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## NEWS RELEASE

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### **SHERWOOD TRAIL OF LIGHTS PREPARES FOR NEW SEASON**

SHERWOOD Ark. (Nov. 14, 2022) — The City of Sherwood Parks and Recreation Department and the Advertising and Promotions Commission proudly announce that the 2022 Enchanted Forest Trail of Lights will open at 6 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 18. The entrance is at Dee Jay Hudson Drive and Highway 107.

"I am proud to announce that the Enchanted Forest Trail of Lights will open on November 18, 2022 at 6 p.m. and close at 9:30 p.m. on December 30, 2022," said Darren Austin, Parks and Recreation Department director. "The Lighting Ceremony will begin at 5:30 p.m. on November 18. There will be local musicians playing and singing songs of the season. Santa will also be in attendance."

The operating hours of the 2022 Trail of Lights are 6-9:30 p.m. Nov. 18 through Dec. 30. The nearly mile-long drive-through trail entrance is located in the Sherwood Sports Complex parking lot, which must be accessed from Dee Jay Hudson Drive from Arkansas Hwy. 107, rather than from Bear Paw Road. Staff will block driveways along Dee Jay Hudson Drive for Sylvan Hills High School during the Trail of Lights hours to keep people from cutting in line. Students, parents, and guests may access after-hours events scheduled at SHHS from Bear Paw Road, including playoff games, band and choir concerts, and theater performances.

The entrance to the trail is just past the Henson Tennis Center driveway, which is located at 420 Dee Jay Hudson Drive. The gate at Dee Jay Hudson Drive will close at 9:30 p.m. to allow visitors to get through the light display. By this time, cars inside the first gate will be allowed entrance and may have up to a two-hour wait once inside. Admission to the trail is free, but cash donations help provide new displays and upgrades each year.

The Trail of Lights is sponsored by the Sherwood Advertising & Promotion Commission and organized by the Parks & Recreation Department each year. Volunteer groups help manage the trail during evening hours.

*The Parks and Recreation Department maintains all of the City of Sherwood's parks and pools, and staff a tennis center, public golf course, and recreation center for use by the public. Additionally, the department offers a variety of programming options for all ages, including sports leagues, physical fitness classes, aquatics classes, after-school care, and summer day camp. For more information on any of these recreation areas, call 501-835-6893 or visit [www.cityofsherwood.net](http://www.cityofsherwood.net).*