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Meeting Dates

November 4th

8am ~ TEAM Blanchard

November 5th

6pm ~ BOA

November 12th

6pm ~ BMIA

6pm ~ City Council

November 14th

6pm ~ Planning
Commission

November 18th

6pm ~ Tourism

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

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AgriTourism

Oklahoma's Growing Adventure

Fall festivities are ramping up here in Oklahoma. Make sure you visit a Maze or Pumpkin Patch for all the fun!

CENTRAL OKLAHOMA:

- Canadian River Vineyards and Winery ~ Lexington
- Chester's Party Barn & Farm ~ Piedmont
- Cross Timbers Christmas Tree Farm & Pumpkin Patch ~ Harrah
- Daze in a Maze ~ Marshall
- Lakeview Market
- Oh My Gourd Pumpkin Patch ~ Glencoe
- Orr Family Farm ~ Moore
- Parkhurst Ranch ~ Arcadia
- Rustic Acres ~ Mason
- Silver Bells Christmas Tree Farm ~ Tuttle
- Sunshine Shelly's Pumpkin Patch ~ Shawnee
- The Barn at Country Club ~ Newcastle
- The Twelves ~ Stillwater
- Walnut Woods ~ Edmond

Ballot Questions

Voters will consider the following two (2) state questions on the upcoming General Election Ballot in November. They are as follows:

STATE QUESTION NO. 833:

This measure adds a new section 9E to Article 10 of the Oklahoma Constitution. This new section will permit the creation of public infrastructure districts to provide support, organization, operation, and maintenance of services. To

Special Events

OCTOBER

- 19th ~ Memorial Poker Ride
- 20th ~ BHS Baseball Golf Tournament
- 25th ~ Chamber Golf Tournament
- 31st ~ Halloween
- 31st ~ PumpkinFest

NOVEMBER

- 1st ~ All Saints' Day
- 3rd ~ Daylite Saving Time Ends
- 5th ~ Election Day
- 11th ~ Veterans Day
- 28th ~ Thanksgiving Day
- 29th ~ Thanksgiving After

DECEMBER

- 7th ~ Pearl Harbor Day
- 14th ~ Christmas on Main
- 14th ~ Christmas Lited Parade
- 21st ~ Winter Begins
- 24th ~ Christmas Eve
- 25th ~ Christmas Day
- 31st ~ New Year's Eve

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

create such a district, proponents for creating the district must file a petition with the municipality. The petition must include the signatures of one-hundred (100) percent of all surface property owners falling within the District's proposed boundaries. The municipality possesses the right to impose limitations on the district's powers prior to approving the district. Once approved, the district will be governed by a board of trustees.

Through the board, the district may issue bonds to pay for all or part of all public improvements implemented by and for the public infrastructure district. The district will be limited to issuing bonds issued for such improvements not exceeding ten (10) mills. For repayment of the bonds, the district, acting through its board of trustees, will levy and assess a special assessment on all property benefiting from the improvements in the district. Section 9E also authorizes the Legislature to enact laws necessary for the implementation of public infrastructure districts.

STATE QUESTION NO. 834:

This measure amends Section 1 of Article 3 of the Oklahoma Constitution. It clarifies that only citizens of the United States are qualified to vote in this state.

Chamber Golf Tournament

The 20th annual Blanchard Golf Tournament is almost here! The 4-person scramble is set for **Friday, October 25th** at Blanchard's Winter Creek Golf and Country Club. Big prizes will be on the line, including the \$25,000 hole-in-one sponsored by Knippelmier.

Entry fees for the tournament are \$500 per team, \$125 per player and \$575 for a corporate sponsor. Check in and practice at Winter Creek start at 8am on the 25th and the tournament begins at 9am.

Multiple sponsorships remain for the annual event. For more information on sponsorships, contact Cheryl at the Chamber at www.chamber@blanchardchamber.com or 405-485-8787.

Daylite Saving Time

FALL BACK SUNDAY, November 3rd, when Daylight Saving Time ends at **2 a.m.** Clocks will "fall back" one-hour. Credit for Daylite Saving Time belongs to



After Hours

For Public Works
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.

Benjamin Franklin, who first suggested the idea in 1784. The idea was revised in 1907, when William Willett, an Englishman, proposed a similar system in the pamphlet 'The Waste of Daylight'. The Germans were the first to officially adopt the light-extending system in 1915 as a fuel-saving measure during World War 1.

The British switched one year later, and the United States followed in 1918, when Congress passed the Standard Time Act, which established our time zones. This experiment lasted only until 1920, when the law was repealed due to opposition from dairy farmers [cows don't pay attention to clocks]. During World War II, Daylight Saving Time was imposed once again [this time year around] to save fuel.

REMEMBER! When you change the clocks, change your batteries in your smoke and CO² detectors.

Golf Tournament

The 20th annual golf tournament for the Blanchard Lions Baseball Team is coming up **Sunday, October 20th**. The tournament will raise additional much needed funds to support their team's uniform, equipment, and travel needs. One donor is generously matching all proceeds that the team raises!

Donations are accepted by QR Code, email or mail a check to PO Box 964, Blanchard, OK, 73010, or they can pick up a check or cash donation.

Halloween

Trick or Treat Nite will be **Thursday, October 31st** in Blanchard from **6 pm to 9 pm**.

Please drive with caution and watch out for little ghosts and goblins!

For Halloween safety tips for your kids, pets, etc. please go to www.halloween-safety.com.



Memorial Poker Ride

The 5th Annual Veterans Memorial Poker Chip Run will be held in Blanchard, OK on **October 19th**. Registration time between **7am - 10 am** at Old City Hall located at 114 West Broadway.

The selected route will take you through some beautiful back

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.

roads to and thru some of the best countryside in Oklahoma. At each stop, you will draw a poker chip and the color will be recorded on your player card. No one knows the point value of the colors until you arrive at the final stop by 4 PM. The highest score will win \$500 cash and the lowest score will win \$200 cash plus there will be many additional door prizes handed out at the last stop. Any ties will be broken by drawing an additional poker chip.

You can ride individually, with a group or set a time and plan for your club to meet between 7 and 10 AM. After registering, you can eat breakfast provided by IHOP or visit one of our fine diners for breakfast. Each entry will receive a free annual rocker patch for the event. We have a colorful event patch available, you may purchase, for your vest, showing your support of the Veterans Memorial.

The \$25.00 individual registration fee includes a free sit down breakfast, cooked and served by IHOP.

Register on site that morning or you are able to preregister online at www.cityofblanchard.us under the Veterans Memorial Park link to skip the waiting line.

Oil 'n Gas

The Oklahoma Corporation Commission reported that no new oil wells permitted or completed in Blanchard since **Friday, October 11th**.

Park Events

10/31/24 ~ PumpkinFest

11/09/24 ~ Veterans Day Parade

12/14/24 ~ Christmas Parade of Lights

12/14/24 ~ Christmas on Main

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'

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.

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.

PumpkinFest



Get ready for a
SPOOKY good time!

The City's annual event will be held on **Thursday, October 31st** from **6pm** to **9pm** on Main Street.

Activities include:

- ° Costume Contest (Ages 0-10) (11-18) & (19-over)
- ° Pet Costume Contest (all pets must be on a leash)
- ° Face Painting
- ° Free Candy & Refreshments
- ° Games and Trunk or Treats
- ° Safe Candy Walk & Music

For more information, please contact Chris Wittenbach at 248.6521 or parks@cityofblanchard.us.

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).

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.

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.

Tall Weeds & Grass



The City is committed to adopted regulations concerning the abatement of tall grass, weeds and trash.

The Blanchard Municipal Code concerning public nuisances and property enhancement requires that owners or responsible persons of property located within the municipal city limits are prohibited from allowing debris, junk, waste or trash to accumulate, or weeds or tall grass over twelve (12") inches in height, dead trees, bushes, and shrubs to grow or stand upon the premises. This regulation is based upon the Oklahoma State Law Title 11, Section 22-111 which sets forth the procedure and definitions for the cleaning and mowing of property. Property that abuts against public property (ie: alleys, streets, etc.) are responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of mowing of tall weeds and grass, trees, etc.)

For more information, contact the Code Enforcement Officer at 405.485.9392 or file an anonymous complaint on the City's website at www.cityofblanchard.us.

2024 Election Dates

November 5th ~ General Election

PLEASE EXERCISE YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE!

POLLS ARE OPEN FROM 7am – 7pm.



Veterans Day

Originally Armistice Day, commemorating the signing of the agreement that ended World War I at 11:00am, on November 11, 1918, this federal holiday was changed to Veterans Day in 1954 by Congress. At that time, it became a day to honor all the men and women who have served in the armed forces of the United States. Each year, special ceremonies are held around the nation honoring our veterans. Please consider spending some time on-line learning more about our nation's true HEROES [the American Veteran] who have served our country in time of peace and war.



City Hall offices will be closed for observance of Veterans Day on **Monday, November 11th**. Offices will reopen on **Tuesday, November 12**, at 8am.

Veterans Day Parade



Plans are under way for the annual Blanchard Veterans Day Parade to be held on **Saturday, November 9th**.

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.

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.

Water Rationing

REMINDER! The City of Blanchard receives 100% of our water from the City of Oklahoma City. As a result, we are on a full-time water rationing of odd-even days, as required by our Agreement with Oklahoma City.

This means if your address ends in an even number then you can legally water on the **2nd, 4th, 6th, 8th, 10th, 12th, 14th, 16th, 18th, 20th, 22nd, 24th, 26th, 28th, and 30th** of each month.

If your address ends in an odd number, then you can legally water on the **1st, 3rd, 5th, 7th, 9th, 11th, 13th, 15th, 17th, 19th, 21st, 23rd, 25th, 27th, 29th, and 31st** of each month.

Please call City Hall or email us complaints of possible violations anonymously at www.cityofblanchard.us.

Weatherization Assistance

PSO offers to its customers a 'Home Weatherization Assistance Program'.

Homeowners and renters with an annual household income of \$55,000 or less in a home less than 2,200 square feet and built prior to 2010 may be eligible for FREE home upgrades such as attic insulation, air and duct sealing, and more.

PSO's service provider, Titan ES, will perform an energy assessment at your home. If your home qualifies, Titan will schedule and complete the necessary home upgrades.

The services are completed at NO cost to you. PSO pays Titan ES for any approved upgrades completed on your home.

For more information, contact the PSO Customer Services Account Representative at 405.222.7615.