



E~Mail Newsletter

Blanchard Together ... Today & Tomorrow

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Meeting Dates

March 17th

6pm ~ Tourism

[Canceled]

March 18th

6pm ~ Bd of Adjustment

March 19th

3pm ~ GMC Trust

March 27th

6pm ~ Planning Comm

*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

BMIA Action

The Board of Trustees of the Blanchard Municipal Improvement Authority held their regular meeting on **Tuesday, March 11th** and discussed, considered and took appropriate action on the following items:

- 🌀 **APPROVED** agreement with GSA for sanitary sewer design improvements for TIF3.
- 🌀 **DISCUSSED** OWRB Funded Improvements.
- 🌀 **DISCUSSED** Water & Sewer Rates.
- 🌀 **ADOPTED** Resolution No. 2025-03 amending Resolution

Special Events

MARCH

15th ~ St Patrick's Day Parade

17th ~ St Patrick's Day

17th ~ Spring Break

18th ~ Spring Break

19th ~ Spring Break

20th ~ Spring Break

20th ~ Spring Begins

21st ~ Spring Break

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

authorizing the issuance of the P3 Financing Note, Series 2025.

🌀 **APPROVED** Consent Agenda.

The next meeting of the Authority will be Tuesday, April 8th.

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.

City Council Action

The City Council of the City of Blanchard held their regular meeting on **Tuesday, March 11th** and discussed, considered and took appropriate action on the following items:

🌀 **HELD** Public Hearing for Zoning Case from R-3 to R-2.

🌀 **ADOPTED** Zoning Ordinance No. 836.

🌀 **ADOPTED** Emergency Clause.

🌀 **HELD** Public Hearing for amending Zoning Regulations.

🌀 **TABLED** Ordinance amending Zoning Regulations.

🌀 **TABLED** Emergency Clause.

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.

- 🌀 **ADOPTED** Ordinance No. 837 amending Sign Regulations.
- 🌀 **ADOPTED** Emergency Clause.
- 🌀 **ADOPTED** Ordinance No. 838 amending Subdivision Regulations.
- 🌀 **ADOPTED** Emergency Clause.
- 🌀 **ADOPTED** Ordinance No. 839 amending utility infrastructure regulations.
- 🌀 **ADOPTED** Emergency Clause.
- 🌀 **ADOPTED** Ordinance No. 840 amending muffler noise.
- 🌀 **ADOPTED** Emergency Clause.
- 🌀 **ADOPTED** Resolution No. 2025-08 amending Resolution approving BMIA to issue P3 Financing Note, Series 2025.
- 🌀 **ADOPTED** Resolution No. 2025-09 approving ADDENDUM to the contract with Choosing Charity LLC.
- 🌀 **ADOPTED** Resolution No. 2025-10 approving GMC Utility Trust to issue indebtedness and/or obligation.
- 🌀 **APPROVED** Request for Qualifications for architectural services.
- 🌀 **APPROVED** request to purchase Christmas tree 2' extension.
- 🌀 **DISCUSSED** Section Line Road Improvement Projects.
- 🌀 **DISCUSSED** Local Street Improvement Projects.
- 🌀 **DISCUSSED** Central Business District Updates.
- 🌀 **DISCUSSED** preparation of FYE2025-2026 Budget.
- 🌀 **APPROVED** Consent Agenda.
- 🌀 **HELD** Executive Session.

The next meeting of the Council will be Tuesday, April 8th.

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.
- * 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

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.

Enforcement Officer at City Hall, 405.485.9392 or file a complaint on the City's website at www.cityofblanchard.us.

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, February 28th**.

Police Blotter

The following people were arrested:

- **3/2/25** ~ McGILL, Robert C. arrested for Residential Disturbance for VPO Violations and 2-Felony Warrants from McClain County.

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.

P3 Financing Note, Series 2025

The Oklahoma Department of Commerce in coordination with the Oklahoma Development Finance Authority approved P3 Financing for the City of Blanchard thru its' Municipal

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.

Improvement Authority and FNB to provide financing of water and sewer projects to serve the TIF No. 3 District for the new golf course and associated housing and commercial development. Financing is secured with public-private payroll taxes that are already paid to the State and redirected for this project.

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 17th ~ Chicken Patty, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Green Beans, Dessert

March 18th ~ Loaded Potato, Salad, Bread, Dessert

March 19th ~ Meat Balls, Parsley Potatoes, Corn, Dessert

March 20th ~ Pinto Beans, Relish, Potato, Cornbread, Dessert

March 21st ~ Frito Chili Pie, Salad, Corn, Chips, 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.

Spring Equinox

Spring will begin on **Thursday, March 20th** at **4:01a.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.

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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.stpatricksdays.ie is described as four (4) days of "madness and mayhem." St. Patrick's Day will be **Monday, March 17th**.

St Patty's Day Parade



The City's Parks Department will host its first of many events this month. The St. Patrick's Day Parade will be **Saturday, March 15th**.

Come out and support your community! And watch a parade!

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.

Spring Break

The Blanchard Public School District will be on Spring Break beginning **Monday, March 17th** thru **Friday, March 21st**. NO classes for students.

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.