

# Byrnes Mill

## Proposition Public Safety

On Tuesday, June 2, 2020 Byrnes Mill voters will be asked to consider establishing a 1% sales tax increase dedicated to improve Public Safety within the city. If approved, the tax increase would help support law enforcement, public works, improve safety and the health and general welfare within the City of Byrnes Mill.

### WHY A SALES TAX INCREASE?

The cost of providing adequate Police and Public Works service to residents has risen and continues to rise. Additional economic pressure has come since Public Safety Tax initiatives were successfully approved by voters in Franklin, Jefferson, and St. Louis counties and municipalities like Festus, Crystal City, DeSoto, and Hillsboro. The City of Byrnes Mill must increase funding to these departments in order to offer competitive salaries and incentives to attract and retain qualified Police Officers and Public Works employees.



### HOW WILL THE FUNDS BE USED?

- Improve Police Officer hiring and retention with Competitive Salaries and Benefits
- Invest in improving equipment for Officer safety
- Put additional Police Officers on the streets to improve accident and emergency response time, and crime prevention and reduction.
- Add an additional Public Works employee to the department to help with regular maintenance of City culverts, streets, mowing, and snow plowing during the winter months.
- Upgrade the position of Code Enforcement from part-time to full-time; improving the general health and welfare of the community.

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## A MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR—



Robert Kiczenski  
Mayor

**T**he last few months have been surreal and hard to believe with the restrictions placed on all of us by the COVID-19 outbreak. Luckily, the City has not had any employees infected and has been able to keep operating in a limited fashion. But next month we will still have a very important decision to make in the June 2nd election. Proposition Public Safety is on the ballot, which represents a 1% increase in local sales tax for the City of Byrnes Mill. This increase would generate additional revenue for the city without impacting personal property taxes. We are currently running a balanced budget, but it leaves our police force grossly underpaid as compared to the Sheriff's Office and other municipalities in and around Jefferson County. Our full-time officers start out at \$17.25 an hour (\$35,880 per year), compared to the starting hourly rate of \$24.18 that a new Jefferson County Sheriff's Deputy earns (\$50,300 per year). The Byrnes Mill Police Department has had very little turnover in the past year, but this could change if our city does not keep pace with other departments. Maintaining a stable police force is very beneficial to our community as officers become familiar with residents and businesses. Think about the job our officers perform every day; would you want to do their work for less than \$18.00 per hour? Please get out and vote on June 2nd and support our brave, hardworking officers. Thank you.

Sincerely,

*Mayor Rob Kiczenski*

### Municipal Complex

#### Byrnes Mill City Hall

141 Osage Executive Cir.

Byrnes Mill, MO 63051

Phone: 636-677-7727

Fax: 636-677-5533

www.byrnesmill.org

Hours: Mon-Fri

9am—4:30pm

#### City Administrator/Clerk:

Debbie LaVenture

#### Deputy City Clerk:

Ashley Jennewein

City Attorney: Robert Sweeney

### Police Department

Chief of Police: Frank T. Selvaggio

Sgt. Jamie Mayberry

Phone: 636-677-7727

Phone: (non-emergency): 636-797-9999

### Municipal Court

Judge: Colby Smith-Hynes

Prosecuting Attorney: Allison Sweeney

Court Administrator: Elise Gannon

Prosecuting Attorney Clerk: Julie Davis

Court Night: 2nd & 3rd Tuesday

### Public Works

4197 Lower Byrnes Mill Rd.

Byrnes Mill, MO 63051

Supervisor: Bob Schmidt

Streets: Brandon Rock

Recycle: Zoey Rock

Hours: Monday- Friday, 7am—3:30pm

Phone: 636-671-0021

#### Code Enforcement:

Dave Taylor

Part-time availability

Phone: 636-677-7727 x230

**EMERGENCY: DIAL 911**

### Elected Officials

Mayor Rob Kiczenski

#### Board of Alderpersons

Ward 1: Glenn LaVenture, Terry Keehn

Ward 2: Cynthia Davies, Galen Harrison

Ward 3: Jason Matthews, Mary Scheble

#### Board of Alderpersons Meetings

1st and 3rd Wednesday, 7pm

### Boards & Commissions

#### Planning & Zoning (Meetings as needed)

Ann Walters

Lisa Hosey

John Scheble

Cindy Davies

Rick Schweppe

Larry Hedrick

Dave Murphy

Bob Prado

#### Planning & Zoning Meetings

2nd Monday, 7pm *as needed*

#### Board of Adjustment

(Meetings as needed)

Sally Eads

Ron Davies

Craig Morris

Doug Smith

Glenn Ponder—Alternate

Dan Mueller

*\* All meetings are open to the public.*

## PUBLIC WORKS UPDATES

### COMPLETED CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS:

The following Capital Improvement projects have been **COMPLETED** by Byrnes Mill Public Works Department:

- Pavement repair to Hallmark Drive, Franks Road, and Lower Byrnes Mill Road—\$106,000
- Restriping of City Roads—\$20,400
- Ditch line cleaning & repair on Upper Byrnes Mill Road—\$7,700

The Public Works Department is also continuing to replace City street signs

### OTHER COMPLETED CITY PROJECTS:

In addition to Capital Improvement projects, Byrnes Mill Public Works Department has also **COMPLETED** the following:

- Re-mulching of playground at City Park \$1,300
- Park bathroom pump replacement \$3,400
- Emergency tree removal throughout the City—\$3,600

### UPCOMING CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS:

Byrnes Mill Public Works Department will begin work this summer to widen the two (2) bridge culverts on Lower Byrnes Mill Road near Byrnes Mill Farms Community, replace culverts on Lower Byrnes Mill Road near the City limits, and pavement repair on Franks Road and Upper Byrnes Mill Road. The City will try to avoid road closures during the construction. Visit [byrnesmill.org](http://byrnesmill.org) > **Notify Me** then scroll down to **Road Closures/Delays** to stay up-to-date.

## AMERICAN EAGLE WASTE IS HERE TO SERVE

On November 1, 2019, after a transitional period, American Eagle Waste began servicing the residents of Byrnes Mill as the exclusive waste hauler for the City. After going out for bid last spring and multiple public meetings, the Board of Alderpersons unanimously voted for American Eagle Waste based on service, availability and cost effectiveness. All residences and businesses located within the city, excluding those businesses located off Hwy W and Hunter Ln., are required to use American Eagle for their trash service and no other haulers are permitted to do business within City limits.

In addition to trash pickup, American Eagle also offers curbside recycling and yard waste pickup. For more information or to sign up for service please call American Eagle Waste at (314) 631-8381.



# Annual Community Clean-Up

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 8TH, 8:00 A.M.**

It's time again for the annual Community Clean-Up Day. In a city-wide effort to improve the area we all call home, all residents are encouraged to participate and clean up their properties. Residents can purchase tags in advance at City Hall and volunteers will come pick up the tagged items and haul them away.

We will happily accept glass, glass doors and windows, refrigerators (doors off), white items/appliances, furniture (light enough for 2 people to carry), and paint cans (only if completely dried out). Please no hazardous materials, roof shingles, building supplies, lumber, or railroad ties.

We are offering E-Recycling again this year. Please check the City website for a full list of items that will be accepted.

- ⇒ Pick-up load(s) of items—\$30.00 each in advance; \$40.00 each the day of
- ⇒ Tires—\$5.00 each in advance; \$7.00 each the day of
- ⇒ Mattresses/Box Springs—\$10.00 each in advance; \$15.00 each the day of

To purchase tags, please visit City Hall during regular business hours (Mon.-Fri. 9:00 am to 4:30 pm). After purchasing tags, put them on your items and have them out by the curb to be picked up by volunteers. You may also bring items yourself and pay at the Recycling Center (4197 Lower Byrnes Mill Rd.) the day of the clean-up.

Volunteers are needed to donate their time and/or truck to help pick up and dispose of unwanted items. To sign up to volunteer your time or equipment please call Byrnes Mill City Hall at (636) 677-7727 x221. Food and drinks will be provided at the end of the clean-up to all volunteers.



## PITCH IN—NOT OUT

Our Public Works Department spends an average of four days each month picking up cans, bottles, fast food bags and other trash along our roads. This past month, twenty 55-gallon bags of trash were collected from our roadsides. We ask that everyone take pride in our city and respect our beautiful rural community. Please do the right thing and dispose of trash properly, not out the window. Thank you.

# Public Safety Updates

## CONGRATULATIONS CHIEF SELVAGGIO ON ONE YEAR OF SERVICE

Chief Selvaggio joined the Byrnes Mill Police Department on Oct. 25, 2018 and celebrated his 1 year anniversary with the Board of Alderpersons and those in attendance at the Nov. 6, 2019 Board meeting. At the meeting Chief Selvaggio thanked the Board and all those who had faith in his ability to lead the department. He also shared some of the many changes that he and the officers have made throughout the year to better serve the community. Accomplishments such as promoting an officer to the rank of Sergeant and two officers to the rank of Corporal, introducing a new report

writing system, completed an evidence room audit up to the year 2014 (after being closed due to evidentiary issues), investing in the department's vehicle fleet maintenance, improving officer equipment, and working with subdivisions and residents to improve community relations. A full list of changes and improvements can be found on the City's website.

To commemorate the occasion, the entire police force presented

Chief Selvaggio with a framed Thin Blue Line flag and a plaque attached that read **"THIS IS A TEAM EFFORT"** and listed the department's Core Values, **INTEGRITY, PROFESSIONALISM AND COMMUNITY COLLABORATION**, which Chief Selvaggio created.

Chief Selvaggio has been a great asset to the department and city as a whole and we look forward to having him with us for many years to come!

### **THREE BYRNES MILL OFFICERS RECOGNIZED WITH CIT OFFICER AWARD OF EXCELLENCE**

While all officers with the Byrnes Mill Police Department are trained in the Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) program; on March 11, three officers with the department were recognized for demonstrating extraordinary skill and compassion responding to, or following up on, incidents involving individuals experiencing a mental health crisis.

Cpl. Mike Stivers and P.O. Chris Hancock assisted another law enforcement agency during an incident involving a military veteran who was armed with a knife and having a mental health crisis. P.O. Hancock, who is a licensed PTSD clinician with the Veterans Administration, was able to approach the man in an attempt to safely resolve the situation, gain his confidence and eventually was able to get the knife away from him and get him the help he desperately needed. The quick actions of both Cpl. Stivers and P.O. Hancock helped defuse the situation, and likely saved the life of the young man.

Over the course of several months, Sgt. Mayberry identified an elderly woman living in the Byrnes Mill community who was found to be in need of mental health resources. This woman did not trust police officers easily, but by taking the time to understand her background, Sgt. Mayberry was able to earn the woman's trust. Because of this she no longer feels afraid to call the police when the need arises. Sgt. Mayberry has consistently taken the time to make this individual feel safe and supported within her community and is still working with her today to ensure her needs are met. Sgt. Mayberry is patient, understanding and encouraging with his interactions and is an asset to the community and the department.

Congratulations officers. Your dedication to the community and those you serve does not go unnoticed.



The Byrnes Mill Police Department will be actively supporting the Missouri Special Olympics this year. This organization assists over 3,000 Special Olympic athletes across the state. Recently, Officer Aimee Stockard participated in an event to kick off the 2020 season and was able to meet with several athletes. This is a great program that the department is proud to be a part of. Updates on events and fundraising activities can be found on the Byrnes Mill Police Department Facebook page.





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Cynthia Davies  
Aldersperson Ward 2

Having moved to the area before the City was incorporated, Cynthia's family has a long history of serving the community. Her husband Ron previously served for the Board of Alderspersons upon its incorporation, and Cynthia was asked to join

to complete another member's term and has been an elected official since. Cynthia is seeking re-election as Aldersperson for Ward II.



Bob Mahlandt  
Aldersperson Ward 2

Bob and his wife Cathie, who have been married for 47 years, have been residents of the City since 2004. He has over 30 years experience as a Company Official for Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad and five years as a Director for the Public Water Supply District #2 board. With a back-

ground in budgeting and management, Bob plans to use his knowledge and skills as a businessman to bring long-term stability and improvements to the community. Bob is seeking election as Aldersperson for Ward II.



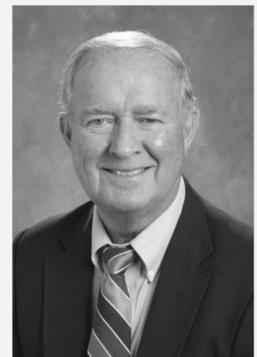
Jason Matthews  
Aldersperson Ward

Since moving to Byrnes Mill in 2013, Jason has taken an interest in his local government which led to him being appointed in 2018 to fill a vacancy for Ward III, and was elected in 2019 to finish out the remaining year of the prior term. Ja-

son is seeking re-election as Aldersperson for Ward III for a full two-year term.

**Being an Aldersperson for the City of Byrnes Mill is an entirely voluntary position and requires participation in bi-monthly meetings as well as continuous communication with City staff and officials. We are appreciative of the efforts each put forth to help make our city a great place to live and work.**

The Byrnes Mill community has suffered a great loss with the passing of longtime Aldersperson and resident Jerome "Jerry" Klipsch. Appointed to the Board of Alderspersons in 1996 and elected in 1998, Jerry was the City's longest serving Board member. Serving previously as both President of the Board of Alderspersons and Mayor Pro Tem, he was a wealth of knowledge and an important asset to our community. Jerry was very active in all City functions, and even organized the construction of the City Park Pavilion. Always spreading kindness to others wherever he went, Jerry had a vision for the City and his warmth and compassion will be greatly missed.



Jerome "Jerry" Klipsch  
1940-2020

**Don't Forget to Register Your Dog/Cat**

Residents are required to register all dogs and cats with the City annually. The license application can be found on the City website, [www.byrnesmill.org](http://www.byrnesmill.org), or at City Hall and current vaccination records for each animal are required when submitting the application.

The City also requires all animals, except cats, to be kept under restraint while away from the owner's property. While on the owner's property animals should be kept in an enclosed structure, behind a fence, or secured with a chain, tether, or leash so the animal does not become at large.

# EVENTS & news

## SAVE THE DATE

Don't miss these fun events!

Dates are subject to change

### Community Open House

June 13th

### Annual Spring Clean-Up

August 8th

### Operation Clean Stream

August 22nd

### Byrnes Mill Fall Festival

October 3rd

### National Night Out

October 6th

### Christmas at the Cabin

November 28th-29th



### **BYRNES MILL RANKED #4 SAFEST CITY IN MISSOURI!**

SafeWise.com has ranked Byrnes Mill the 4th safest city in Missouri. Thank you to our Byrnes Mill Police Department for all the hard work they put into keeping our community safe. We appreciate you!



Mark your calendars for **Tuesday, October 6th** for **National Night Out**, one of the City's greatest events of the year.

You and your family are invited to Spring Hills Presbyterian Church, where the festivities will be held in the parking lot.

Along with **food, games and a classic car show**, the community will be able to visit with police officers, the

Mayor and other City officials. Vendors will be onsite with safety related and other helpful information.

This is the 37th Anniversary of National Night Out, which was created in 1983 as a way to promote police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make the community safer.

The event will be held from 5-8 pm.

## Welcome Unique LA Motor Sales

In January, the City was proud to welcome its newest business, Unique LA Motor Sales. Owners Alen Suljanovic & Laura Mehringer came to the area from Fenton and say they immediately fell in love with Byrnes Mill and its neighbors. Alen and Laura look forward to being a part of the community and helping it grow.

With a goal to open a small town, unique and one-of-kind used car dealership, Alen and Laura want to provide residents and other members of the surrounding communities with the best car buying experience in town and offer car shoppers their choice of reliable vehicles of all makes, models, and prices.

Located at 4673 Hwy W between Nassar Tire and Circle K, Unique LA Motor Sales is open Mon.-Fri. 10:00 am-6:00 pm and Sat. 10:00 am -5:00 pm. For information on sales, call (314) 526-9342 or email lamotors@usa.com.

*Did you know that current Byrnes Mill businesses are listed on our website? We encourage you to visit this page and learn more about how you can Shop Local! Helpful information on new and current businesses can also be found in this section.*



*If you own a local business and are currently registered with the City of Byrnes Mill but are not listed on the business page, or if you need to make changes to your listing, please contact City Hall.*



Mark your calendars for **Saturday, August 22** if you're interested in joining the community's **Operation Clean Stream (OCS)** team. Known as the country's largest and longest running river restoration project, OCS is a group that repairs damage which occurs to area streams, tributaries and rivers due to flooding, trash and littering. The local group will clean the 2 1/2 miles of river from Rockford Beach to Byrnes Mill Park. According to area coordinator, Rob Kiczenski, the local team removes an average of 100 tires per year from the river as well as other trash and debris. If you're interested in volunteering, call City Hall at 636-677-7727 or email [robert.kiczenski@byrnesmill.org](mailto:robert.kiczenski@byrnesmill.org).

*Volunteers receive a free t-shirt and food after all their hard work.*

## OPERATION CLEAN STREAM





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Byrnes Mill was ranked #4  
this year among the top  
20 safest cities in Missouri  
according to  
SafeWise.com! A huge  
thank you to our Byrnes  
Mill Police Department for  
all their hard work and  
dedication in keeping our  
community safe!

