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TALK of the TOWN

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From the MAYOR'S DESK

A Year of Activity and Community

One of the greatest joys of serving as your mayor is seeing our community come together. Throughout the year, the City of Sherwood works to create opportunities for families to make memories, neighbors to connect, and residents of all ages to enjoy the wonderful community we call home. From springtime traditions to summer evenings filled with music and fall gatherings focused on community connection, our city events are about so much more than entertainment. They are about building relationships, supporting local businesses, and strengthening the sense of community that makes Sherwood special.

We kicked off the year with our annual Easter Egg-Stravaganza, bringing families together for a day of springtime fun. Events like this give children the opportunity to enjoy the excitement of the season while parents and grandparents make memories with the people they love. It is always a pleasure to see families filling our parks, enjoying the activities, and celebrating together.

As the weather warmed up, our Third Thursdays in the Park FREE Concert Series brought the community together for evenings of live music at City Hall Park. With performances from BAD HABiT, Cliff & Susan, Copper Flats, and Townsend throughout the season, residents enjoyed a variety of local music, food trucks, yard games, and time outdoors with friends and family. These concerts offer a wonderful opportunity to enjoy our parks, support local vendors, and spend a relaxing evening close to home. I am grateful to the sponsors, performers, vendors, and city staff who help make this series possible year after year.

The Fourth of July season brought another major community celebration with our annual July 3rd Fireworks & Food Trucks event at the Greens at North Hills. Families gathered to enjoy food trucks, children's rides, and an evening of patriotic celebration capped off with a spectacular fireworks display. This event is always a wonderful opportunity for our community to come together, celebrate our nation's independence, and enjoy a memorable summer night with family and friends. I am thankful to our event sponsors, food truck vendors, city employees, and everyone who worked behind the scenes to make the celebration possible.

In October, we also celebrated our third annual Night to Unite, hosted by the Sherwood Police Department. This year's event brought a fun Halloween twist to an evening centered on building relationships between residents and the public safety professionals who serve them. Families enjoyed a trunk-or-treat-style experience, connected with representatives from our Police and Fire Departments, Animal Control, Code Enforcement, and other local teams, and listened to a live performance by Arkansas singer-songwriter Marybeth Byrd. Events like Night to Unite remind us that public safety is about more than responding to emergencies. It is also about building trust, creating connections, and working together to keep our community strong.

November 5th we take a moment to remember those that are no longer with us. Please come and place a bag with the name of the person you wish to remember and honor on it with a light inside, which makes it glow, around the pond. This is a quiet time of reflection. There will be a brief ceremony. All supplies will be provided.

As we look toward the holiday season, I hope you will join us for one of Sherwood's favorite celebrations, Winter Fest! This year's festivities will take place on Saturday, December 5, and will bring a full day of holiday fun to our community. The celebration will begin with the Sherwood Christmas Parade at noon, followed by holiday shopping, food, family activities, and entertainment at City Hall Park and the Jack Evans Senior Center. The holiday market will feature a wide variety of gifts, crafts, jewelry, clothing, baked goods, artwork, home décor, and more. Visitors can also enjoy an afternoon performance from DJ Multitalented, live music from BAD HABiT that evening, and photos with Santa at the gazebo, courtesy of JAM Events. We will cap off the celebration with the lighting of our City Hall Christmas tree and a spectacular drone show.

Winter Fest is a wonderful opportunity to shop local, enjoy time with family and friends, and celebrate the season alongside your neighbors. I encourage everyone to come out, support our local vendors, and take part in the festivities.

I want to extend my sincere thanks to our city employees, event sponsors, volunteers, performers, vendors, and community partners who dedicate their time and resources to making these events successful. Their support allows us to provide engaging, family-friendly experiences that bring people together and contribute to the quality of life we enjoy in Sherwood.

I am proud of the community we continue to build together. Whether you join us for a concert in the park, a neighborhood celebration, or a holiday tradition, I hope you feel the same sense of belonging that makes Sherwood such a special place to call home. I look forward to seeing you at Winter Fest as we close out another wonderful year together.

Sincerely,



CITY COUNCIL MEETING RECAP: OCTOBER 26, 2026

Watch all meetings at:

sherwoodar.gov/watchnow

RECOGNITION of Britton Lynch, winner of the 2026 5A Boys Golf Individual State Overall Winner.

PROCLAMATION declaring October 31, 2026 Shelby Ann Smith Day. Shelby passed away this year and her parents have put out a large display for Halloween to honor her.

SECOND READING An ordinance amending a conditional use permit for the property located at 14815 Highway 107, and for other purposes (Mayor Heye Townsell). This is the property where T-Rex was located. The owners want to rebuild and since they need a conditional use permit, it must be approved by the Council. The adjacent property owner has expressed concerns due to gas tanks that had some previous leakage. According to the State, the contamination has been mitigated and cleaned up. The State has closed the case, confirming that the cleanup meets its environmental requirements and standards.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY An ordinance amending a conditional use permit for the property located at 8623 Warden Road, and for other purposes (Mayor Heye-Townsell).

MAYOR MARY JO received a list of specific questions by the Council Members to ask about the balcony at The Greens before moving forward on the repairs. The Council will need to decide on different material options for the rebuilding of the balcony. The overall design will not change but the concrete is not restorable.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY A resolution appropriating funds from Wastewater reserves to fund an InfoWorks modeling for the Sherwood Five Mile Basin, authorizing execution of an addendum to an existing services agreement, and for other purposes (Council Member Williams) This study will complete the data needed for the engineering hydraulic model for the best way to mitigate the SSO by Chesterfield.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY A resolution approving an access easement across city property and for other purposes (Mayor Heye-Townsell) This property is land locked and the owners need to be able to access it.

TABLED TO NOVEMBER A resolution authorizing the execution of a correction deed and conveyance of certain properties adjacent to Cherrywood Lake, and for other purposes (Mayor Heye-Townsell)

OLD BUSINESS
3rd Quarter 2026 Economic Development update by Economic Developer Tammy Tompkins. Locke's Supply Company should be open by the end of the year. Slick City Action Park is expected to be open by midsummer. Baptist Health is working on site prep for their new clinic on the corner of Oakdale and 107. The new Club Car Wash by Pig and Chik is under construction. The new McDonald's by Aldi is expected to break ground the first quarter of 2027. The property that Zaxby's was in is under a new long-term lease and will be a restaurant.

Wastewater lawsuit update. The attorney representing Sherwood addressed the Council and explained that we have filed a motion to dismiss or enter mediation as the current court order requires. He also explained that it was NLR Wastewater's attorneys that refused to meet with Sherwood's attorneys. The City Attorney also stated that he was at the meeting with the State where the State told NLR Wastewater that they had to file the state statues regarding creating a regional system. NLR Wastewater said they wanted to merge but would only give 1 out of 5 seats on the Commission overseeing the system and this Commission would also set the rates. The State explained that this would not be legal. Multiple attempts were made by the State to have another meeting, but NLR Wastewater was never available or willing, but Sherwood was. If there is going to be a new court order regulating the satellite system, then this new complex legal document is something that the attorneys would need to hammer out, not the mayor.

NEW BUSINESS
Sherwood District Court document destruction approval
Presentation by Mr. Rob Watts regarding mental health challenges faced by Paramedics and first responders and the resources available to first responders and their families. (Council Member Broderick)

Sherwood's Year-to-Date Financial Update

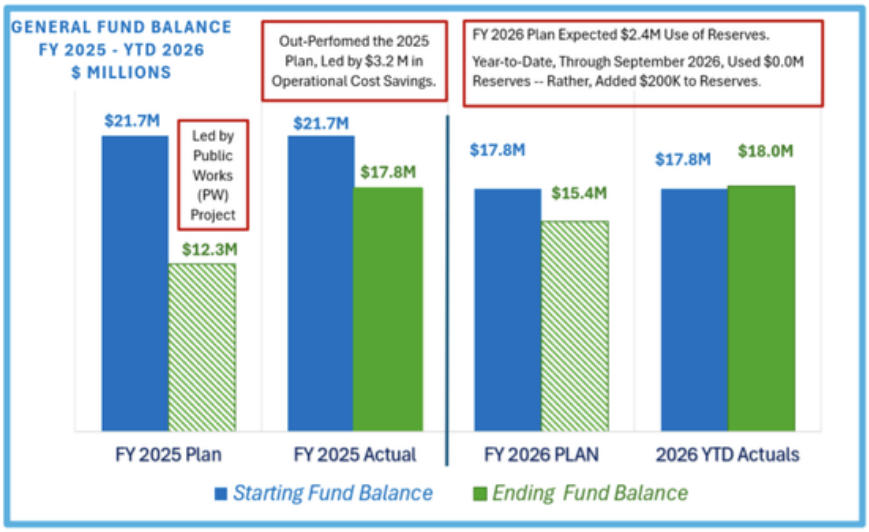
Compared To Our Year-to-Date Budget, The City Experienced a Favorable Variance of $2.0 Million.

Year-to-Date Revenue: Actuals vs. Budget
Revenues from Operations were $24.6M, which is $600K or 3% favorable compared to our YTD budget of $24.0M.

Year-to-Date Expenses: Actuals vs. Budget
Through September 2026, Expenditures were $24.4M, which is $1.4M or 6% favorable as compared to the year-to-date budget of $25.8M

The favorable variance, as compared to our year-to-date budget, totals $2.0M.

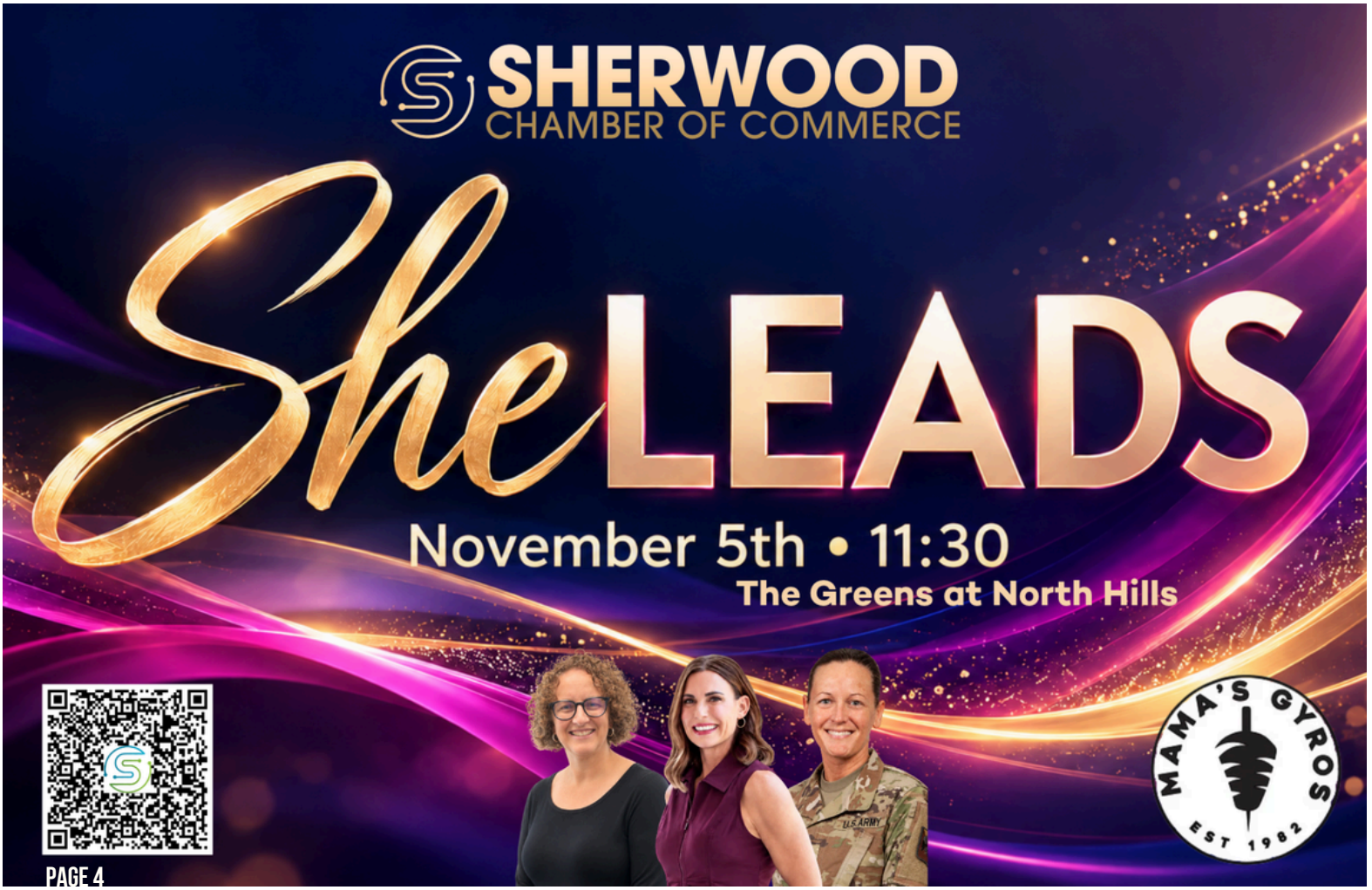
Fund Balance: Our 2026 Budget anticipated the use of $2.4M from our Reserves. Year-to-Date, $1.8M would be the pro-rated use of Reserves. To date, the City has used $0.0M, and given our actual Revenue of $24.6M and actual expenses of $24.4M, the City has added $200K to the Reserves.



LAKE CHERRYWOOD
open again!

The repairs to lake cherrywood playgruond are complete, and families are invited to begin utilizing this amazing playground again!





THE CITY OF SHERWOOD

WINTER FEST

DECEMBER 5
CITY HALL PARK
12 pm to 6 pm

WINTER FEST is coming! Sherwood is gearing up for a festive celebration this December with the return of Winter Fest, back for its third year and already becoming a cherished community tradition. The festivities will kick off at noon with the Annual Sherwood Christmas Parade, a proud tradition dating back to December 7, 1974. Sponsored by First Electric/Connect 2 First, Waste Management, Sherwood Parks and Recreation, and Sherwood A&P Commission, this year's parade theme is "Storybook Christmas" The parade will follow its familiar route, starting at Lantrip and Kiehl, traveling up Kiehl Avenue, and concluding at City Hall Park. Participants will compete in categories including Best Performance Group, Best Youth/Student Group, Spirit of the Parade, and Best Overall Float.

After the parade, the celebration continues at City Hall Park with Winter Fest, featuring a full array of Holiday fun!





The Christmas market will feature a wide array of holiday items, gifts, crafts, jewelry, clothing, baked goods, artwork, home décor, accessories, and more, all located inside the Jack Evans Senior Center. It's the perfect opportunity to get some holiday shopping done while enjoying live music and delicious offerings from various food trucks.

The event will also feature family-friendly activities and photos with Santa at the beautifully decorated gazebo, courtesy of JAM Events.

Throughout the day, attendees can enjoy live entertainment, with DJ Multitalented performing in the afternoon and BAD HABiT taking the stage that evening to close out the festivities.

This event is made possible thanks to the support of our event sponsors: Waste Management, Sherwood Parks and Recreation, Sherwood Advertising and Promotions, and Connect2First/First Electric.



At the end of their performance, BAD HABiT will lead the crowd in a countdown to the official lighting of the City Hall Christmas Tree.

Following the tree lighting, look to the sky for the spectacular Winter Fest Drone Show for the second year, thanks to Sherwood Parks and Recreation.

Don't miss out on what promises to be a magical day of holiday cheer at Sherwood's third annual Winter Fest!

Parade Participants contact Katy or scan QR codes below. 501-413-8030 kgraham@sherwoodar.gov. Vendors contact Amber Potter at amberpotter2118@gmail.com

PARADE REGISTRATION





SHERWOOD PARKS AND RECREATION

First Electric Cooperative

CONNECT2First

SHERWOOD ADVERTISING & PROMOTIONS COMMISSION

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BEHIND THE BADGE:

Sherwood Police Department's Night to Unite:

An Evening of Community, Fun & Music!















Sherwood's Trail of Lights

Opening November 27

Sherwood's Trail of Lights is ready to shine bright once again this holiday season! The beloved tradition will open the Friday after Thanksgiving, November 27, and run nightly through Wednesday December 30, 2026.

In 2024, the City of Sherwood and Sherwood Police Department introduced several improvements to the Trail of Lights experience, including extended hours, improved traffic flow, and a contactless donation system. These changes helped create a smoother experience for families and visitors, contributing to a record-breaking 62,866 vehicles visiting the trail between November 29 and December 30, 2024. That total exceeded the combined vehicle count of the previous three years by more than 3,000 and more than doubled the previous single-season record of 27,268 vehicles. Because of the success of these improvements, the City will continue offering the same contactless experience in 2026, allowing visitors to enjoy the display without nightly staffing or interruptions along the trail.

This year, several local businesses have generously contributed to Trail of Lights sponsorships, helping keep this holiday tradition free for the community. While donations will not be as widely promoted, visitors who wish to make a personal contribution to support the Trail of Lights may do so by contacting Sherwood City Hall.

What to Expect in 2026

Building on last year's success, the Trail of Lights will continue with the same popular format.

- **Extended Hours**: Open nightly from 5 p.m. to midnight.
- **Streamlined Access**: Again, the trail will not be staffed nightly. Sherwood Police will monitor traffic only during peak times.
- **Smooth Traffic Flow**: To keep vehicles moving, brochures and candy canes will not be distributed.
- **Community Sponsorships:** Admission to the Trail of Lights is free, and this season, local businesses have stepped up to sponsor the trail in lieu of requesting donations from visitors. Their generosity helps make this beloved holiday tradition possible. If you would like to make an additional donation to support the Trail of Lights, please contact Dianna Price at 501-835-6620.

Key Details to Remember

- **Entrance**: 420 Dee Jay Hudson Drive in Sherwood
- **Exit**: Sherwood Forest, 1111 West Maryland Avenue
- **Keep It Moving**: Please do not stop along the trail.
- **Come Back Later if Busy**: If traffic is backed up on Dee Jay Hudson Drive, please consider returning later. In the meantime, enjoy one of Sherwood's restaurants or shops. Supporting local businesses helps make community events like the Trail of Lights possible.

Each year, the Trail of Lights is proudly hosted by the Sherwood Advertising & Promotions Commission and organized by the Sherwood Parks & Recreation and Maintenance Departments. For more information, contact publicinformation@sherwoodar.gov or call 501-413-8030.

SHERWOOD PUBLIC WORKS

Update

FALL 2026

Leaf Vac Season

As the leaves begin to fall, the Sherwood Public Works Department is gearing up for its Leaf Vac Season, which starts on **November 2** and runs through **January 31**. Residents are encouraged to blow their leaves to the curb for collection. Please ensure leaf piles are behind the curb line and not in the street, and remember to keep sticks, garbage, and trash out of the piles. The number of passes the leaf vacs make through the city will depend on the volume of leaves, starting on Route 1.

Scan the QR code to see the map, or visit the website provided at the end of this update.

Holiday Schedule Changes

In addition to Leaf Vac Season, there are important holiday schedule changes to note:

- **November 11**: Veterans Day Holiday – City offices will be closed. Wednesday's garbage will be collected on Thursday, November 12.
- **November 26-27**: Thanksgiving Holiday – City offices will be closed. Thursday's garbage will be picked up on Wednesday, November 25, and Friday's garbage will be collected on Monday, November 30.
- **December 24-25:** Christmas Eve/Christmas Day – Thursday's garbage will be collected on Wednesday, December 23. Friday's garbage will be collected on Monday, December 28.

Questions?

For more information, visit hhttps://www.sherwoodar.gov/page/public-works
or call their office: 501-835-3288.

Meet Britton Lynch

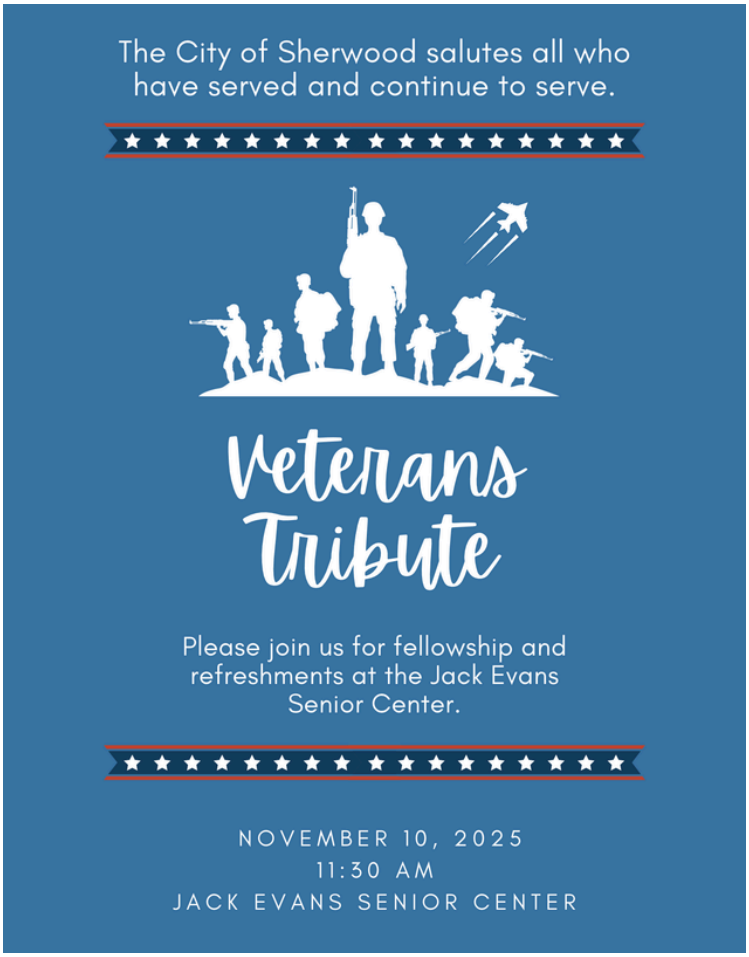
Congratulations to Britton Lynch, a junior at Sylvan Hills High School and the 2026 5A Boys Golf Individual State Champion!

Britton is also being recognized as the Sylvan Hills Athlete of the Month, and it is easy to see why! Throughout the season, he competed in 13 tournaments, earning six first-place finishes and five second-place finishes. His hard work, dedication, and commitment to his sport have led to an outstanding season and an incredible accomplishment.

Britton is a wonderful example of the lasting impact recreational opportunities can have on young people. Access to sports and recreation helps students build confidence, develop discipline, and discover their potential both on and off the course.

Britton, the City of Sherwood is proud of you and all you have accomplished! We look forward to cheering you on as you continue to grow, compete, and achieve great things. Congratulations on an incredible season!







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EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

PHILLIP **GOLDMAN**

Public Works Generalist



1. How long have you been with the city?

I have worked for the city for 19 years as a drainage worker, sanitation worker, and street department work.

2. What does your job entail?

I am a generalist in Public Works.

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

One of toughest challenges in my career has been seeing coworkers I 've worked with for years retire, move on, or pass away. When you work with people for so long, they become like family, and it's hard adjusting to not seeing them every day.

4. What hashtags describe your personality best?

#hardworking #friendly #dependable #goodworkethic

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

I'm a great cook!

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

I stay motivated at work by having good relationships with my coworkers and working in a positive environment that makes coming to work enjoyable.

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

I am most proud of building my own home and raising our children. Both took hard work and dedication, and they mean a lot to me.

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

I want to travel.

9. What is your happy place in Sherwood?

My happy place in Sherwood is the ballfield. where I enjoy watching our son play baseball and making special memories iwth my family.

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SMALL BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT:

Small trailer, big flavor! Bull Coffee is bringing a unique coffee experience to Sherwood with its locally owned mobile coffee shop, housed in a creatively converted horse trailer at 7725 Warden Road, in the Mercado El Valle parking lot across from Kohl's.

Launched in Sherwood in 2026, Bull Coffee grew from a passion for crafting flavorful coffee and a vision for creating something different from the traditional coffee shop. The owner wanted to serve smooth, rich espresso without the bitter or burnt taste often associated with coffee, all from a trailer with Western charm and plenty of personality.



The menu features handcrafted espresso drinks, specialty lattes, iced coffees, energy drinks, Italian cream sodas, seasonal favorites and baked treats. Customers can also try signature creations with names as unique as the business itself, including the Holstein, Red Angus, DuBull, Bull Elvis and Longhorn. With drive-through service now available, grabbing a favorite drink on the go is even easier.



Beyond great coffee, Bull Coffee is focused on building relationships with customers and becoming an active part of the Sherwood community. The business participates in local vendor events and community gatherings and is available for events, weddings and catering. Looking ahead, Bull Coffee plans to continue developing creative specialty drinks and expanding its event services while growing its brand without losing the personal touch that started it all.

Stop by Bull Coffee and discover your new favorite drink!

Location: 7725 Warden Road, Sherwood, AR, in the Mercado El Valle parking lot across from Kohl's

Hours: Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. | Saturday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Phone: 208-318-8501 | Website: bullcoffeeco.com
Instagram @bullcoffeeco | Facebook: Bull Coffee

CITIZEN SPOTLIGHT: *Mark Osborne*

For Mark Osborne, Sherwood is more than just home. It is a community filled with history, familiar faces and memories worth preserving.

Mark has called Sherwood home for 47 years, living near East Lee Avenue for much of his life. His father moved from Memphis to Sherwood in the 1960s and founded Southern Coating and Nameplate in 1970, moving the business to Sherwood in 1972. Today, Mark owns the company, which employs approximately 40 people and provides printing services for industrial clients around the world.

Family is at the heart of Mark's life. He is engaged to Jennifer Garrette and is the proud father of two daughters, Bella and Olivia, and two stepsons, Hunter and Parker. His entire family has loved being part of the build, making it a special experience they can share together.

Outside of work, Mark enjoys classic car events and has a passion for preserving Sherwood's history. He collects old photographs and vintage signs, believing the community has a rich history that deserves to be remembered. That passion is especially evident in his latest project: restoring a vintage gas station at 10001 Highway 107 to reflect its appearance in the 1960s.



The building's current stage of work



The building's completed project rendering

He has also purchased the former Brockington Upholstery building on Kiehl Avenue and is working to update the property for future tenants.

When asked what he loves most about Sherwood, Mark points to its small-town atmosphere and central location. Gadwall's is one of his favorite local spots, bringing back memories of gathering with families after kids' sporting events. He also credits Sherwood's Christmas lights with helping establish a community tradition that draws visitors from beyond the city and gives them an opportunity to experience what makes Sherwood special.

Mark hopes his restoration projects will help Sherwood continue to grow while honoring its roots. His goal is to bring a little vintage charm back to the community and ensure future generations can appreciate the history that helped shape the city.

"I want Sherwood to grow but always remember where it came from," Mark shared. Through his business, family roots and dedication to preserving local landmarks, Mark is helping keep Sherwood's story alive while contributing to its future.

November EVENTS

Nov 1: Daylight Savings Time Ends
Nov 2: Leaf Vac Season Begins, see page 9
Nov 3: Election Day
Nov 5: Sherwood Chamber of Commerce SheLEADS Luncheon, 11:30 am, see pg 4
Nov 5: Night of Remembrance, 6:00 pm, City Hall Park, see pg 10
Nov 10: Veterans Tribute, Jack Evans Senior Center, 11:30 am, see pg 10
Nov 10 - 21: Sherwood Fire Dept Hydrant Testing
Nov 11: Veterans Day, City offices closed, Garbage from 11/11 will be picked up on Wed 11/12
Nov. 23: City Council Meeting, 6:00 pm, City Council Chambers
Nov. 26 - 27: City offices are closed Thurs, 11/26 and Fri, 11/27 for Thanksgiving Holiday. Thursday's garbage will be picked up on Wednesday, Nov. 25, and Friday's garbage will be collected on Monday, Nov. 30
Nov 27 - Dec 30: Trail of Lights, see pg 8

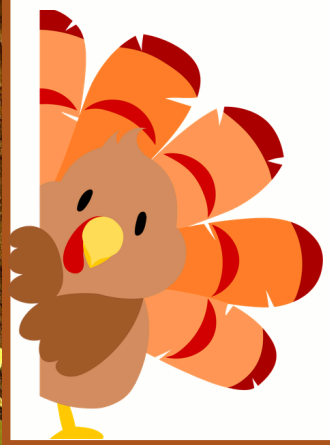
SAVE THE DATE

Dec 5: Christmas Parade & Winter Fest, see page5

Dec. 24-25: Christmas Eve/Christmas Day – City offices are closed. Thursday's garbage will be collected on Wednesday, December 23. Friday's garbage will be collected on Monday, December 28.

December 31: Noon Year's Eve Party, location TBA

The City of Sherwood offices will be closed Thursday, November 26th and Friday, November 27th for the Thanksgiving holiday.



Thursday's garbage will be picked up on Wednesday, November 25, and Friday's garbage will be collected on Monday, November 30.