies Under the Stars

**14<sup>th</sup>** ~ Concerts in the Park

**14<sup>th</sup>** ~ FLAG DAY

**16<sup>th</sup>** ~ FATHER'S DAY

**21<sup>st</sup>** ~ SUMMER BEGINS

**21<sup>st</sup>** ~ Movies Under the Stars

**21<sup>st</sup>** ~ Concerts in the Park

**22<sup>nd</sup>** ~ AYCE Breakfast

**28<sup>th</sup>** ~ Movies Under the Stars

**28<sup>th</sup>** ~ Concerts in the Park

### July

**2<sup>nd</sup>** ~ Independence Celebration



The Blanchard's Parks Department is hosting their annual summer concerts each Friday in June at Lions Park. They are FREE to the public ... so please bring a lawn chair or blanket for seating.

The Summer Concert Series:

June 14<sup>th</sup> Southern Highway

June 21<sup>st</sup> Cavers Company

June 28<sup>th</sup> Killin' Time Band

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

## Use Taxes

The City's June Use Tax Collections are more than sixty-nine (69.93%) percent higher than the budgeted amount based on the April sales of \$1,174,726.75 but is more than fourteen (14.88%) percent less than last month's collections in May

Month	Collections	Prior Yr Δ
Jul 2018	87,645.00	274.95%
Aug 2018	90,971.87	321.29%
Sep 2018	64,442.20	190.08%
Oct 2018	105,751.93	142.90%
Nov 2018	82,534.86	233.18%
Dec 2018	219,878.25	658.56%
Jan 2019	58,332.97	42.02%
Feb 2019	78,010.70	101.86%
Mar 2019	36,393.38	56.37%
Apr 2019	57,816.40	159.49%
May 2019	53,981.74	121.05%
<b>Jun 2019</b>	<b>46,989.07</b>	<b>-40.15%</b>
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$982,748.33</b>	<b>150.26%</b>

## 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 10:54am (CDT) on Friday, June 21<sup>st</sup>.

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.