

Byrnes Mill

Chief Frank Named "2020 Missouri Police Chief of the Year" "The Highlight of My 40-Year Career"

Byrnes Mill Police Chief Frank T. Selvaggio has been named the Missouri Police Chief of the Year for 2020 by the Missouri Police Chiefs Association. Chief Selvaggio (or Chief Frank as he likes to be called) said he received the Donald "Red" Loehr Chief of the Year Award on Dec. 8, 2020 in Jefferson City at the organization's annual conference. The award is named after longtime Ballwin Police Chief Red Loehr who was one of the longest tenured and most popular police chiefs in the state's history. Along with the Chief of the Year plaque, Selvaggio was presented with a framed custom Missouri license plate with the legend of "Top Cop" on it.

"I was pretty overwhelmed by it", said Selvaggio, who was named Police Chief of the Byrnes Mill Police Department in October 2018. He had previously served with the Clayton Police Department for over 28 years and the Washington University Police Department for 9 years. Selvaggio is a former member of the Greater St. Louis Area Major Case Squad and a graduate of the FBI National Academy in

Quantico, Virginia. "This is the highlight of my 40-year career in law enforcement" he added. He said that he could not take all the credit for the award though. "It's the whole team that made this happen", referring to the hard work that the officers have done to help turn this police department into a professional agency.

Selvaggio said he was shocked to receive the honor. "I was completely caught by surprise by this:", he said. "I did not know I had been nominated for the award until a couple days beforehand." He was nominated by Captain Jamie Mayberry and Byrnes Mill City Administrator Debbie LaVenture. Several city officials wrote letters of recommendation for his nomination as well. Capt. Mayberry said he believed Selvaggio was the "perfect" candidate for the award. "I felt like that was the right thing to do for him", Mayberry said. "My whole police career, I wanted to serve the community and make a difference and I feel under Chief Selvaggio we've been able to do that."

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A MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR—



Robert Kiczenski
Mayor

The past year has been very challenging for everyone in our community. With spring approaching we are all optimistic for a return to more normal times.

During 2020, we had many fantastic achievements for our city, most notable Chief Frank Selvaggio being named the Missouri Police Chief of the year. In June, Proposition Public Safety was approved allowing the city to become more competitive with our police officer pay. We have received a new grant for the operation of the Recycling Center which will allow us to now be open on Mondays providing a greater level of service to the community.

This spring, work will be performed to “spruce up” Grandpa’s Trail in our park, adding more gravel and mulch to the path. This is a beautiful path to walk in the spring to take in the beauty of natural wildflowers and native blooming trees. The annual City Clean-Up will take place the last weekend in April, then on Saturday, May 1st we will have a free shredding service available at City Hall for anyone wanting to dispose of documents you would not want to throw out in the trash. Operation Clean Stream will take place on August 21st, hopefully we will be able to have a fully organized float team to clean up the river.

I wish you all well and please continue to stay safe and do not let your guard down in the fight to contain and eliminate the COVID-19 virus.

Sincerely,

Mayor Rob Kiczenski

Municipal Complex

Byrnes Mill City Hall

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www.byrnesmill.org

Hours: Mon-Fri

9am–4:30pm

City Administrator/Clerk:

Debbie LaVenture x221

Deputy City Clerk:

Ashley Jennewein x222

City Attorney: Robert Sweeney

Police Department

Chief of Police: Frank T. Selvaggio x228

Capt. Jamie Mayberry x227

Phone: 636-677-7727

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

Municipal Court

Judge: Colby Smith-Hynes

Prosecuting Attorney: Allison Sweeney

Court Administrator: Elise Gannon x223

Prosecuting Attorney Clerk: Julie Davis x224

Court Night: 2nd & 3rd Tuesday

Public Works

4197 Lower Byrnes Mill Rd.

Byrnes Mill, MO 63051

Supervisor: Bob Schmidt

Streets: Brandon Rock, Terry Keehn

Recycle: Zoey Rock

Hours: Monday- Friday, 7am–3:30pm

Phone: 636-671-0021

Code Enforcement:

Dave Taylor

Mon.-Fri. 8:00 am–3:30 pm

Phone: 636-677-7727 x225

EMERGENCY: DIAL 911

Elected Officials

Mayor Rob Kiczenski

Board of Alderpersons

Ward 1: Glenn LaVenture, Bob Prado

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 John Scheble

Rick Schweppe Lary Hedrick

Dave Murphy Bob Prado

Planning & Zoning Meetings

2nd Monday, 7pm *as needed*

Board of Adjustment

(Meetings as needed)

Brad McMahon

Ron Davies

Craig Morris

Doug Smith

Dan Mueller

** All meetings are open to the public.*

PUBLIC WORKS UPDATES

UPCOMING CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS:

The following are planned Capital Improvement projects by Byrnes Mill Public Works Department:

- Culvert replacement on Byrnes Mill Road
- Cleaning and forming concrete swale on Narragansett at Upper Byrnes Mill Road
- Placing rock at culvert on Lower Byrnes Mill Road at Reginald Drive
- Cleaning and rocking hill on Lower Byrnes Mill Road
- Trail improvements to Grandpa's Trail will begin this spring at City Park

RECYCLE CENTER NOW OPEN 6 DAYS A WEEK

Every year the City applies for a grant through St. Louis—Jefferson Solid Waste Management District to help fund the Recycle Center. This year the City was awarded \$90,000.00 to cover payroll and hauling expenses. This has been the largest amount the City has received to date, and because of this, the Recycle Center is now open 6 days a week! You can now visit the Recycle Center Monday—Saturday 7:00 am—3:00 pm (closed 12:00-12:30 daily for lunch).

ELECTRONICS RECYCLING NOW AVAILABLE AT RECYCLE CENTER

Electronics recycling is now available everyday at the Recycle Center. Most items can be dropped off free of charge. Please check the city website for more details on what items are accepted.

Annual Community Clean-Up

SATURDAY, APRIL 24TH, 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.

- ⇒ 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
- ⇒ TVs/Electronics—\$10.00 per TV; all other electronics are no charge. All electronics must be brought to the Recycle Center

To purchase tags, please visit City Hall during regular business hours (Mon.-Fri. 9:00 am to 4:30 pm) or go online to the City website. 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.

To sign up to volunteer your time or equipment please call Byrnes Mill City Hall at (636) 677-7727 x224.



BEAUTY IN THE MILL

Our Public Works Department spends an average of 15-20 hours each week picking up trash along city roads which results in up to 20 bags of trash! Because of this ongoing problem the City has created the 'Beauty in the Mill' project. The goal is simple: help keep the City of Byrnes Mill beautiful by reducing the amount of trash on the side of the roadways. The project is multi-faceted and is designed to be a permanent part of the City's infrastructure for the indefinite future.

There are several parts to this plan which will be implemented in stages instead of all at one time. These include identifying the need for this type of project, promoting the project by educating the public on the environmental impacts of littering, and how much time and taxpayer money is being spent on picking up trash each week, and reminding the public "littering" is a violation of the City Code, and lastly implementing the project.

While the Beauty in the Mill project is still in the early stages of planning, we hope residents will join us in taking pride in our city and working to keep our community beautiful.

Public Safety Updates

“CAPPS”

COMMUNITY AND POLICE; PROVIDING SOLUTIONS

As a municipal police department, we are held responsible for the safety and security of our community. We have an obligation to serve and protect our residents, our businesses, and the community at large. One of the department's 3 Core Values is **Community Collaboration**, and it is this core value that is critical to our success as we honor our community by serving them in many different ways.

In August, the 'CAPPS' Program was introduced, but the department has been implementing these practices for over a year. We have been following up on many types of calls to show our community that we are not “just taking reports”, but that we care about them and the job that we do

every day. The term “community policing” does not fully identify what we are trying to accomplish. This program has many different facets, and we are working “outside the box” many times to find answers to problems our community is facing.

Listed are just a few areas we are focusing on with this program, and each officer has been challenged to find other ways to serve our community.

- Follow up on calls including those involving Crisis Intervention to determine if additional resources or assistance is needed.

- Direct suspects of non-violent crimes to programs that may change the direction in life that they are currently taking.
- Assist individuals in any reasonable way possible. This is an open-ended commitment in which we will “do what we can” to provide help to those in need.
- Making calls to our “silver” residents, who are living alone, on a regular basis though the soon-to-be implemented “Silver Connections” program.

CONGRATULATIONS CAPT. MAYBERRY & SGT. STIVERS

In October, Sgt. Jamie Mayberry was promoted to the rank of Captain/Assistant Chief of Police. Capt. Mayberry brings with him over 18 years of police supervision and investigative experience. He will serve in the #2 position within this department and will assist the Chief with various day to day administrative and managerial duties. He is a Field Training Officer and the department's Taser instructor. One of his many responsibilities in this role is the review and approval of all police reports generated by this department. Congratulations Capt. Mayberry!

In January, Cpl. Michael Stivers was promoted to the rank of Sergeant. Sgt. Stivers brings with him 4 years of police experience with the Byrnes Mill Police Department as well as several years of supervisory experience within the Marine Corps where he served in many leadership positions. This experience will serve him well as the department's Certified Firearms Instructor, Range Officer, and Armorer. Sgt. Stivers will also serve as the department's Training Coordinator and supervise the day-to-day patrol operations. Congratulations Sgt. Stivers!

SPECIAL OLYMPICS POLAR PLUNGE 2021

On February 6th, the Byrnes Mill Police Department participated in the Special Olympics Polar Plunge for the first time. Three officers “took the plunge” into the 30-degree icy waters of Lake St. Louis. The department raised over \$3,600.00 and ranked 4th among ALL police departments in the entire St. Louis area. Chief Frank, Officer Steve, and Officer Cody braved the 20-degree weather while Officer Aimee took pictures to document the occasion. The Byrnes Mill team also included Special Olympic athletes Dereck Baker and Jonathan Richardson, who helped cheer the polar plunger's on. The Special Olympics is an amazing organization that provides year-round sports training and athletic competitions in a variety of Olympic-type sports for children with intellectual disabilities.



SHOP WITH A HERO 2020 RECAP

The “Shop with a Hero” program was held this past December at the Spring Hills Presbyterian Church. Because of the COVID-19 virus, this year's program was handled much differently than years past. Instead of first responders shopping with the children, the program was able to provide over 70 Walmart gift cards. In addition to the gift cards, over 30 large food baskets were provided to the families of those children who participated so they could have a holiday meal in the safety of their own homes. Given the circumstances of the virus, the program was a huge success and benefited many children and their families in this community. We hope to continue this program and be able to shop with the children this coming December

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Capt. Mayberry said he and several officers, as well as Administrator LaVenture, surprised Chief Selvaggio by showing up in Jefferson City to see him accept the award. "It's an honor to serve under him", Mayberry said.

Sue Lindsey, Administrative Office Manager for the Missouri Police Chiefs Association, said the award is only given to a single Police Chief each year in the state who must be nominated by a fellow law enforcement officer. She said the award is given to a chief based on work accomplishments and community projects. "What (the award) means is he's made an impact on his town and community", Lindsey said.

Selvaggio said when he started as a police officer, he never thought about becoming a chief, much less winning such an award. "Forty years ago, as I walked through the doors of the Greater St. Louis Police Academy, I had no idea that my career would build into something like this", he said. Now, after all these years Selvaggio is the last person from his police academy class to still be serving in law enforcement.

"My two driving force factors are to make this community proud of their police department and to make the officers proud to serve this community", Selvaggio said. He added, "I could not be prouder of what this team of officers has accomplished, and I look forward to several more years leading this awesome group and serving this amazing community."

You will see 'Chief Frank' driving around the community almost daily. He enjoys getting to know the residents and the business workers, and still answering calls for service, because he never expects his officers to do anything that he wouldn't do himself.



Byrnes Mill Municipal Election
Tuesday, April 6, 2021

Candidates as they will appear on the ballot:



Mayor
Two Year Term
 Rob Kiczenski



Alderman, Ward I
Two Year Term
 Robert (Bob) Prado



Alderman, Ward II
Two Year Term
 Galen Harrison



Alderman Ward III
Two Year Term
 Mary Scheble

Being an Alderman 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.

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A huge “THANK YOU” to the residents of Byrnes Mill for passing Proposition ‘S’ for Public Safety in June. The additional 1% sales tax generated from the proposition has provided the much needed revenue to hire additional police officers and public works employees, increase police officer salaries, replace and purchase additional police department equipment, and allowed the City to make the part-time Code Enforcement position full-time.

NEW RESIDENT GUIDE

Welcome to the City of Byrnes Mill, and thank you for choosing to join our community! The information below is a brief overview to hopefully help make your move to Byrnes Mill a little easier as you get adjusted to the area. Please contact City Hall with any questions you may have.

Dog/Cat License

Residents are required to register all dogs and cats with the City annually. The license application can be found on the City website or at City Hall and current vaccination records for each animal are required when submitting the application. Current dog leash laws can also be found on the City website.

Vacation Patrol

If you are going to be out of town or away for any length of time, consider filling out a Vacation Watch Form. The Byrnes Mill Police Department will be sure to send extra patrol to your area during your absence. Request forms are available online on the Police Department’s page on the City website or by visiting City Hall.

Utilities/Who to Call

Water Service

Public Water District #2
(636) 326-0200

or

Public Water District #6
(636) 671-4096

Sewer Service

Jefferson County Public Sewer District
(636) 797-9900

Electric Service

Ameren Missouri
(800) 297-8054

Trash Service

The City utilizes a single trash service with American Eagle Waste
(314) 631-8381

Visit www.byrnesmill.org for more information

EVENTS & news

SAVE THE DATE

Don't miss these fun events!

Dates are subject to change

Annual Spring Clean-Up

April 24th

Shred Truck

May 1st

Operation Clean Stream

August 21st

Byrnes Mill Fall Festival

October 3rd

National Night Out

October 5th

Christmas at the Cabin

November 27th-28th

FREE PAPER SHREDDING, MAY 1ST

On May 1st, a shred truck will be available at City Hall from 9:00 am—1:00 pm for members of the community to use, free of charge. Come bring any paper documents you want to get rid of and have them shredded on site. Please contact City Hall for more information, (636) 677-7727 x224.



Mark your calendars for **Tuesday, October 5th** 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 the police officers

who serve your great community on a daily basis, as well as the Mayor and other City Officials.

In and effort to escape the August heat the event is being held in October this year.

This is the 38th anniversary of National Night Out, which was created as a way to promote police-community partnership and neighborhood camaraderie.

Welcome Cut Loose Salon and NBalance Tax & Bookkeeping Service

Two new businesses joined our community last year; Cut Loose Salon and NBalance Tax & Bookkeeping Service. Both businesses are located in the plaza on Hunter Lane.



After working in salons for many years, Cut Loose Salon owner Melissa Bakula, decided to take the plunge and open her own in August 2020. She is a full-service salon and a welcome addition to the community. **Cut Loose Salon is located at 4579 Hunter Lane.**

Call (636) 671-7644 to book an appointment.

Debbie Washington, owner of NBalance Tax & Bookkeeping Service, comes to the community with over five years of personal and business accounting experience. She offers accounting, bookkeeping, payroll and tax preparation services Monday—Friday, 9:00 am—2:00 pm, with extended ours during tax season. **NBalance Tax & Bookkeeping Service is located at 4577 Hunter Lane, (636) 671-7600**



Mark your calendars for **Saturday, August 21** 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.

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

OPERATION CLEAN STREAM





City of Byrnes Mill

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Would You Like to Receive Updates from the City?

Did you know you can get important City related information and updates straight to your inbox? To start receiving updates from the City just go online to www.byrnesmill.org and click “**Notify Me**” on the Homepage. There you can register your email and *opt in* to receive important information, news, and updates as they become available from Byrnes Mill. While there you can also sign-up to receive Board meeting Agendas and Minutes as well as information on road closures and delays.