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State of the City report

Mayor Virginia Young provides update from 2021

The year 2021 was a year of progress for our city despite the ongoing constraints of the Covid-19 pandemic. We met the challenges as well as embraced the opportunities.

ANIMAL SERVICES

Our Animal Services Department completed its 109th consecutive month without euthanizing adoptable pets. The department offers programs to continue placing animals, including the barn cat program, trap-neuter-return program, and numerous adoption events and opportunities. Through the generous donations of the department's caring supporters, the Frannie Fund is now in its 15th year. In 2021, the fund provided financial assistance for five dogs to receive heartworm treatment. Supporters of this lifesaving program donated \$3,070, and the fund paid out \$1,250 for medical treatments. The Spay/Neuter Assistance Discount Voucher Program provided 23 low-income pet owners with low or no-cost spay/neuter services for their pets at the cost of just \$1,105.

CENSUS RESULTS

The 2020 Census official count for the City of Sherwood was 32,731 compared to the 2010 Census official count of 29,523, an 11% increase. It is a common belief across the state that Covid-19 impaired the census numbers.

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE

The City Clerk's Office had an exceptionally busy year. Our City Clerk and staff attended several Arkansas Municipal League virtual meetings regarding the expenditure of ARPA funds and grant funding. The city ended the year in good financial standing, with sales tax revenue coming in well over budget. The online payment function implemented in early 2021



The February 2021 snowstorm was an event that our citizens won't soon forget. Some residents enjoyed their time at the "slopes" at The Greens at North Hills.

has been successful for business licenses, liquor tax, and A & P restaurant taxes. Another feature added was the ability to pay donations for the Trail of Lights with Square. This feature will also be used for other city events.

ENGINEERING, PERMITS, AND PLANNING

The Engineering Department was fully involved in the 2018 Street Bonds Projects. All projects identified to be funded from the first bond issue of \$22.1 million were engineered, bid, and placed under construction contracts. The East Maryland Widening Project and East Maryland Extension Project were more than 20% complete by year-end.

Construction companies were onsite with mobilization and preliminary activities for the Hemphill Road Improvements Project and Country Club Street and Drainage Improvements Project. A contract was in place for Jacksonville-Cato Road Improvements Phase 1.

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Hempfield Road Street Improvements

Crafton Tull

A January 2021 public meeting regarding the Hemphill Road Street Improvements Project detailed options for improving the street.

Engineering and GIS supported the Public Works Department in finalizing a public-private partnership with local developers. Our collaboration was established to extend wastewater collection infrastructure from the Runyan Acres Wastewater Treatment Plant to the Public Works Facility on Jacksonville-Cato Road and across the property to serve new housing construction. The engineering assistant and inspector ensured that preconstruction agreements with neighboring property owners were being met.

A preliminary study evaluating the creation of a Stormwater Utility began in late 2021. GIS supported all city departments, the city council, and the mayor with mapping services. GIS performed analysis to support redistricting of wards in the city of Sherwood following results of the 2020 Census. We also filled the city planner position.

The Biking and Pedestrian Master Plan progressed through Task Orders 1, 2, and 3, and we started Task Order 4 at the end of the year. Once the Bike and Pedestrian Master Plan is complete, we will use it to identify and manage the rehabilitation of existing trails and create new trails and on-street biking facilities to support current needs and future growth.

The Planning, Permitting, and Inspections Departments experienced another busy year. Two new building inspector positions were approved. Total permits issued for 2021 were 1,007, with a construction value of \$75,129,331.

HUMAN RESOURCES

The Human Resources office manages

employment-related matters for more than 300 full-time and part-time employees. In 2020, we processed 35 new full-time employees and 34 new part-time employees. Additionally, we processed 637 applications in 2021. Although we did not have a Health Fair in 2021, we were again able to conduct a successful “drive-by” flu clinic, where more than 100 employees were vaccinated. COVID-19 continued to be a recurring theme for the Human Resources Department and the city and Nation. Every department was affected by COVID. Those employees that remained at work and whose health or family’s health was not affected did a marvelous job maintaining city services even with a decrease in staff.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Our Information Technology Department continues to make improvements. Early in the year, a programmer position was eliminated as we have moved away from self-written applications. Security has had a significant push, and the city has seen various improvements. The city now has Next-Gen, Enterprise level firewalls at most locations. These improvements allow for improved connectivity, control, and reporting across the city’s network infrastructure. The city now has a more advanced anti-virus on the servers, which employs AI to track and destroy malicious activity supported by a 24/7 SOC (Security Operations Center). The city has also updated to a VOIP phone system, improving call quality and connectivity between City Hall and the Police Department. The connectivity will extend to the Barbara Collier building soon and include other facilities in the future. The IT Department has continued implementing a PC rotation schedule and upgrading the city’s PC infrastructure. We hired a new IT assistant to provide improved support and efficiency near the end of the year. Continued improvements are slated for 2022, which will significantly impact our city. This impact should have a considerable positive effect on internal connectivity and collaboration.

PARKS & RECREATION

Overall, 2021 was a good year. An increase in participation over 2020 has been experienced almost universally. Outdoor activities continue to rise as people learn that parks boost their physical, emotional, and mental well-being. Youth sports have continued to increase in



Sherwood Fest was held at the Sports Complex for the second time. Arkansas Circus Arts was one of the performances enjoyed by attendees.

participation as well. Soccer, baseball, softball, swimming, tennis, golf, basketball, and wrestling have all seen growth in registration this year. Smaller room rentals are up as compared to 2020, and it seems that people are comfortable meeting in smaller groups. For example, room rentals at the Harmon Recreation Center have increased more than 40%.

Sherwood Fest was held for the second time at the Sports Complex in September. Attendees enjoyed a full day of entertainment, including dance groups, circus acts, bands, carnival rides, food trucks, castle building contest, 5K fun run and 1-mile pet walk, and more than 45 vendors. Several residents and guests attended the event.

“City Hallow” made its inaugural debut at City Hall on Oct. 30. The new version of the city’s annual Halloween carnival featured a floating pumpkin patch from which patrons could buy a pumpkin to decorate, a few vendors, and the movie “Hocus Pocus” at sundown. The event was well-attended, and many ideas have been discussed for the future.

The Christmas Parade was held the first Saturday in December with high attendance numbers. Spectators enjoyed seeing more than 45 parade entries that included floats, dance squads, classic cars, heavy equipment, marching bands, etc. Betty Barnhardt, outgoing founder and leader of Keep Sherwood Beautiful, was the Grand Marshal.

The Enchanted Forest Trail of Lights was held in November and December with a few changes. The significant difference was

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moving the entrance to Dee Jay Hudson Drive, and it was received very well and made it easier for Sherwood Police to manage traffic. The department added an opt-in text message to provide direct communication with customers, and the City Clerk's office added an online donation option. Over 22,900 cars attended this event.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

The year 2021 was an excellent year for the Sherwood Police Department. We saw a lot of change that was sometimes sad, but it brought new ideas, policies, and goals. It was the end of an extraordinary term of service by Chief James Bedwell, to which we will always be grateful for the years of service and legacy that he left for the Sherwood Police Department. Since Chief Jeff Hagar took the helm of our Police Department in January 2021 after serving the city since 1997, the department has experienced several staff changes, equipment upgrades and a decrease in overall crime rates. The City of Sherwood was also named by Safety.com as the safest city to live in Arkansas.

In 2021 we began the year with 72 officers and nine openings; we had 11 dispatchers with two openings and nine clerks with one opening.

Over the year, we lost two of those clerks' positions to the Courts (Cashiers), we gained two officers positions and three dispatch positions. We also gained two civilian management positions — Communications Center Manager and Support Services Manager. In 2021 we hired 20 people (13 police, six communications, and one clerk), we lost 22 people (13 police, seven communications, and two clerks). As we enter 2022, we currently stand seven openings down in the patrol division, six positions down in the communications center, and two positions down in our clerks. Hopefully, we will get these positions filled this year and get to full staff.

We were very fortunate in 2021 to be able to purchase ten vehicles and get them upfitted. With the assistance of our new grant writer position, we were able to obtain a grant that,

supplemented by the Courts, will allow us to automate and upfit all of our patrol vehicles with E-cite. E-cite is a program that computer-generates and populates the court's records, automatically entering all tickets written by Sherwood Officers.

The E-cite system will save time and money and save the city of Sherwood thousands of dollars in upfit costs. We were also very fortunate to receive the Lenco Bearcat, which the City Council appropriated in 2020. This year, the vehicle came in and has added much-needed armor protection for our SWAT Team. It was also used for water rescues during the flooding in the early fall of 2021.

Three patrolman positions were approved to become sergeant's positions in 2021. Along with the civilian manager roles, this will allow us to reduce the span of control for supervisors within the Sherwood Police Department, more closely supervise and develop employees and hopefully make a more productive force. The civilian managers will allow for more continuity in their respective areas and provide more suitable supervision for civilian employees.

We finished the year with 7,851 traffic stops, resulting in 1,660 citations issued. There were also 1,287 arrests made for various felony and misdemeanor offenses. We received 101,548 non-emergency phone calls in 2021 and 15,727 emergency phone calls via the 911 system. These calls resulted in 42,649 calls for service that our officers answered and, as a result, generated 5,278 written incident reports. The overall crime rate was down 2% in 2021 over the previous year.

PUBLIC WORKS

The Public Works Department provides our residents with outstanding service in collecting household sanitation and extra pick-up items. A total of 25,119 cubic yards of yard debris, 3,750 cubic yards of leaves, 9,553 tons of household garbage, and 792 loads of junk were collected to serve our residents' needs. Sherwood's residential sanitation customers increased by 261 in 2021, and residents requested and received 132 additional garbage containers and 37 additional recycling containers. The leaf vacuums began pick-up Nov. 1, 2021, covering the city

five times, and will end on Jan. 31, 2022.

The overlay project expended \$1,089,296.69 for 2021, resurfacing almost four miles. The department purchased a new mini excavator for the Street Department and one new pickup truck, and two new sideload sanitation trucks and one boom truck are on order.



Seniors have enjoyed monthly luncheons and acoustic music at the Jack Evans Senior Center.

SENIOR CENTER

The Jack Evans Senior Center provides transportation for our seniors throughout the year and maintains contact with our participants via telephone. Staff logged more than 8,000 phone calls while checking on our seniors. The city contributes \$25,000 to Meals on Wheels for our seniors who benefit. Our monthly potlucks have historically been one of the most attended monthly events. In 2021, the staff prepared and served several luncheon meals to our seniors to help fill the void. Our seniors were very excited to return to the senior center. Our center is a place where many enjoy hours of fellowship. We hope to continue to be able to provide more opportunities.

LOOKING FORWARD

Our city continues to improve financially. The city received the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) funds of more than \$3.2 million, with another \$3.2 million to be deposited in July 2022. Our revenue collections exceeded our projections. At the close of 2021, our General Fund balance on deposit was \$12,917,056. The ARPA funds are in addition to the General Fund balance. At the close of 2020, our General Fund balance on deposit was \$8,586,469. At the close of 2019, our General Fund balance on deposit was \$5,702,910. Our city continues to grow. We look forward to 2022 and believe that 2022 will be an outstanding year.

Business privilege renewals due now

Sherwood businesses must renew business license in January to avoid penalties

In December 2021, City Clerk Angela Nicholson sent out letters to area businesses reminding them about their privilege tax renewal amount for 2022. In the letter, she informed business owners that the fee is due in January of each year, and their annual renewal amount owed.

Per Ordinance No. 1598, as amended, a 25 percent penalty will be added after April 1, and a 50 percent penalty will be added after July 1. Business owners may send remittance of the privilege tax renewal to the City Clerk's office at:

**Attn: City Clerk
P.O. Box 6256
Sherwood, AR 72124**

Business owners may also bring renewal checks in person to **2199 E. Kiehl Ave.** Additionally, business owners may pay business fees and taxes online with a service fee added at: <https://citypay.ark.org/service/Sherwood>.

All checks must include the business account number issued by the City of Sherwood on them.

If a business changes from 2021, the owner must fill out a new application and place it on file. For businesses that are no longer in operation, the business owner must notify the City Clerk's office at 501-835-5319.



The Sherwood Chamber of Commerce celebrated Conway-based Nabholz Corporation joining the chamber on Tuesday, Jan. 4, 2021, with a ribbon cutting ceremony. They also held a second ground-breaking ceremony at the future site of a new Sherwood Fire Department station on Rapid Water Drive, (which first broke ground in October 2020.)

13 new business licenses issued Dec. 2021

In 2021, the City Clerk's Office issued 193 new business licenses. The following 13 were issued in December:

1Entente

122 Gravel Lane • 918-906-5443
Home Based, All Other

Alex Pike Plumbing

124 Audubon Cove • 501-539-2863
Plumbing & Gasfitter Contract

Ares Vervict LLC

5800 Commerce Court • 501-392-6358
Auto & Trucks

Cenark Service Company

8203 N Claremont Ave • 501-533-7373
Plumbing & Gasfitter Contract

Dda Huggins Enterprises Inc

47 North Valley Dr • 501-834-5258
Nursing Services, In-Home

Don & Sons Construction

103 Winona Dr • 479-595-1121
Contractors/Builders

Jackson Hewitt Tax Service

9053 Hwy 107 • 407-691-0004
Income Tax Preparation

Matlock Rooter Services LLC

6100 Getty Dr • 501-864-6272
Plumbing & Gasfitter Contract

PCH Transportation LLC

1415 Cayenne Cove • 501-266-1697
Haulers, Delivery / Commercial

Pleasant & Sons Communications LLC

70 Twin Oak Dr • 270-339-0868
Telephone Equip Sales

Simones Coin Laundry

14509 Hwy 107 Ste C • 501-256-5719
Laundromat

Tintpro and Graphics

406 Manson Rd Ste 350 • 501-259-0981
Auto Window Tint

Tressco Construction

409 Manson Rd • 501-749-2811
Contractors/Builders



 The intersection of N. Beverly Ave. and Country Club Road was closed early this month to allow for the replacement of waste water and stormwater drainage.

Country Club Road update

With the recent completion of the Central Arkansas Water main replacement, the Country Club Road drainage and street improvement project has officially commenced. The contractor for the project is Weaver-Bailey. This phase of the project is scheduled to run 450 consecutive calendar days, weather permitting.

For continuous updates on this project, subscribe to the News Flash on our website: www.cityofsherwood.net/list.aspx. A public information presentation with Garver's engineers and staff, along with related documents can be found at: www.cityofsherwood.net/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=66.



 This November 2021 photo of Hemphill Road demonstrates the need for the improvements.

Hemphill Road redevelopment project

The Hemphill Road Redevelopment Project consists of the redevelopment of the Hemphill Road Corridor located in Pulaski County, which consists of the full-depth reconstruction of the Hemphill Road corridor, the extension of Hemphill Road to East Maryland Ave., and the construction of a roundabout at the proposed intersection of East Maryland Avenue and Hemphill Road. The drainage within the right of way will be upgraded to accommodate the stormwater runoff and the wider thoroughfare. Drainage improvements will include, but not be limited

to, installation of a precast concrete arch bridge, replacement of roadside ditches with underground improved drainage, and removal or replacement of driveway culverts within the project area.

Engineering: Crafton Tull

Engineering Cost: \$306,875.00

Contractor: RedStone Construction Group

Construction Bid: \$3,474,957.90

Start Date: 1/17/2022

Substantially Complete: 9/15/2022

Completion Date: 11/14/2022



To learn more about applying for a permit, call the Engineering, Permits & Planning Department at 501-835-4753 or visit 31 Shelby Road.

December 2021 permit summary report

PERMIT TYPE	DEC. 2021	DEC. 2020	2021 TOTAL	2020 TOTAL
Commercial Building	1	0	6	7
Commercial Remodel	3	0	60	32
Fence	21	17	230	261
Home Remodel - Contractor Built	27	19	401	233
Home Remodel - Owner Built	3	4	71	66
Multi Family	0	0	0	0
New House - Contractor	7	24	134	244
New House - Owner	0	0	4	5
Single Story Storage Building	3	3	72	66
Swimming Pool	3	7	29	33

Leaf vacuum routes continue till Jan. 31

Public Works leaf vac crews have been hard at work since Nov. 1 to clean up leaves raked to the curb throughout the city. This service is provided to all residents from Nov. 1 to Jan. 31.

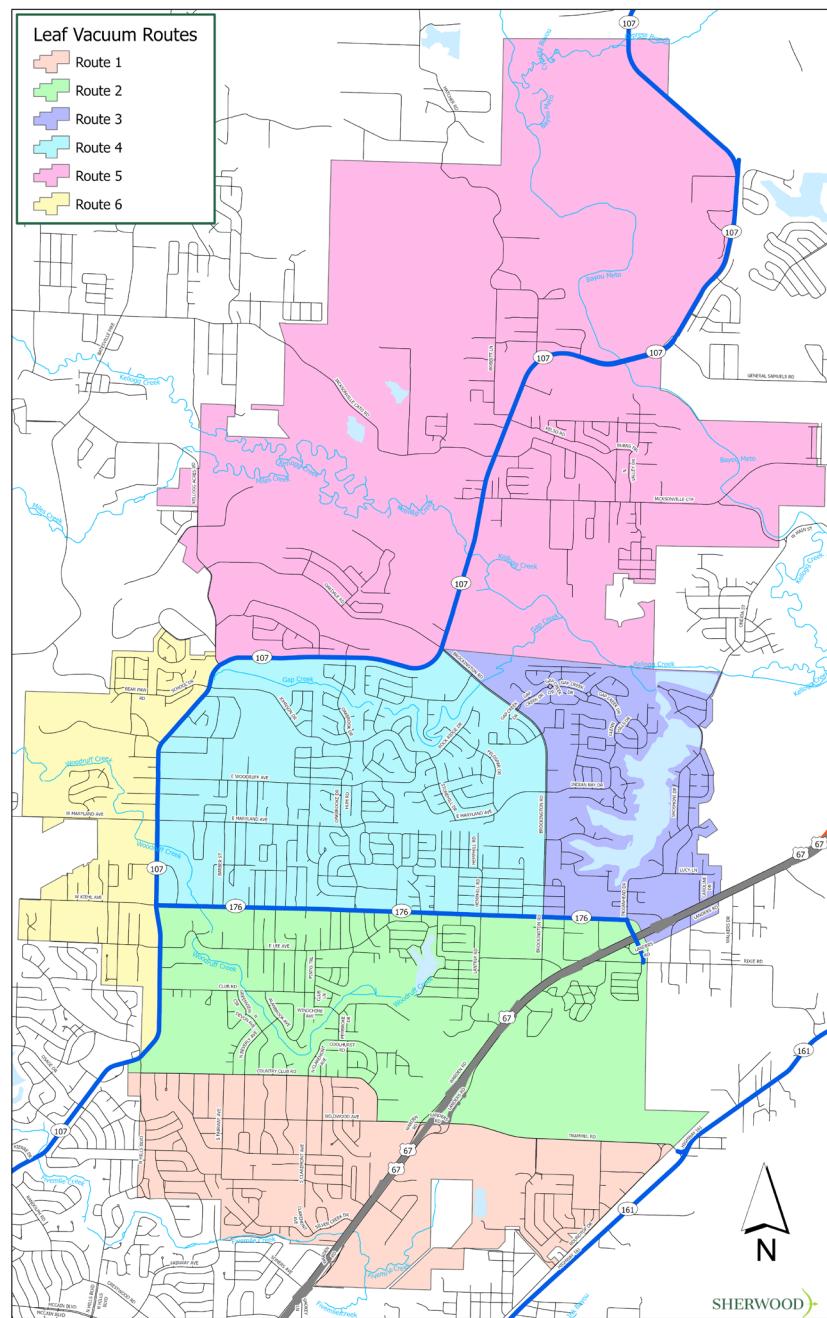
For crews to vacuum leaves, residents must rake their leaves into a pile at the back of the curb. Residents may not place leaves in the gutters or on the streets, and a citation may be issued if leaves are not properly placed.

The City's Facebook page has been regularly posting updates about the whereabouts of the leaf vac crews in a pin posted on [Facebook.com/CityofSherwoodAR](https://www.facebook.com/CityofSherwoodAR).

New this fall, the Public Works Department worked with the Engineering, Permits & Planning Department to develop a map of the leaf vacuum routes, dividing the city into six routes, as seen on the map to the right. Crews typically work their way from the south side of the city to the northern side, moving from Route 1 to Route 6. If residents want their leaves picked up sooner or feel they have missed the leaf vac truck, they may bag them and leave them with bulk yard waste the day after their regular trash pickup date.

As a reminder, bagged leaves, bagged grass, brush, and wood must be put into separate piles from couches, mattresses and other bulky furniture or appliances. As for other yard waste, limbs must be no longer than 8 feet long or 8 inches in diameter. No stumps, logs, or remodeling materials are allowed in curbside pickup. Large tree removal done by a tree service must be hauled away by the tree service.

For more information, please contact the Public Works Department at 501-835-3288 or visit: www.cityofsherwood.net.



Waste Management recycling service calendar through March 2022

Single stream curbside recycling services provided by Waste Management occur every other week (in green). The recycle cart is emptied bi-weekly on the same days as your garbage pickup. Routes will run a day late on weeks after a holiday (in blue). Glass food and beverage containers are now accepted in curbside recycling in Sherwood. Other acceptable items are listed to the right. For more information, visit MyDoRight.com or call 501-565-0191.

January						
S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
12/26	12/27	12/28	12/29	12/30	12/31	1/1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31	2/1	2/2	2/3	2/4	2/5



ONLY empty plastic bottles and jugs.



ONLY empty aluminum, steel, and tin cans.



ONLY paper, cardboard, cartons, newspapers, junk mail, and paperboard. (Flatten all cardboard to fit inside the cart.)



NO plastic grocery bags or other items that could wrap around or tangle up (like clothes, cords, or wire).



NO food, food scraps, yard waste, or anything that can spoil or rot.

February						
S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
1/30	1/31	2/1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29/1	3/2	3/3	3/4	3/5
3/6	3/7	3/8	3/9	3/10	3/11	3/12

March						
S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
2/27	2/28	3/1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31	4/1	4/2
4/3	4/4	4/5	4/6	4/7	4/8	4/9



Jackson, front, and his parents, Jackie, left, and James, can often be found at Sherwood's citywide events.

MEET THE NEIGHBORS

Tell us about your family:

James, Jackie, and Jackson Davis. James is a retired Guardsman, Jackie is a mental health therapist, and Jackson is a 3rd grader who loves military history

How long have you lived in Sherwood?:
12 years save for a 3 year break when we were stationed in Ft. Knox, KY

What is the best thing to come to Sherwood since you've lived here, and why?:
Either the splash pad or the new library

What does your family value most?:
Our friends/family, church, and community events

What are your top three favorite businesses in Sherwood?:
Gadwall's, North Hills Barber Shop, and The Pediatric Clinic

What are your favorite things to do as a family?:

Games, being outdoors, traveling, baseball

Where do you like to spend time with family and friends?:

The baseball fields, the parks, the pools

What is your favorite Sherwood event?:

We LOVE the Enchanted Forrest Trail of Lights Lighting Ceremony then driving thru afterwards

If you could wave a magic wand and money were no obstacle, what would you change about our city?:

More entertainment and restaurant options, as well as increasing the hours of operation at the indoor pool

How are you involved with our community and what do you like most about your neighborhood?:

We try to attend as many community events as possible, as well as utilize the city's amenities, like pools, rec center, parks, etc. We like that our neighborhood is quiet and has a wooded area, but is still close to everything

If you could write one law for Sherwood, what would it be?:

Jackson wants to shoot fireworks in the city on the 4th, and we would like to limit parking on residential streets that blocks access

What business would you like to see come to Sherwood?:

A grocery store at Brockington and 107 and a self-serve frozen yogurt shop (and in a few years my own private therapy practice!)

Blood drives save lives

Staff, residents give several times a year at Bill Harmon Rec Center

The Bill Harmon Recreation Center hosted nine blood drives garnering 118 successful donations for the Arkansas Blood Institute throughout 2021. The organization held the Bleed Blue Blood Drive on Thursday, Jan. 6, 2022, with 33 whole blood procedures completed and \$330 raised to help families of fallen officers in Arkansas through the C.O.P.S. Arkansas program. All donors could receive free t-shirts and other incentives that varied from month to month.

SCHEDULE A DONATION

Julie Greene, facility manager for the BHRC, serves as the site coordinator for the blood drives and may be reached at 501-835-6893. Details for the next blood drive are to be determined, but eligible donors may visit: <https://www.yourbloodinstitute.org/donor/schedules/zip> to search for donation locations by zip code and to schedule their next donation.

Blood donation takes just about an hour, and each donation can save the lives of up to three patients. Eligible donors can donate whole blood every 56 days, and platelet donations can be made as often as every seven days, up to 24 times a year. Donors 16 and younger must weigh at least 125 pounds and provide signed parental permission; 17-year-olds must weigh at least 125 pounds; 18 year-olds and older must weigh at least 110 pounds. For other eligibility requirements, visit arkbi.org or call (877) 340-8777.



The Greens at North Hills Golf Pro, Dawn Darter, gave blood during the Bleed Blue Blood Drive recently held at the Bill Harmon Recreation Center.



Opening night for the 2021 Trail of Lights included a lighting ceremony to get the season started.

Trail of Lights reports 2nd-best year

Holiday must-do has gained statewide popularity attracting thousands

The Parks & Recreation Department announced in October 2021 that the Trail of Lights entrance would be moving to Dee Jay Hudson Drive instead of Bear Paw Road. This move helped residents along Bear Paw Road have better access to their homes during heavy Trail of Lights traffic. It also allowed easier traffic control for the Sherwood Police Department along Arkansas Highway 107.

The Trail of Lights officially opened on Friday, Nov. 19, for the 2021 season, with a lighting ceremony held near the entrance. The Parks & Recreation maintenance team added several new displays, including the final two additions to the 12 days of Christmas from the 2020 donations — 11 Pipers Piping and 12 Drummers Drumming. Private individuals or businesses donated others including, Snowman in Sombrero, C130 with Santa Hat and Antlers, Santa Bulldozer with Reindeer, Proposal, Razorback, Sherwood for Sale, Purple Dinosaur, Ginger

CAR & DONATION TALLIES

Year	Cars	Donations
2021	22,095	\$85,016.19
2020	27,268	\$94,689.38
2019	20,095	\$56,694.31
2018	17,072	\$47,049.39
2017	19,080	\$55,959.64
2016	16,516	\$52,203.29
2015	14,541	\$49,069.08
2014	13,352	\$46,973.60
2013	10,103	\$37,962.16

Bread House, and four new Angel Memorial displays. Already this year, at least 16 individuals or businesses have inquired about donating a new display for the 2022 season.

Throughout the years, car and donation tallies demonstrate that the Trail of Lights has increased in attendance and popularity. In 2021, 22,905 cars drove through the Trail of

Lights, a 2,810 increase from 2019, but fell 4,363 vehicles short of the record set in 2020. Donations totaled \$85,016.19, a \$28,321.88 increase from 2019 but fell \$9,673.19 short of the record set in 2020.

The Trail of Lights continues to shine as a must-do event for families all over the metro area. The advertisement on Facebook reached 97,158 people, nearly three times the population of Sherwood.

More than 217,000 people viewed the business listing for the Trail of Lights on Google or Google Maps, and Google users made more than 500 calls to the event phone number.

Organizers added an opt-in text message program to provide direct communication with customers. The City Clerk's office also set up an online donation option through Square for visitors to make contactless donations.

An Old-Fashioned Christmas Parade • Dec. 4, 2021

Photos by Darren Austin, Parks & Recreation Director



▲ Santa Claus waves to the crowd as he rides in on an antique fire truck provided by the Sherwood Fire Department.



▲ While waiting for the parade to begin, Grand Marshal Betty Barnhardt poses next to a station wagon loaned by Mark Osborne of SCN Printing that is a replica from 1983's "National Lampoon's Vacation" movie. Barnhardt has been the Executive Director of Keep Sherwood Beautiful since its inception 15 years ago and retired from the organization this month.



▲ Members of Sherwood Bears Youth Football and Cheer wait to get started. Giant popcorn kernel strands adorn their float.



▲ The Arkansas Punishers represent the state at the highest level of the minor leagues and strive to help athletes earn professional tryouts.



▲ Classic Beauties International Elite 2021 Kelly Chaney was excited to be a part of the parade.



▲ A Scimitar Shriners clown entertained the crowd. The Scimitar Shriners is 1 of 198 Temples of Shriners International.



▲ Sylvan Hills High School students drew inspiration from 1946's "It's A Wonderful Life" for their float.

Employee Christmas Luncheon

Photos by Misty Raper, Public Information Officer



▲ Mayor Virginia Young welcomes employees to the Employee Christmas Luncheon, which was held at the Senior Center on Dec. 16 and sponsored by Eagle Bank.



▲ Public Works Department crew members line up to fill their plate during the luncheon. Catfish, fried chicken and assorted sides were served.



▲ Parks & Recreation Department employees enjoy their meals.



▲ Retired Police Chief Jim Bedwell prepares food.

EMPLOYEE ANNIVERSARIES

New Hires

Claire Bristow • Aquatics Coordinator • 1/3/22
 Samuel Russell • Sanitation Operator • 1/3/22
 Douglas Osborne • Police Officer • 1/3/22
 Jessy Gardner • Public Safety Dispatcher • 1/10/22

1-5 Years

April Broderick • Council Member • 1/1/19
 Cedric Brown Jr • Rec. Clerk • 1/29/19
 Dale Duke • Public Defender • 1/4/21
 Shane Edwards • Police Officer • 1/3/18
 Blake Evans • Police Officer • 1/2/19
 Richard Penn • City Engineer • 1/2/18
 Jacob Purifoy • Park Maintenance Generalist • 1/28/19

Mary Reynolds • Support Services Supervisor • 1/21/20
 Benjamin Witherspoon • Police Officer • 1/4/18

6-10 Years

Michael Sanders • Council Member • 1/1/13
 Beverly Williams • Council Member • 1/1/15

11-15 Years

Livicie Gullette • Animal Control Officer 1 • 1/11/10
 Charles Harmon • Council Member • 1/1/07
 Mary Jo Heye-Townsell • Council Member • 1/1/11
 Kevin Lilly • Council Member • 1/1/09
 Sean Pennington • Superintendent • 1/26/09

16-20 Years

Faith Baldwin • Animal Services Assistant • 1/23/06
 Bobbie Chapman • RETIRED • 1/1/02
 Julie Greene • Facility Manager • 1/10/02
 Anna Johnson-Brooks • Council Member • 1/1/05
 Korey Malloy • Facility Manager • 1/26/06
 Amy Sanders • RETIRED • 1/1/02

21-25 Years

Jeffery Hagar • Chief of Police • 1/22/97
 Stephen Cobb • City Attorney • 1/1/99

26-30 Years

Robin Breaux • Director of Animal Services • 1/10/96

31+ Years

Jim Calhoun • Police Officer • 1/2/91

The preceding was supplied by the Human Resources Department. Current roles are listed for each staff member.

Full, part-time job opportunities available citywide

The job openings listed below are current as of Jan. 21, 2022, and may be subject to change. Descriptions are only partial, and full job descriptions and an application can be found online at: <https://www.cityofsherwood.net/Jobs.aspx>. Subscribe to job posting notifications to be automatically alerted of the latest career opportunities by clicking on the Notify Me® button. Paper applications are also accepted at Human Resources located at City Hall, 2199 E. Kiehl Ave. in Sherwood. For more information, call 501-833-3703.

FULL TIME

EQUIPMENT OPERATOR- STREET

Up to \$21.98/ hour DOE

Operates a variety of contractor's equipment and trucks utilized in construction, maintenance, and repair activities; performs a variety of semi-skilled tasks in the maintenance of street, water, and storm drainage systems.

INTERNAL ONLY*** LOGISTICS AND EVIDENCE TECHNICIAN

\$14.66 and up, DOE

Responsible for communicating with all members of the Department in the collection and handling of evidence and the owner when it is no longer needed by the criminal justice process.

POLICE OFFICER

Non-certified officer starting at \$19.21/hour; Certified officers will begin at pay up to \$22.41/hr (Step 5).

The City of Sherwood is actively recruiting for entry level Police Officers. The City of Sherwood will ONLY accept individuals with integrity and professionalism. If you have a desire to help others, join our team for a rewarding, exciting and community-oriented career in law enforcement. Preference given to Certified Police Officers (certified officers will not have to take the exam, but will have to complete a background investigation).

PUBLIC SAFETY DISPATCHER

\$ 17.28 /hr and up DOE

Public Safety Dispatchers are responsible for performing data entry/retrieval tasks simultaneously while gathering and transmitting

information from officers and citizens pertinent to dispatching and monitoring emergency personnel.

SANITATION OPERATOR

Up to \$21.98/hr DOE

Responsible for the vehicle operations used in the collection of refuse and yard waste. This position also performs unskilled and semi-skilled work, and operates a variety of equipment in the collection of solid wastes.

TRAFFIC SIGN TECHNICIAN

\$15.69- \$23.52/hr. DOE

Performs sign layout production of standardized and special signs using computer and design software or other appropriate processes for the City of Sherwood.

PART TIME

OUTSIDE SERVICE ATTENDANT

\$11.00 per hour

Responsible for staging golf carts for patrons and taking care of golf patrons' needs.

PART TIME FIELD MAINTENANCE

\$11.00 per hour

To do all work necessary and required to maintain the entire sports complex, which includes the complex being clean and the fields in good condition.

PT- DAY CAMP COUNSELOR

\$11.00 per hour

Come join our team as a camp counselor for our day camp! You will help to plan, provide, and participate in recreational activities with the children in the youth programs.

SEASONAL

CROSSING GUARD

\$12.57/hr

To provide safe escort to school children before and after school.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, Feb. 14

Senior Center Valentine's Luncheon

A Valentine's Day Luncheon will be held at the Jack Evans Senior Center, located at 2301 Thornhill Drive, on Monday, Feb. 14, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Interested attendees must RSVP by Wednesday, Feb. 9, by calling 501-834-5770. The event is free for seniors ages 50 and older.

Monday, Feb. 14 - Friday, Feb. 18

Pick Your Sweetheart

The Sherwood Animal Shelter, located at 6500 North Hills Blvd., is offering free adoptions of sterilized pets the week of Valentine's Day. For more information, visit the shelter or call 501-834-2287.

Monday, Feb. 21

Presidents Day

City offices are closed for Presidents Day.

Monday trash pickup routes will be picked up on Tuesday, Feb. 22. All other routes will remain the same.

Monday, Feb. 21 - Friday, Feb. 25

Free Adoptions

The Sherwood Animal Shelter is offering free adoptions of any animal 6 months or older in honor of Presidents Day. For more information, visit the shelter at 6500 North Hills Blvd. or call 501-834-2287.

Police Department sees busy winter

Photos by SPD Public Information Officer Rich McNeil



On Jan. 3, Police Chief Jeff Hagar, left, presented Jerry Edwards with a promotion order, which promoted him to the rank of sergeant.



On Dec. 13, Reginal White Jr., left, and Ronnie Loftis, right, were officially sworn in by Judge Milas "Butch" Hale Jr. The two graduated from a law enforcement academy in Camden.



Sgt. Jeremy Farquharson, left, and officer Cedric Brown participated in the Toys for Tots campaign in Little Rock on Dec. 6.



Officer Jamal Hockaday joined several of his fellow officers to help families shop for Christmas gifts at the Sherwood Walmart on Dec. 18. The C.O.P.P.S. and Kids program was sponsored in part by Walmart.



Sgt. Keith Wilson, left, received an Honorable Discharge Citation from Chief Jeff Hagar during his Jan. 4 retirement ceremony at Sherwood Forest.



Chief Jeff Hagar, left, presented Sgt. Bruce Waymack with a Promotion Order on Jan. 21.

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ARTICLE SUBMISSION

To submit information for consideration in next month's newsletter, please email publicinformation@cityofsherwood.net by the last Friday of the month preceding the desired publication month. All submissions are subject to editing.

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND HOLIDAYS:**FEBRUARY**

1 - Wastewater Treatment 12 p.m.
2 - A&P Commission 3 p.m.
3 - Chamber Luncheon 11:30 a.m.
3 - HR Committee 5:30 p.m.
8 - Planning Commission 5 p.m.
10 - Street Committee 5:30 p.m.
14 - Parks & Rec. Committee 6 p.m.
21 - Presidents Day - Offices Closed
22 - Keep Sherwood Beautiful 3 p.m.
28 - City Council 6 p.m.

MARCH

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December council recap

City Council agenda included multiple budget-related resolutions; Longtime volunteer Betty Barnhardt recognized for service to city

The December City Council meeting was held at 6 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 20, in the Council Chambers with all Council Members present. During the meeting, the following two ordinances and 16 resolutions passed:

ORDINANCES:

- Ord. 2397 - An ordinance regarding an appeal of an adverse decision by the Sherwood Planning Commission for a rezoning request of 617 W. Kiehl Ave., and for other purposes.
- Ord. 2398 - An ordinance approving continued construction on the new Sherwood soccer complex, authorizing execution of contracts; and for other purposes.

RESOLUTIONS:

- Res. 30-2021 - A&P Budget
- Res. 31- 2021 - Re-appointing Board, Commission & Committee Members
- Res. 32-2021 - General Fund Department Budget
- Res. 33-2021 - Street Fund Budget
- Res. 34-2021 - Wastewater Utility Budget
- Res. 35-2021 - 1% Sewer Sales Tax Budget
- Res. 36-2021 - Franchise Fund Budget
- Res. 37-2021 - DWI District Court Budget
- Res. 38-2021 - Justice Assistance Grant Budget
- Res. 39-2021 - Departmental Donation Budget
- Res. 40-2021 - Court Automation Budget
- Res. 41-2021 - American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) Budget
- Res. 42-2021 - Drug Fund Budget
- Res. 43-2021 - Federal Drug Fund Budget
- Res. 44-2021 - Sales & Use Tax Bond, Series 2018 Budget
- Res. 45-2021 - Library Construction Bonds, Series 2015 Budget

OTHER BUSINESS:

Mayor Virginia Young issued a proclamation recognizing Betty Barnhardt for her volunteer service as the executive director of Keep Sherwood Beautiful for the last 15 years.

The following business was discussed, but a decision was tabled for a later meeting:

- An ordinance pertaining to amending the



▲ Dave Philipps, from the left, Council Member Marina Brooks, Betty Barnhardt, Mayor Virginia Young, Marcia Cook and Orland Davis smile after a Mayoral Proclamation recognizing Mrs. Barnhardt's volunteer service as the executive director of Keep Sherwood Beautiful.

official Zoning Districts (Catterton, E.Lee, E. Kiehl)

- A resolution adopting a policy of ethics for the City of Sherwood
- An ordinance authorizing the purchase of land by the City of Sherwood

Rock Region Metro representative Kyle Wade gave an update on public transportation in Sherwood.

Council Members also discussed Ward redistricting options, which is required due to the new population results from the 2020 Census.

FIND MEETING INFORMATION ONLINE:

The City Council meetings are live-streamed at: <https://www.youtube.com/c/CityofSherwoodArkansas>. Additionally, agendas can be located on the City of Sherwood website at: <https://www.cityofsherwood.net/AgendaCenter/City-Council-2>.

FIND ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

To search for the full text of resolutions, ordinances, and minutes visit: <https://www.cityofsherwood.net/302/Search-Ordinances-Resolutions-and-Minute>