

# Byrnes Mill

## Sewer District Sale Update

**I**n March, Byrnes Mill completed the sale of its sewer district to Jefferson County, which will prove beneficial for all involved. Jefferson County Public Sewer District\* has already made improvements to pump stations and the treatment plant, and with only one focus, a sewer district is better equipped to keep up with the increasing technology more cost effectively and efficiently for our residents.

Now that the transaction is complete, Byrnes Mill has been able to evaluate needs within the community to determine where to best utilize funds received through the sale. The most notable use of the funds went to the final payment of the new City Hall building at \$723,000 and the payoff of the remaining balance of the sewer plant at \$32,000.

Mayor Rob Kiczenski and the Board of Alderpersons have followed through with a statement he made back in the spring.

**HE SAID, "THE POLICE FORCE HAS VEHICLES WHICH ARE OLDER AND IN NEED OF COSTLY REPAIRS. THE CITY MUST ALSO ADDRESS THE STAFFING LEVEL OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT, ALLOWING FOR BACKUP OFFICERS."**

Since then, they have purchased dash and body cameras, Tasers for all officers and software along with replacing outdated equipment.

The City is very pleased with the purchase of a new copier and document storage software that will help streamline processes around the office.

Additional funds from the sale have been invested along with the \$173,000 saved from the early payoff of City Hall.

*\*Customers who have questions regarding their service may contact Jefferson County Public Sewer District at 636-789-1326. Payments should be sent to the district at P.O. Box 632, Hillsboro, MO 63050.*

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## MAYOR'S MESSAGE



**Mayor Rob Kiczenski**

Dear Friends and Neighbors ~

It seems just a few weeks ago we were looking forward to the long Memorial Day weekend and the 4th of July holiday.

Now that Labor Day has passed, where has the summer gone? You might say the same thing about the city's progress in response to our roads, but I can assure you, there has been extensive work done in planning and preparation. Before any road paving work can be completed, ditch and culvert repairs need to be engineered and scheduled.

Soon Public Works will be initiating major culvert work on Upper Byrnes Mill Road which will require the road to be shut down for a few days. There are also over 15 culverts to replace on Byrnes Mill Road, between the City Park and the northern city limits (towards highway PP).

The Board of Alderpersons has been considering a single trash hauler for the city to substantially reduce the number of heavy trash trucks on our roads each day as well as to secure a better price for trash service for all residents. Along with the trash service initiative, the city is working with Jefferson County Recycling and the St. Louis Solid Waste Commission to keep the recycle center open and funded by long term grants – *more to come.*

By the time you receive this letter, the 51st Operation Stream Clean will be completed, and the Fall Festival, October 6th, will soon be upon us.

Have a safe and enjoyable fall!

Sincerely,

*Mayor Rob Kiczenski*

### MEET THE NEW ALDERPERSON FOR WARD III

Since moving to Byrnes Mill in October 2013, Jason Matthews and his wife, Ali, have had two children—Juliet (4) and Abram (2). Having both grown up in smaller towns, the fact that Byrnes Mill is much more rural than the majority of other towns in the area was a draw to raising a family here. Jason was appointed to fill the vacancy for Ward 3 through April 2019 saying, "I thought it would be a pretty good way for me to participate even more in the City."



### AUGUST 7TH ELECTION RESULTS

Byrnes Mill joined a number of Jefferson County Cities in proposing the addition of a local use tax which would affect internet sales. The majority of residents in all but one city voted against what was known as, Proposition F (Fair). It isn't known at this time if Jefferson County or participating cities will try to pass the measure at a later date.

## PUBLIC WORKS UPDATES



### FRANKS ROAD COMPLETION

Permanent repairs to Franks Road that began nearly 6 months ago are now complete. As of

Tuesday, June 12, 2018, the road was re-opened to traffic.

Heavy rains and flooding of the hillside forced the City into the project which entailed:

- Relocating the road approximately 15-feet to the west
- Putting in drainage to help with water coming down the hillside
- Building a 14' x 300' retaining wall

**“WE APPRECIATE EVERYONE’S FLEXIBILITY WITH THE TIMING OF THE PROJECT DUE [IN PART] TO WEATHER AND MATERIAL DELAYS,” SAID PUBLIC WORKS SUPERVISOR, BOB SCHMIDT.**

*A progression of photos can be seen at [byrnesmill.org](http://byrnesmill.org).*

### SINGLE SERVICE WASTE ON HOLD

The City of Byrnes Mill went out for rebid on single waste hauler with optional recycling pick-up. The decision was due, in part to the reduction in grant funding and increased cost of maintaining the recycling center. While the City is currently in negotiations with Jefferson County Recycling and the St. Louis Solid Waste Commission in hopes of keeping the center open, officials are being proactive to find a more cost effective solution for residents regardless of their recycling preference. *Prior to a final decision, which should be made by the end of October, the City of Byrnes Mill will hold a Public Meeting.*



### PROPOSITION C: CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

Following the passing of Proposition C, the Byrnes Mill Public Works Department has assessed the City’s needs and determined the following will be a part of their Capital Improvement Plan:

- ⇒ Replace culverts on Lower Byrnes Mill Road from Franks Road to the city limits. *This includes replacing approximately 10 culverts as well as cleaning the ditch lines.*
- ⇒ Replacing three (3) culverts on Upper Byrnes Mill Road at Lower Byrnes Mill Road.
- ⇒ Milling and patching Lower Byrnes Mill Road from Highway 30 to the city limits at *an estimated cost of \$102,000.*

### AMEREN EASEMENTS

Ameren has sprayed along their easements on Upper Byrnes Mill Road, Lower Byrnes Mill Road, Franks Road and along Old Gravois. The City is in contact with Ameren’s Forestry Division regarding this issue. If you have any concerns or questions pertaining to your property, you may contact Ameren at 1-800-552-7583. Concerns may be filed through the Missouri Public Service Commission at [https://psc.mo.gov/General/Submit\\_A\\_Complaint](https://psc.mo.gov/General/Submit_A_Complaint)

### CONTINUING CONSTRUCTION

Although work has been completed on the first phase of the villas, another facet of the development plan will soon be underway. Contractor, Bill Williams Construction, is tasked with constructing a berm between the villas and Olde Mill Estates. This will assist in keeping water runoff from the homes below the villas.

### ROAD MAINTENANCE AND SNOW REMOVAL

The following roads are currently maintained by Byrnes Mill:

- Old Highway 30/Gravois Rd. *portions only*
- Franks Road
- Franks Court
- Hallmark Drive
- High Ridge Boulevard *portions only*
- Lower Byrnes Mill Road
- Osage Executive Circle
- Osage Executive Drive
- Upper Byrnes Mill Road

In addition to regular maintenance, scheduled work and snowplowing, City crews pick up discarded trash along the City’s maintained roadways twice each month. Please use caution when workers are present.





City Administrator, Debbie LaVenture, has been researching incentives through the Federal Government and Ameren, among other sources in hopes of obtaining solar rebates for the City.

*"I have been talking to a number of different companies who can help us to become more energy efficient as a city," she explained.*

An initial investment regarding solar powered energy can greatly reduce or [at times] eliminate electric bills along with the use of energy-efficient lighting. It is through utility rebates and the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) that help with the reduction of system costs.

One commercial customer who recently made an investment in solar power noticed a 60% reduction in monthly costs, not to mention that the carbon footprint is drastically decreased.

Residents will be informed when more information becomes available.

## Teamwork!

Special Thanks to the High Ridge Fire Protection District for assisting Byrnes Mill Public Works and Police with the removal of mud, rocks and debris on Lower Byrnes Mill Road following a heavy downpour in June.



Shop Local

From the mom-and-pop shop to unique service providers, Byrnes Mill is proud to serve the community alongside over 50 diverse businesses. With the holiday season quickly approaching, we encourage you to Shop Local, Dine Local and Contract Local by choosing to do business with those who are proud to call the City of Byrnes Mill their home. Please visit our website ([byrnesmill.org](http://byrnesmill.org)) for a full listing of Byrnes Mill businesses.

## Thank You Company B BBQ

You will often find Brian Stevens, owner of Company B BBQ in Byrnes Mill, serving at many of the City's community events. In his nearly 13 years in business, he has seen steady growth year-by-year and many repeat customers come through his doors.

He has played an integral role in not only the preparation but also the donation of much of the food and paper products for the City's Shop With A Cop Banquet. He also provides the food, paper products and volunteers to serve at National Night Out.

*"I try to give back as much as I can to show my appreciation for the community's support [over the years]," he said.*



Company B is open Tue-Thurs 11a-8p, Fri-Sat 11a-9p and Sun 11:30a-7p. The restaurant also offers full catering as well as call-in orders (636-671-0088).

Company B BBQ is located at 4583 Hunter Lane, near the corner of Hwy 30 & W. Follow Company B on Facebook for updates @CompanyB06.

*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.*

# EVENTS & news

Byrnes Mill  
*Fall Festival*  
**Saturday, October 6**  
 10am - 5pm

VENDORS  
 MUSIC  
 FOOD  
 PETTING ZOO  
 PONY RIDES  
 HAGEMEISTER HOUSE TOURS  
 AND MORE!!!

For more information call 636.677.7727  
 or visit [www.byrnesmill.org](http://www.byrnesmill.org)

Sponsored by Byrnes Mill and the Northwest  
 Historic and Preservation Society



On Tuesday, August 7 Byrnes Mill Police hosted one of the City's favorite events of the year. Created in 1983, National Night Out is a way to promote police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make neighbors safer.

The event was held in the parking lot of Spring Hills Presbyterian Church.



Along with food, games and other activities, the community visited with officers and City officials. Vendors were onsite with safety related and other helpful information.

Byrnes Mill Police Department would like to thank everyone who attended and made the event possible.

The Northwest Historical and Preservation Society of Jefferson County's Annual

# CHRISTMAS

at the

## Hagemeister House

**November 24 & 25**  
**1:00 - 4:30 pm**

**Byrnes Mill City Park**  
**Lower Byrnes Mill Road**

**Santa & Mrs Clause**  
**Hot Cider ♦ Cookies**  
**Music ♦ Stories**  
**Christmas Market**

Sponsored by the Historic and Preservation Commission of Byrnes Mill



### ANOTHER INTERN JOB WELL DONE!



**MEGAN PRADO**

Byrnes Mill would like to thank Megan Prado for serving the City for the past few months. This is Megan's second summer interning for the City, working on a number of projects throughout the office during her time volunteering.

Daughter of Ward 1 Alderman, Bob Prado, Megan is tasked at performing 120 volunteer hours during her first three years of college at Missouri State University.

She explained that attending meetings and learning what goes on behind-the-scenes has been a great opportunity for someone her age.

**"IT IS VERY COOL TO SEE HOW THE CITY WORKS," MEGAN SAID.**

Byrnes Mill welcomes others who might be interested in serving as an intern for the City. For more information, contact Debbie LaVenture at 636.677.7727.



**MEGAN AND HER TWIN SISTER, REBECCA, HAVE BOTH VOLUNTEERED FOR THE CITY.**

# Public Safety Information

## Shop With A Cop

With donations down, Byrnes Mill Police are asking for your help in spreading the word about their annual Shop With A Cop Program. Those interested in supporting the program will help the department to make Christmas a little brighter for children in need within our community.

In 2017, they surpassed their goal, helping 119 children to receive well-deserved Christmas cheer through the

Department's Shop With a Cop program.

In addition to receiving gifts, many of which they are able to select themselves, children and their families are invited to attend a dinner held at Deer Creek USA Golf and Event Center.

The program was set into place a number of years ago to assist children who live in Jefferson County or who are currently in foster care. Monetary donations and raffles held throughout the year help the department to

provide this wonderful opportunity for children and their family.

Please consider making a donation to assist with the 2018 season.

Please send to:

**SPRING HILLS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
6247 UPPER BYRNES MILL ROAD  
BYRNES MILL, MO 63051  
ATTN: SHOP WITH A COP**

Be sure to put "Shop With A Cop 2018" in the memo line. All donations are tax deductible.



### NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

The Byrnes Mill Police Department is working hard to bring more people together to participate in Neighborhood Watch groups.

*I encourage you to pay attention to your surroundings and look out*

*for your neighbors. This is how we keep our neighborhoods safe! ~Chief Dougherty*

If you are interested in joining or helping to form a Neighborhood Watch group in your area, contact Chief Dougherty at 636-797-7727.

### BE AWARE —

#### **A message from the Chief:**

Residents of our community have recently been targeted by scammers looking for information that could lead to theft of your money. Here is what they are calling and asking for over the phone:



- ⇒ Money. *Don't give it! Don't wire it!*
- ⇒ Gift Card Purchases. *Don't purchase gift cards from callers trying to sell them over the phone or promising a "deal". Only purchase through reputable places you have reached out to.*

If you are concerned you may have been targeted, call the Department at (636) 677-7727.

## Get to Know Your Police

The Byrnes Mill Police Department is comprised of 15 officers serving the community 24-hours/7-days per week. The team has many years of combined experience with a genuine heart to serve. Throughout the year, officers give their own time to take part in various fundraisers and outreach projects while enhancing relationships within the community. Police officers should be commended for their hard work and dedication to ensuring the safety of the Byrnes Mill area as well as their commitment to the residents in our community.

Full-Time Officers	Part-Time Officers	Reserve Officers
Chief Dougherty	Officer Hancock	Officer Alter
Lt. Ide	Officer Grobe	Officer Riemer
Corporal Iken	Officer Holt	Officer Shomaker
Officer Robinson		Officer King
Officer Schroeder		Officer Werner
Officer Mayberry		Officer Tritch
Officer Stivers		

## HOLIDAY SAFETY

The Byrnes Mill Police Department will be extra vigilant this time of year and are encouraging residents to do the same. During the holiday season, thefts are up as are armed robberies. Although many of these will not affect our immediate area, here are a few things they want you to know:

- ⇒ Pay attention to your surroundings
- ⇒ Do not leave items in your vehicle in plain view
- ⇒ Lock your doors
- ⇒ Close garage doors

If you are going to be out of town, consider filling out a **Vacation Watch Form**. Available online or at City Hall, the form alerts Byrnes Mill Police to send extra patrol by your residence during your absence.

Police work hard to ensure the safety of residents so if you see anything suspicious, please reach out to the Department at (636) 677-7727.

**WEBSITE & COMMUNICATION UPDATES**

Over the last year, the City of Byrnes Mill has been working on updates that will ease in navigation of our website as well as introduce “Notify Me”, a communication piece that will allow individuals to opt in to receive information, news and updates as they come available. In addition, residents can also sign-up to receive Agendas and Minutes for Alderperson meetings as well as information on road closures and delays.

**LEASH LAW REMINDER –**

Over the past several months, the City has received numerous reports of dog bites resulting from roaming animals. Please review information regarding animal regulations in the City of Byrnes Mill Codes as pertains to dogs; in particular leash law and related topic(s) that can be found on the home page of our website, byrnesmill.org, City Codes.

Please also remember that pet owners are to register their cats and dogs annually through City Hall. More information & registration available online.



**HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

The Northwest Historic and Preservation Society is looking for new members. If you have a love for history and community, this might just be the organization for you!

Meetings are held the 1st Thursday of the month at 7 pm inside the Jefferson County Library, High Ridge Branch.

Take part in upcoming events such as the two-day Christmas Open House to be held Thanksgiving weekend and the 30th Anniversary Celebration in 2018.

For more information, please call 636-375-3558.

**WHAT’S YOUR GOOD NEWS!?!**

We are excited about the progress of our website, which allows us to keep in touch more readily with our residents. Not only can we share information in a more timely manner, we can also communicate good news that others might like to know!

We have recently introduced a Community News & Congratulations page that features topics such as:

- **\*\*NEW\*\* Lost & Found Pets**
- Graduations & Scholarships
- Birthdays & Anniversaries
- Honors & Awards
- Promotions & Retirements
- Weddings & Engagements
- Baby Announcements

We’ve included a form here → to get your started. However, we hope that you’ll begin to utilize this tool online by visiting the Community Page on our website: [byrnesmill.org](http://byrnesmill.org).

Please take a look at all the great resources on our website while you’re there!



Register for our eNewsletter [currently in the works] by sending your email address to [julief@byrnesmill.org](mailto:julief@byrnesmill.org). Please put “eNewsletter” as the subject.

**Community News & Congratulations Form**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Phone & Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

What are you celebrating/communicating? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Special Notes \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



## City of Byrnes Mill

141 Osage Executive Circle  
Byrnes Mill, MO 63051

### 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](http://www.byrnesmill.org)

**Hours:** Mon-Fri

9am–4:30pm

City Administrator/Clerk:

Debbie LaVenture

Collector/Deputy City Clerk :

Tracy McAfee

City Attorney: Robert Sweeney

### Police Department

Chief of Police: Gary Dougherty

Lieutenant Roger Ide

**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

Staff: Brandon Rock and

Zoey Rock

**Hours:** Monday- Friday, 7am–3:30pm

**Phone:** 636-671-0021

**Code Enforcement:**

Dave Taylor

*Part-time availability*

**Phone:** 636-677-7727

**EMERGENCY: DIAL 911**

### Elected Officials

Mayor Rob Kiczenski

Board of Alderpersons

Ward 1: Glenn LaVenture, Bob Prado

Ward 2: Cindy Davies, Jerry Klipsch

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

Richard Ross

**Planning & Zoning Meetings**

2nd Monday, 7pm *as needed*

**Board of Adjustment** (Meetings as needed)

Sally Eads

Ron Davies

Pete Frisella

Craig Morris

Doug Smith

Dan Mueller

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