



E-Mail Newsletter

Blanchard Together ... Today & Tomorrow

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Meeting Dates

March 27th

6pm - Planning Comm

April 7th

6pm - BETA

April 8th

6pm - BMIA

6pm - City Council

April 14th

6pm - Tourism

April 15th

6pm - BOA

April 16th

3pm - GMC Trust

April 24th

6pm - Planning Commission

*All City Boards, Commissions, & Authority meets at the Municipal Court House unless otherwise noted.

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AgriTourism

Pick your own tulips at an Oklahoma farm!

Bloom into Spring! Plan a dreamy day at Oklahoma's U-Pick Tulip Farm—where vibrant blooms, fresh air, and picture-perfect moments await! Grab your besties, your significant other, your family, or take a solo self-care stroll through a field of color.

Below is a list of all u-pick tulip farms in the state. Be sure to check their individual pages for opening times and dates. Happy picking!

Central

[Bayer's Blooms](#) | Perkins, OK

[Billingsley Blooms](#) | Lucien, OK

[Flowers Farms](#) | Oklahoma City, OK

[Oklahoma Tulips](#) | Harrah, OK

Northeast

[The Flower Meadow](#) | Coweta, OK

Northwest

[Tea & Country Estate](#) | Enid, OK

April Fool's Day

Tuesday, April 1st or All Fool's Day, a holiday of uncertain origin, is known for practical joking and celebrated on the first of April.

Prior to the adoption of the Gregorian calendar in 1564, the date was observed as New Year's Day by cultures as varied as the Roman and the Hindu. The holiday is considered to be related to the festival of the Vernal Equinox, which occurs on March 20th. The English gave April Fool's Day its first



Special Events

APRIL

- 1st ~ Municipal Election
- 1st ~ School Bond Election
- 1st ~ April Fools Day
- 15th ~ Tax Day
- 20th ~ Easter Sunday
- 21st ~ Easter Monday
- 25th ~ Arbor Day

For more info, visit the Parks Facebook Page or the City's website regarding City sponsored events.

widespread celebration during the 18th century.

Bond Election

The Blanchard Board of Education has called a special election for the first Tuesday in April.

Please exercise your constitutional right to VOTE!

TUESDAY, APRIL 1st

POLLS OPEN 7am ~ 7pm

Carbon-Monoxide Warning



Due to extreme cold and power outages, please be aware of the hazards of the following types of heating:

- ◆ Never use gas grills, propane grills, charcoal grills in a house, garage or enclosed area;
- ◆ All gas fire heaters **MUST** be vented to the outside to remove carbon monoxide from an enclosed area; and
- ◆ Please read and follow all manufacturer instructions for any heater. Also, be careful with your heaters, fireplaces and candles.

Home and apartment fires are more common during the winter because of improperly used heating equipment, fireplaces and candles. Be sure anything that can burn is at least three (3) feet away from fireplaces or space heaters. Fireplaces should be inspected by a professional every year and cleaned when necessary, and make sure fires are fully extinguished before you go to bed.

It's important your home has working smoke alarms and your family knows how to escape a fire safely.

Code Enforcement

Help beautify Blanchard! It is a violation of the Municipal Code of any of the following:

- * Allow the accumulation of trash and/or debris and our junk on your property.
- * Allow tall weeds or grass (including edges along the street and sidewalk) to exceed 12-inches or higher.
- * Accumulation of inoperable and/or junk vehicles and parts on your property.
- * Parking of trailers, boats, and RVs in alleyways or in front of the building line.

After Hours

For Public Works/Streets after-hour incidents:

- * water leaks
- * waterline breaks
- * sewer backups
- * sewer line breaks
- * lift station alarms
- * manholes overflowing
- * low-water pressure
- * no water
- * potholes
- * road repairs
- * signs missing
- * signs down
- * roadway flooding
- * debris in road
- * street lite out

Please call
405.485.9391.

The Blanchard Emergency Communications Center is 24-7 and will contact the on-call personnel regarding the incident.

- * Allowing tree limbs over hang the street with less than 8-foot clearance.
- * Failure to trim trees, grass and weeds in alleys or between sidewalk and pavement.
- * Leaving grass in the street after mowing.
- * Watering lawn every day or out of odd/even sequence.

Any questions, please contact Mike Henning, Code Enforcement Officer at City Hall, 405.485.9392 or file a complaint on the City's website at www.cityofblanchard.us.



Easter



Many Christians celebrate Easter Sunday as the day of Jesus Christ's resurrection, which is written in the New Testament of the Christian bible. According to the Gospel of John in the New Testament, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb where Jesus was buried and found it empty. An angel told her that Jesus had risen. Christians worldwide have celebrated Easter for centuries.

However, the roots of the Easter holiday's traditions and activities can be traced back to pagan celebrations. The name Easter is believed to come from *Eostara*, the goddess of rebirth. In early times the Feast of Eostara celebrated earth's resurrection and rebirth. Strict Puritans would have nothing to do with Easter – it was merely a human institution – in the past. Charles I, king of England, declared the day as scriptural as Sunday in 1647 but Parliament contradicted him in print and abolished it with other church festivals.

[The Easter date](#) depends on the ecclesiastical approximation of the March equinox. In 325CE the Council of Nicaea decided that the Easter date would be the first Sunday after the first full moon occurring on or after the [March equinox](#). Easter is therefore delayed one week if the full moon is on Sunday, which lessens the likelihood of it falling on the same day as the Jewish Passover. Eastern Orthodox churches in many countries such as Greece still figure [their Easter date](#) based on the Julian calendar.

Easter eggs and the Easter Bunny are both fertility symbols, holdovers from the feast of Eostara. Other symbolic parallels include the pagan joy in the rising sun of spring, which coincides with Christians' joy in the rising Son of God, and the lighting of candles in churches, which corresponds to the pagan bonfires. The symbol of the cross and images of Jesus Christ, through paintings or statues, are remembered on

Shop Local

Here's what happens when you "shop local."

1. For every \$100 you spend at locally owned businesses, \$68 stays in Blanchard. What happens when you spend that same \$100 at a national chain? Only \$43 stays in the community*.

2. You wouldn't want your house to look like everyone else's in the U.S. So why would you want your community to look that way?

3. Local businesses are better at creating higher-paying jobs for your neighbors. When you shop locally, you help create jobs for firemen, police officers, and many other essential professions.

4. Buying from a locally owned business conserves energy and resources in the form of less fuel for transportation and less packaging.

5. Local business owners know you, and you know them. Studies have shown that local businesses donate to community causes at more than twice the rate of chains.

6. Shopping in a local business district means less infrastructure, less maintenance, and more money available to beautify the community. Also, spending locally instead of online ensures that your sales taxes are reinvested where they belong - in Blanchard.

Easter Day.

Easter will be **Sunday, April 20th**.

Easter Egg Hunt

The annual city-wide Easter Egg Hunt sponsored by the Pleasant Hill Baptist Church will be held the BHS Football Field.

Free hot dogs, drinks and desserts available beginning at 10:30 a.m.

For more information please call 405-485-3584 or see their website at www.phbcblanchard.com.



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.

Municipal Election

The City of Blanchard will hold a municipal election to elect a new councilman for Ward Three:

- Brandon Allee.
- Justin Lowe.

Please exercise your constitutional right to VOTE!

TUESDAY, APRIL 1st

POLLS OPEN 7am ~ 7pm

Oil 'n Gas

The Oklahoma Corporation Commission reported that no new oil wells permitted or completed in Blanchard since **Friday, March 14th**.

7. Locally owned businesses pick the items and products they sell based on what they know you like and want. Local businesses carry a wider array of unique products because they buy for their own individual markets.

8. You are their friends and neighbors, and locally owned businesses have a vested interest in knowing how to serve you. They're passionate about what they do. Why not take advantage of it?

9. Creativity and entrepreneurship are what the American economy is founded upon. Nurturing local business ensures a strong community.

10. The more interesting and unique Blanchard community, the more we will attract new neighbors, visitors and guests. This **BENEFITS EVERYONE!**

* Civic Economics - Andersonville Study of Retail Economics.

We're on the Web!
www.cityofblanchard.us

On the PC Agenda

The Blanchard Planning Commission will meet in regular session on Thursday, March 27th to discuss, consider and take appropriate action as follows:

🌀 Resolution No. 2025-04 recommending approval or denial of a Zoning Reclassification from the A-1, Agriculture District to the R-E, Residential Estates District for 2.50 acres MOL located at 368 NE 70th Street.

🌀 Public Hearing on Zoning Application from the A-1, Agricultural District to the I-2, Heavy Industrial District on 5 acres MOL located at 26115 Lazy D Drive.

🌀 Resolution No. 2025-07 recommending approval or denial of a Zoning Reclassification from A-1, Agricultural District to the I-2, Heavy Industrial District on 5 acres MOL located at 26115 Lazy D Drive.

🌀 Training and review of the Vision 2035 Comprehensive Plan.

🌀 Consent Agenda.

The Agenda is available on the City's website at www.cityofblanchard.us.

Police Blotter

No arrests reported.

Prayer at the Flagpole

The American Legion Commander welcomes all Veterans and citizens to "Pray at the Flagpole" every Monday morning.

Prayers have been inside the Post due to some of the citizens' inability to stand for long periods of time. The Post is located next door South of the Senior Citizens Center at 103 South Main. After prayer at 8:45am, the Post has a social with coffee and donuts.

Senior Nutrition Center

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, Monday thru Friday** (except City Observed Holidays).

MENU (March 17 ~ 21)

March 24th ~ Spaghetti, Salad, Corn, Dessert

March 25th ~ Ribbett, Salad, Broccoli, Dessert

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March 26th ~ Tetrizzini, Green Beans, Carrots, Dessert

March 27th ~ Hobo Beans, Pickel/Onion, Okra, Cornbread, Dessert

March 28th ~ Pig-in-a-Blanket, Coleslaw, Baked Beans, 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.



SENIORS

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.

So... Think Shop Live Blanchard

Please keep in mind that Blanchard's quality of life and the local economy relies on where residents spend their money and do their shopping. Sales tax is a direct and vital lifeline to essential services like public safety (police, fire, 911 services), public facilities, projects, programs and services. Shopping locally keeps businesses here in Blanchard, providing jobs and benefiting community schools and non-profits.

If there's one thing we can all do to make our dollars work for this community, it's to shop local! Grab dinner in Blanchard on your way home. You'd be surprised what a difference that can make. Shopping locally benefits the entire community. Make your tax dollars work for you and our community.

Veterans Memorial

There are more than 500 individual bricks still available for purchase and to be show-cased at this incredible Memorial. Individual bricks are \$125 apiece or 3 bricks for \$300. An Order Form can be found on the City's website at www.cityofblanchard.us.

**Don't
FORGET!**



To VOTE!

On **Tuesday** [**April 1st**]

Polls are open from **7am** to **7pm**.