



From the Mayor's Desk...



The City voters have spoken. The Annexation issue failed with 333 no votes and 251 yes votes with a total of 584 votes cast. We have approximately 1700 registered voters in the City. Annexation is a dead issue.

The April 24th City clean up was a success. The rain held off and we filled a large industrial dumpster with material destined for a landfill. Metal items were separated and sent to a recycle facility. Tag income was \$447 and the metal for recycle netted us \$187.66. Expenses were \$450 for the dumpster and \$71.41 for food for the participants. We actually cleared \$113.32. Thanks to the City public works personnel for much of the labor involved in collecting and compacting the material and to Rose and Bob Bauer for attending to the barbeque.

The Ways and Means committee has completed the proposed City budget for fiscal 2011. It is a tight but balanced budget. There are no raises for City employees in the budget.

In the near future the City will be sending out a questionnaire to the residents to help determine what their needs are and how the City can best benefit them.

Respectfully,
Terry Oberer, Mayor

RENEW DOG/CAT TAGS

Tags must be renewed every year by August 1st. Tags are sold at City Hall for a fee of \$2.50 per animal. You will be required to provide proof of current rabies vaccination.



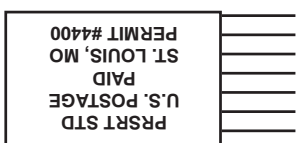
FROM THE CITY CLERK'S DESK: LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

- Ordinance #721:*
Calling for the annual municipal election
- Ordinance #722:*
Entering into a contract with Jefferson County 911 Dispatch
- Ordinance #723:*
Amending the passage date for Ordinance #720
- Ordinance #724:*
Amending Chapter 8, Stormwater Management, to include a penalty
- Ordinance #725:*
Amending Chapter 350, Method of Parking

- Ordinance #726:*
Regulating the sale of ephedrine and pseudo ephedrine related products
- Ordinance #727:*
TABLED FOR REVISION
- Ordinance #728:*
Renewing Osage Lease agreement

ATTENTION SUBDIVISION TRUSTEES

Please call City Hall and furnish contact information. This will allow City Hall to contact trustees with information pertinent to your subdivision.



GREETINGS FROM THE CHIEF OF POLICE

For those of you who may be new to our city, my name is Ed Locke and I am Chief of Police. I reside in Byrnes Mill with my wife and children, and am personally a part of the community.

My primary responsibility as Chief of Police is the safety of the citizens of Byrnes Mill. Secondly, I am responsible for ensuring the safety of my officers. I currently employ 4 full-time officers and 3 part-time officers, as well as 9 unpaid, volunteer reserves.

The latest FBI report on police officers killed or assaulted in the line of duty is for year 2008. The report reveals that 41 police officers were feloniously killed and 68 accidentally killed in the line of duty. There were 6090 assaults on police officers while making traffic stops; 2378 assaults involved some type of weapon. In total 15,366 officers were injured by assaults in 2008.

The employees of the Byrnes Mill Police Department are well trained and experienced professionals. All of our officers have a Class 'A' Police License

Certification, the highest issued in the state of Missouri. In addition, the officers attend regular continuing education classes to increase their skills and to stay abreast of changing laws.

It has always been the policy of the department to provide for regular police patrol through our city streets and subdivisions. However, I received several complaints indicating that the patrols were not adequate. I have addressed this complaint. We have increased our residential patrol on all shifts. I might note that it takes about 3 hours to patrol all of the streets in our city.

The Byrnes Mill Police Department is proactive in traffic patrol. This is in an effort to provide continued safety of the residents and those that pass through our great city. Also, a strong visible presence is a proven deterrent to crime.

Most people are unaware that we maintain higher speed tolerance than do the Missouri Highway Patrol and the Jefferson County Sheriff's Department. So there are no vehicles being stopped for 5 miles over the speed limit. If you keep your vehicle

legal and obey the traffic laws, the only way you may be stopped is in a random check-point to detect intoxicated drivers.

The police department has received over \$30,000 dollars, this year alone, in grants from the state and federal government for equipment and traffic safety operations. May I add that our traffic operations are not only to stop speeders and people with expired license plates, but the officers are trained observers and as a result other illegal activities are often discovered. (These statistics have been compiled for the Missouri Attorney General's office for the year of 2009 Racial Profiling Statistic.)

While conducting traffic stops Byrnes Mill Officers arrested:

39 persons, for Driving While Intoxicated (with 10 additional arrests at checkpoints)

13 persons, for Drug violations

62 persons, for outstanding warrants from various departments.

105 citations were issued to persons who were driving while suspended or revoked.

690 persons ticketed because when stopped they could not provide proof of current automobile insurance.

NEWS FROM BIC

Happy spring to everyone! Just wanted to give you a quick overview of the BIC Happenings.

At our April meeting we decided to take action in trying to get some park improvements. It was decided we will set up a savings account for Park Improvements and open it with \$200.00. We will then begin targeting events for that specific purpose. People will know what we are working towards and may choose to make donations.

We also are attending Board of Alderman Meetings and Budget committee meetings to verbalize our interest in seeing more City money go towards the park.

The list of hoped for improvements include water and a bathroom, playground and equipment, park hiking trails and additional parking spaces, and maybe improving the old mill site by clearing the brush and perhaps constructing an overlook on the mill foundation.

The farmers market started May 7. Susan Gibson held a vendors meeting on April 28. She is having a very good response.

In order to miss holiday weekends, market's are scheduled for May 7 and May 21. From that point we start having market's on the 2nd and 4th Fridays from 3 to 7 p.m. Signs will be posted the week of the event and flyers will be distributed with the dates.

BIC decided not to pay for a porta potty for the summer but just get it for the fall festival. The use during market events was rare, and this will save us some money.

On May 8 we sponsored a park clean up. We cleaned up flower beds and did some light trimming. Members of BIC and the Springhill Presbyterian Church along with volunteers made a difference.

Finally we are working in concert with the Northwest Jefferson County Historic society for our fall festival. The date is Saturday Oct. 2 from 10 to 5. Rhea is getting the crafters and musicians that have been previously present at other Historic Society events and at our last fall festival.

Thanks,
Mary

In 2009 officers responded to 1286 calls for police service. A link to the complete data is found at <http://www.byrnesmill.org/policestats.xls>. I find a sense of pride in knowing that the crime index for the city of Byrnes Mill is among the lowest in the state of Missouri. (Source http://www.msdp.dps.missouri.gov/MSHPWeb/SAC/data_and_statistics_ucr.html.)

I am in the process of building a professional, courteous team of officers. I would note that there have been no valid complaints of officer misconduct or improper action since the installation of the in-car video cameras almost 3 years ago. If you do experience any such actions, please report this. A detailed process is in place for any complaint of misconduct from any city employee. These complaints go through the Mayor and Board of Aldermen.

In future newsletters I will be addressing updates with the police department and concerns forwarded to me by our residents. Please forward your concerns or questions to ejlocke@byrnesmill.org.

Please remember to report any suspicious activity to our dispatching center 636-797-9999 or in an emergency dial 9-1-1. Please refrain from calling the Byrnes Mill City Hall to call for police service as this can result in an unnecessary delay in our receiving the information.

Chief Edward J. Locke