Spring in Kirksville gives Kirksville residents and Truman students the opportunity to pick through the unwanted trash left on curbs to create something new and special.

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In April Kirksville’s community treasure in the form of unwanted trash can be found on the curb. The annual Spring Clean Up gives Kirksville residents the opportunity to find interesting items, but often times, the process is not enjoyable for individuals looking for trash items for art projects.

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