

TALK *of the* TOWN

October 2026

Sherwood's Lake Cherrywood

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From the MAYOR'S DESK

New Businesses, New Opportunities for Sherwood

I am excited to share some big news with our Sherwood community. Two businesses will soon be calling 5430 Landers Road home, bringing new jobs, new opportunities and new activity to this area of our city.

Slick City Action Park

Slick City Action Park is coming to Sherwood, with plans to open in Summer 2027. The 36,000-square-foot indoor action park will offer families a new place to have fun, be active and spend time together, all in a climate-controlled environment.

This is a project that Tammy Tompkins, our Economic Development Coordinator, and I have been working on for quite some time and we are thrilled to finally share it with our community.



Slick City will offer an exciting variety of slides and attractions, as well as birthday parties and group events. If you want to get a feel for what the park will look like,

I encourage you to search "Slick City Drone Video" online. It is exciting to see what they are bringing to Sherwood and imagine it right here in our community.

One of the things I especially like about Slick City is the opportunity it will provide for our local workforce. The park is expected to create at least 100 full- and part-time jobs, with a strong focus on hiring people from the local community.

For many young people, this could be their first real job and an opportunity to develop valuable skills in leadership, customer service, teamwork and business.

The park is being developed by Southfork Family Entertainment Center LLC, a group of lifelong Arkansans. Their goal is to bring a new kind of entertainment experience to Central Arkansas while creating a destination where families and groups can make memories together.



Locke Supply Co

Sharing the building with Slick City will be Locke Supply Co., bringing another established business and employer to Sherwood.

Locke Supply has a long history dating back to 1955, when Don and Wanda Locke opened a small wholesale plumbing supply operation in Bartlesville, Oklahoma.

Since then, the company has grown into an employee-owned distributor serving customers across multiple states. Today, Locke Supply provides plumbing, electrical, HVAC and other related products and services to contractors and customers throughout its service area.

Having Locke Supply and Slick City share this location is an exciting example of the different types of businesses that can find a home in Sherwood. Together, the two businesses are expected to bring approximately 115 employees to the location.

That means more than just a new building or a new business name on Landers Road. It means more people working in Sherwood, more opportunities for our residents and more activity in our local business community.

Projects like this are another example of the growth we are seeing throughout Sherwood. We want our city to continue to be a place where families want to live, businesses want to invest and people have opportunities to work, play and build a future.

There is still plenty of work to be done before Slick City opens its doors in Summer 2027, but I am excited about what is ahead. I am grateful to Southfork Family Entertainment Center and Locke Supply Co. for choosing Sherwood, and I look forward to seeing this location come to life.

I cannot wait to welcome both businesses to our community.

Sincerely,

Mary Jo Hays-Townell

A vertical poster for a 'SHRED-A-THON' event. The background is white with a border of shredded paper at the top and bottom. The text is centered and reads: 'SHRED-A-THON' in large, bold, dark green letters. Below this is a green rectangular box containing the text 'SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17' and '9 AM - NOON' in white. Underneath the green box, the text 'Senior Center Parking Lot' and '2301 Thornhill' is written in dark green. At the bottom, in smaller dark green text, it says 'Bring your personal documents and let our volunteers dispose of them properly.', 'No magazines, newspapers or ads.', and 'Limit 5 boxes per person.'.

SHRED-A-THON

**SATURDAY,
OCTOBER 17
9 AM - NOON**

**Senior Center Parking Lot
2301 Thornhill**

**Bring your personal documents and let our
volunteers dispose of them properly.
No magazines, newspapers or ads.
Limit 5 boxes per person.**



Watch all meetings at: <https://www.sherwoodar.gov/watchnow>

RECOGNITION of Jackson Dowdy, National Merit Semifinalist from Sylvan Hills High School

RECOGNITION Sylvan Hills High School recognized in the top 10% in college readiness and top 15% in college curriculum breadth index as published in US News & World Reports

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY - A resolution amending the Bill Harmon Recreation Center budget to transfer funds from reserves for building maintenance. The request is to replace the boiler for the swimming pool at Bill Harmon. The boiler will take around 12 weeks to arrive, and the existing boiler is limping along. Passed 7-0, Broderick absent

READ ONCE An ordinance amending a conditional use permit for the property located at 14815 Highway 107, and for other purposes. This ordinance concerns the property that the T-Rex gas station was located on. The gas station burned down, and the property is being considered for redevelopment. (Mayor Heye-Townsell)

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY A resolution reappointing Edward Williams to serve on the Sherwood Public Facilities Board (Mayor Heye-Townsell) Motion Passed 7-0, Broderick absent

TABLED An ordinance establishing a policy for review and approval of service and maintenance agreements (Council Member Broderick) This was tabled due to Council Member Broderick being absent and asking for it to be pulled.

PASSED An ordinance certifying to the Pulaski County Clerk the rate of taxation to be levied by the City of Sherwood, Arkansas, on the taxable real and personal property for tax year 2026; declaring an emergency and for other purposes (Mayor Heye-Townsell) Motion Passed 6-1, Wade against and Broderick absent. This is a procedural requirement require each fall by the County to levy the existing millage which was put into place by Ordinance June 23, 2025.

OLD BUSINESS -

- Update from Sherwood Public Education Foundation (Council Member Williams) Noah Treat and Linda George gave an update about where the Education Foundation is in the process of creating a Sherwood School District. They reported that it has gotten the approval of Pulaski County Special School District and now they are waiting on approval of the Arkansas Board of Education. They will be keeping the community and Council updated on their progress.

NEW BUSINESS -

- Sherwood District Court requests city council approval for the following items:
 - Use court automation funds to attend the Court Technology Conference in December 2026.
 - Use court automation funds to purchase recording software for the courtroom from BIS Digital.
 - Use funds from the court automation fund to continue paying for the following court expenses: copy paper, toner cartridges for printers, monthly lease for VJ Court Software (\$2,343.30), monthly copier maintenance fees with Central Business Systems, and any replacement of computers, printers, and scanners as needed.
- These expense requests were included in the budget but for auditing purposes needed Council approval. Council approved 7-0 one absent.

CLEARING THINGS UP:

Rumors cleared up at City Council meeting

Council Member Townsend brought up several rumors at the Council Meeting that needed to be cleared up. She stated that she had received several calls about the strip center on 107 that has not received its certificate of occupancy due to landscaping requirements. Shelby Notias and Paul Brown from the Permits and Planning Office explained that this was not the case. They were waiting on the call for final inspection for plumbing and HVAC and then the overall building final inspection. Shelby explained that we must follow the approved site plan. Only the Planning Commission can approve an alternate site plan. The Permits Office has issued in the past and may in this case issue, a temporary certificate of occupancy while they are waiting to get a new site plan approved by the Planning Commission. Staff must follow all Arkansas and local laws.

Council Member Townsend also asked about calls she received about rumors that the city was trying to sell the golf course to put-up low-income apartments. Blake Calloway, Parks Director, explained that this was absolutely not true and there has NEVER been a single conversation about selling the golf course. He stated that all staff, Mayor, and Council viewed the golf course as an important amenity and recreational opportunity.

There has been a rumor that the Senior Center budget has been cut. There have been some items such as vehicle maintenance that have been absorbed by the greater Parks and Recreation budget and line items that have been proven to be higher than needed were reduced to closer to what had been historically needed. However, more funds have been allocated for items such as Senior Programs has gone from \$10,000 in 2022 to \$16,000 in 2026. And building maintenance went from \$10,000 in 2022 to \$25,000 in 2026. The Senior Center is thriving and is gaining more members monthly. This Center is an important part of Sherwood now and in the future.

DAILY EVENTS



OCTOBER 2026

SHERWOOD (JACK EVANS) SENIOR CENTER
2301 Thornhill Drive
Sherwood, AR 72120
501-834-5770

M-F between 9-4

8 Ball Pool
Community Puzzle
Darts
Ping Pong
Shuffle Board

MONDAY'S

9 Art Class
11 Wall Pilates @ Rec Ctr

TUESDAY'S

9 Scrapbooking
9 BB Baseball Practice
12 Tai Chi
1 Line Dance

WEDNESDAY'S

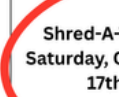
9-10:30 Baptist Health
(1st & 3rd Wed)
10-11:15 Bingo
11:30 Chair Aerobics

THURSDAY'S

9 BB Baseball Practice
1:00 Hand & Foot

FRIDAY'S

9 Chair Yoga/Walking Class
12:30 Card Games
2-4 Acoustic Music
5-8:45 Night Music
(1st & 3rd Fri unless
Holiday on Fri or Mon)

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
			1	2
	 Shred-A-Thon Saturday, October 17th 9am-12pm			10:30 Friday Devotions
5	6	7	8	9
	11:30 Monthly Luncheon	BINGO: WEAR PINK (BREASTCANCER AWARENESS MONTH) 11:15 Nail Painting & \$15 Haircuts w/ Samantha	1pm-2 Craft: Pumpkin Center Pieces	10:30 Friday Devotions
12	13	14	15	16
DAY TRIP TO BUCEES *MUST RSVP LIMITED SEATS (Bus leave @ 10)	2 Craft W/ Coleen: Pumpkin Decorating		10 BBB vs. Greenbrier 1130 Family Fued by Foxridge. *Must Signup*	10:30 Friday Devotions 11-12 Cake Walk 
19	20	21	22	23
11 Angie Highfill "Chat & Snack" Seminar	10:30 BBB vs. First Responders 2 Junk Journaling w/ Coleen	11:15 Nail Painting & \$15 Haircuts w/ Samantha	11 Jewelry Making Class w/ Debora	10:30 Friday Devotions 11-12 Halloween Costume Contest 
26	27	28	29	30
NASHVILLE TRIP 26TH-30TH			Need local transportation? 	Metro Connect *Sherwood Residents Only* Monday-Saturday 6am- 6pm \$2 Each way 501-476-3761

Please join us for fellowship and refreshments at the
Jack Evans Senior Center with a guest speaker



Veterans Tribute



NOVEMBER 10, 2026

10:00 AM

JACK EVANS SENIOR CENTER







TRUNK OR TREAT

FRIDAY
OCTOBER 30

SHERWOOD
SPORTS COMPLEX
5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

TRUNK OR TREAT FUN FOR THE
WHOLE FAMILY AFTER THE
SEASON CLOSING BALL GAMES

Don't forget to wear your costume!









Primary Care for Adults Age 60+

Gone Fishin'!

A Beginner's Fishing Class

Thursday, October 8, 2026
8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Sherwood Community Pond
2199 E. Kiehl Ave, Sherwood, AR 72120

Join Arkansas Game & Fish for a fun day of fishing! Learn beginner-friendly tips and techniques, enjoy prizes and refreshments, and spend time outdoors with great company. Make new friends and discover why fishing is one of Arkansas's favorite pastimes!

Nicole Perkins
(501) 541-8002

RSVP

Tonya Bell
(501) 398-0096

*No purchase necessary to enter giveaway.
Contact ArchWell Health for additional terms and conditions.



SHERWOOD POLICE DEPARTMENT DRUG TAKE BACK EVENT

October 24
10 am - 2 pm
St Vincent's Hospital
Sherwood Neighborhood Market





SHERWOOD POLICE DEPARTMENT ALSO HAS
TWO PERMANENT COLLECTION LOCATIONS:
OUTSIDE OF SHERWOOD POLICE
DEPARTMENT'S MAIN ENTRANCE AND THE
NORTH SUBSTATION IN GRAVEL RIDGE



BEHIND THE BADGE:

Updates from the Sherwood Police Department



HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS



Halloween is a time of fun, creativity, and community spirit, and the Sherwood Police Department wants to make sure everyone has a safe and enjoyable night. As families prepare for trick-or-treating, officers encourage parents, children, and drivers to stay alert and follow a few simple precautions.

For Trick-or-Treaters and Parents:

- Only Visit Homes with Porch Lights On – A lit porch signals that trick-or-treaters are welcome. Some homes may not be participating or may have pets or family members who are uncomfortable with visitors.
- Double & Triple Check for Traffic – Look left, right, and left again before crossing the street, and make eye contact with drivers when possible.
- Costumes Built for Nighttime – Use face paint instead of masks that block vision. Add reflective tape, glow sticks, or carry a flashlight to stay visible.
- Respect “No Trespassing” Zones – Stick to driveways and walkways. Decorations may be inviting, but avoid lawns, side yards, or backyards.
- Be Aware of Pets – Excited animals may dash out when doors open. Give pets plenty of space and never reach to pet unfamiliar animals.
- Inspect Your Candy – Before enjoying, make sure all treats are safe, properly wrapped, and allergy-friendly.



For Drivers:

- Slow down in residential neighborhoods.
- Watch closely for children who may cross the street unexpectedly.
- Stay alert near driveways, crosswalks, and intersections.

The Sherwood Police Department will have extra patrols on Halloween night to help keep the community safe. By following these tips, families can focus on the fun and enjoy a safe, memorable evening.



COME ONE, COME ALL!

★ ★ TO THE ★ ★

NHAAH PET CARNIVAL!

GAMES! PRIZES! FOOD! ADOPTABLE PETS!

FUN FOR THE -WHOLE FAMILY- INCLUDING YOUR PETS!

BENEFITING SHERWOOD ANIMAL SHELTER

 **SATURDAY OCTOBER 3RD**  **12-4 PM**  **\$1 = 1 CARNIVAL TICKET**

7805 HIGHWAY 107 • SHERWOOD, AR 72120  **501-835-3577**  **NLRVET.COM**

YOUTH BASKETBALL

REGISTRATION 9/14 -10/23
\$100 REGISTRATION FEE
GAMES DECEMBER - FEBRUARY
GRADES 1-7

SCAN BELOW TO REGISTER



SHERWOOD ATHLETICS

SWIM TO PINNACLE MTN CHALLENGE

STARTING OCTOBER 1, 2026

USE THE QR CODE TO LOG YOUR SWIMS IN YARDS. 1 LENGTH OF THE POOL IS 25 YARDS.



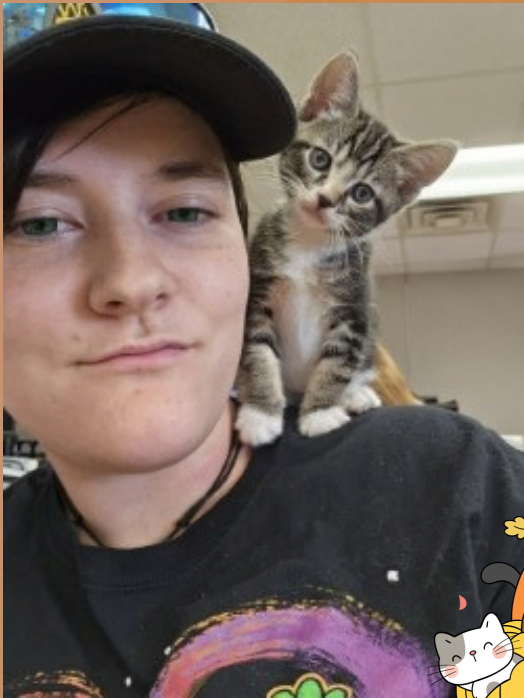
 **BILL HARMON REC CENTER**
 51 SHELBY RD
 SHERWOOD, AR 72120
 (501) 835-6893



EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

SARAH JACKSON

Animal Control Officer



1. How long have you been with the city?

I'll have been with the city for 4 years in March, starting in 2023. I've always been an Animal Control Officer.

2. What does your job entail?

Assisting the public with strays, returning dogs to owners, handling adoptions, investigating cases, previously headed the Volunteer Program, restarted the TNR program, and general maintenance/projects to assist with events, functions, and day to day activities.

3. What are the toughest challenges you've had at work?

Taking my personal feelings out of situations, remaining impartial in investigations, understanding the reasons behind the actions of owners, and trying to do what is in the best interest of people and the animals.

4. What hashtags describe your personality best?

Comedic, energetic, caring, fair

5. What are your secret talents no one knows about?

"Cat Whisperer". Between catching and handling feral cats or doing vaccinations or microchipping, my co-workers and friends know that I'm their girl when needed.

6. When you are at work, how do you motivate yourself?

It's easy to get motivated to a job that you enjoy. "Do what you love, and you'll never work a day in your life."

7. In terms of successes, which accomplishments are you most proud of?

The entire rework and new system built for the Volunteer Program back in '24, implementing better safety measures and experiences for Volunteers and the animals, being able to reinstate the TNR program by working with local veterinary care, and the bridges I've rebuilt with local rescues both to help them and the shelter as much as possible.

8. Tell us something that is on your "bucket list."

Getting to see all the National Parks. I've been to Yellowstone and planning for the Grand Teton next. I love nature and wildlife and being surrounded by it.

9. What is your happy place in Sherwood?

Home with my own pets or spending time with my parents.



Save THE Date

WINTER FEST

DECEMBER 5TH
12 PM-6 PM
CITY HALL PARK

BE A PART OF THE FUN! PARADE AND FOOD TRUCK APPLICATIONS ARE OPEN NOW - OCTOBER 24, 2026.
CHRISTMAS MARKET VENDORS CONTACT AMBER POTTER

FOOD TRUCKS



PARADE REGISTRATION



FOOD TRUCKS

CHRISTMAS
MARKET

PARADE



SHERWOOD POLICE DEPARTMENT PRESENTS

SHERWOOD'S NIGHT TO UNITE

OCTOBER 15

5:00 - 8:30 PM

CITY HALL PARK

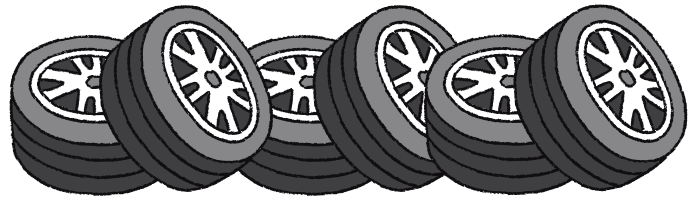
2199 E. KIEHL AVE



- LIVE MUSIC
- GAMES
- INTERACTIVE DEMONSTRATIONS
- FREE FOOD
- TRUNK OR TREAT - WEAR YOUR HALLOWEEN COSTUMES!

SMALL BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

Sherwood Tire Pros



For nearly 45 years, Sherwood Tire Pros has been a locally owned and operated part of the Sherwood community. Located at 8203 Hwy 107, the family-owned business has built its reputation on quality automotive service, dependable products and treating customers like family.

The business was founded by Charlie Edens on July 5, 1982, when Hwy 107 was still a two-lane road. His son has been involved with the business since it opened and eventually took over when his father retired. Today, the next generation, Chris, is also involved and plans to carry on the family business when his father retires in the coming years.

Sherwood Tire Pros offers a full range of tire and automotive repair services, including tires, brake repair, shocks and struts, alignments, belts and hoses, oil changes and more. The business carries many major tire brands and uses quality parts for its automotive repairs.

While quality products are important, the Edens family says customer service is what truly sets Sherwood Tire Pros apart.

"We stand behind our products and our service, treating people as we would want to be treated ourselves."

That commitment has helped the business remain locally owned and operated through decades of changes in the automotive industry. Sherwood Tire Pros is approaching 45 years in Sherwood and has been a Tire Pros Independent franchise for 26 years. The business also purchased Cross Tire Pros in Little Rock in 2020.

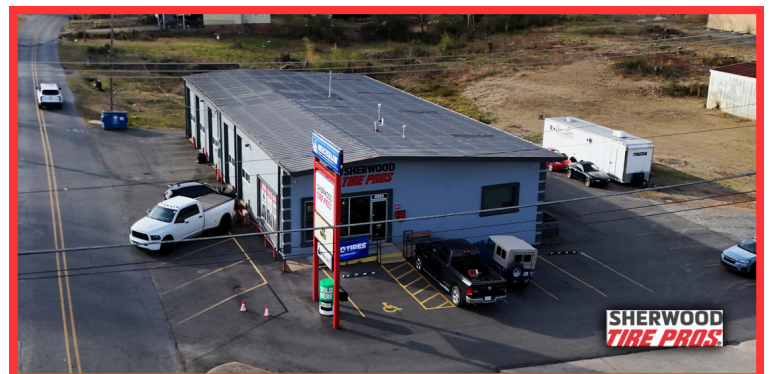
Beyond providing automotive services, Sherwood Tire Pros has made supporting the community a priority. Over the years, the business has supported athletic teams, church groups, school programs and other community organizations.

One of its most meaningful community efforts is its annual Tires for Tots program. For the past 12 years, Sherwood Tire Pros has partnered with Arkansas Children's Hospital and its Neurology Department to help provide necessities for families whose children unexpectedly require an extended hospital stay. During September and October, Sherwood Tire Pros donates \$3 from every tire sold, along with donations from its generous customers, to help fund a compassion cart stocked with hygiene products and other necessities for patients and their families.

As the business looks toward the future, the goal is simple: continue providing quality products, dependable service and support for the community that has supported the family for more than four decades.

"I would love to expand the Sherwood building, but we are land locked, so up would be our only option," the owner joked. "Great products, greater service and the love and support of Sherwood are what keep the doors open."

Sherwood Tire Pros is located at 8203 Hwy 107. To learn more, visit www.sherwoodtirepros.com or call 501-834-0500.





October EVENTS

Oct 1: Sherwood Chamber of Commerce Meet the Candidates, 11:30, 501-835-7600

Oct 6: Senior Luncheon, 11:30 am, Jack Evans Senior Center, RSVP 501-834-5770

Oct 12: Happy Columbus Day/Indigenous Peoples' Day, City offices are OPEN

Oct 15: Sherwood Police Dept's Night to Unite, City Hall Park, see page 13

Oct 16: Sherwood Chamber Annual Golf Scramble, The Greens at North Hills, 501-835-7600

Oct 19 - Nov 2: Early Voting

Oct 23: Youth Basketball Registration Closes, see page 9

Oct 26 - Nov 6 - Sherwood Fire Hydrant Testing

Oct 30: Trunk or Treat, Sherwood Sports Complex

Oct 30: Shadows over Sherwood, Sherwood Rotary, 501-681-6032

SAVE THE DATE

Nov 1: Daylight Savings Time Ends

Nov 3: Election Day

Nov 5: Night of Remembrance, see right

Nov 6: Senior Luncheon, RSVP 501-834-5770

Nov 10: Veterans Tribute, Jack Evans Senior Center, 10:30 am, see page 5

Nov 11: Veterans Day, City offices closed, Garbage from 11/11 will be picked up on Wed 11/12

Dec 6: Christmas Parade & Winter Fest, see page 10

Nov 27 – Dec 30: Trail of Lights

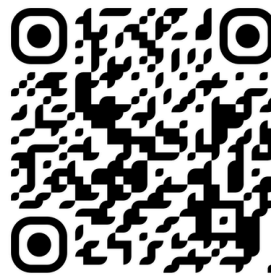
A NIGHT OF *Remembrance*



The City of Sherwood warmly invites the community to A Night of Remembrance on Wednesday, November 5, 2026 6:00 PM at City Hall Park, 2199 East Kiehl Avenue.

This is a special evening in honor of those we hold dear in our hearts. During this time, you can light a candle and walk the illuminated path at City Hall Park. Invite your friends and family to join us as we gather for an evening of reflection, love, and shared memories.

Need to check your Voter Registration?



Scan this QR code, put your name and date of birth into the website to look up your voter registration details.

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