

**CITY ORDINANCE BANS OBSTRUCTIONS, OFFERS MAILBOX REPAIR**

**RIGHT-OF-WAY OBSTRUCTIONS PROHIBITED**

Common obstructions:  
 Railroad ties  
 Boards  
 Landscape timbers  
 Pottery  
 Barrel planters  
 Rocks larger than 3/4 inch in size  
 Landscaping bricks and stone  
 \*Enforcement begins March 17, 2016.

**DEBRIS REDEFINED, EXCESS DEBRIS PROHIBITED:**

Debris definition now includes: leaves and grass clippings

Ordinance violations include:  
 -Depositing large amounts of debris onto sidewalks or into the curb and gutter area.  
 -Discharging enough debris into streets or gutters to plug city storm water drains.

Source: Kirksville City Ordinance No. 12149

## ORDINANCE | City Ordinance No. 12149 was passed at the March 16 City Council meeting, to clarify the city's right-of-way

Continued from page 1 because it got damaged," Moritz said. "People have been pushing the envelope, so we just want to be abundantly clear about what's okay and what isn't."

Moritz said he voted against the ordinance because of the year-long grace period attached to this provision. Moritz had motioned for the grace period to be reduced to six months, but the motion did not receive a second and failed, according to the council meeting minutes.

Moritz also highlighted the rubbish provisions and said the city has had problems with residents discarding grass clippings and other refuse in the streets.

"We've had quite an issue with people just taking grass and leaves when they mow their lawns and dumping it into the

up or run over. Then people get upset. We're trying to make them aware ... just don't do that and we won't have that problem."

Russell said he thought the provision about mailbox replacement and compensation was an important update to the City Code.

If a city vehicle damages a mailbox, the city will replace it, according to the ordinance. The ordinance also stipulates that residents are responsible for maintenance of mailbox enclosures located in the city's right-of-way and sets city compensation at \$50 for any damage done to an enclosure by a city vehicle.

Contrary to recent rumors, the ordinance does not require citizens to move their mailboxes from the right-of-way, according to a March 20 city press release.

points of tension between residents and the city.

"Ultimately the citizens of Kirksville hired us to do a job," Russell said. "We want to stay on the good side of them. We're not trying to hurt that relationship, we're trying to build it better."

Councilmember Richard Steele said in an email that he thought the ordinance was overly burdensome to the city's residents. Steele said he thought the issues should have been voted on individually rather than as a single ordinance. He said he was opposed to sections three and four of the bill that respectively discussed clarifying the mandatory size of address numbers and banning any right-of-way obstructions.

Steele said he was concerned the ordinance as worded might prohibit those doing maintenance work or landscaping on their properties from storing their building materials on site. Additionally, he said he thought landscaping in the right-of-way helps improve the community's appearance and well-being.

Steele said he thought the city had plenty of ordinances in place already concerning these issues and does not see the need for more. He said he thinks Public Works currently is able to work with property owners successfully without further restricting citizens' rights in any way.

Councilmembers Jerry Mills, Russell and Steele voted for the bill. Mayor Moritz and Councilmember Richard Detweiler voted against it, according to the minutes.

The city's March 16 council meeting minutes and the text of the ordinance are available at [kirksvillecity.com/Agendas-Newsletters](http://kirksvillecity.com/Agendas-Newsletters).

*Editor's note: Councilmember Steele sent his comments via email, because of scheduling difficulties*

## College Republicans to host speaker Michael Reagan

BY JOHANNA BURNS  
Staff Reporter

Truman State's College Republicans will host Michael Reagan, a speaker and the son of Ronald Reagan, April 2.

"Michael Reagan: What Would Reagan Do?" will be hosted at 7 p.m. April 2 in the Georgian Rooms of the Student Union Building. Michael will speak about modern issues from the perspective of former president Ronald Reagan. The program will be free and open to the public.

Junior Jake Buxton, Executive Director of Truman's College Republicans, said the group anticipates seeing a lot of students from campuses across the state at the event. He said state legislators also have shown interest about the event.

"We're hoping to pull a lot of students to come to hear him speak, and also we're also hoping to have a lot of members in the community come hear him," Buxton said.

Buxton said the decision to bring Michael to campus grew from an effort to increase the presence of College Republicans on campus. Buxton said the group wants to get its name out on campus, and members thought one way to do that was to host a speaker. He said members had a specific idea of the kind of speaker they wanted to host.

"We also believe very much in the conservative ideals, and we wanted to bring someone who could adequately share those ideals without being divisive," Buxton said.

Buxton said he knows from past experience that hosting a controversial speaker can lead to heckling or similar behaviors. He said as the son of the man who often is seen as the father of modern Conservatism, and as a motivational speaker, Michael was the perfect choice. Buxton said the fact that Michael talks about more than politics and appeals to a wider audience is what makes him a good match for this event.

Buxton said he hopes there will be an opportunity for a question and answer session during the presentation.

Buxton said the event is sponsored by the College Republicans, Funds Allotment Council and the Young Americans Foundation, an organization based out of Washington, D.C., that helps colleges bring conservative speakers to campus.

Buxton said his group wants to see people with diverse political opinions attend the event. He said the goal is to try and have a civil, political conversation while providing an opportunity for members of the community to attend an interesting event.

Michael is a national speaker who addresses a variety of topics such as conservative politics, adoption and various life lessons he learned from his parents, according to his website, [michaelereagan.com](http://michaelereagan.com). The author and former radio host supports various charities and has been honored by the Atlas Economic Research Foundation for his support of a free-market society, according to the website.



**Austin Hornbostel/Index**  
Karl Schneider, Physical Plant Office Director, works at his desk in the General Services Building. Schneider said the Physical Plant makes sure budgets are adequate for repairs.

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-Mayor Glen Moritz

sewer drains, which I cannot understand at all," Moritz said. "The sewer trains get really clogged up with grass and trash that people just toss into the street, then somebody has to come clean them out. That costs them and their neighbors on taxes."

Councilmember Robert Russell said the ordinances' provisions are not meant to punish citizens, but to make them aware of issues the city is facing.

"We aren't trying to penalize anybody," Russell said. "It's just that it's gotten to the point that something needs to be done [about obstructions in the right-of-way]. When you put things on the city's property, you're taking a chance that it's going to get beat

The ordinance also clarifies address number requirements to mandate the numbers be no less than four inches in height.

"That's not to make anybody's life harder," Russell said. "There's some residents that don't even have a house number. Some you can't see because they've been painted over or obscured. It's really a safety thing because fire or emergency vehicles need to find the right house quickly, so we want to help our first responders."

Russell said his goal is to improve Kirksville through building relationships between citizens, businesses and the city itself. He said the city's goal is to combat these growing issues by addressing them before they become

## RYLE | Residence hall receives needed repairs

Continued from page 1 and he said the Physical Plant is looking into strategies to fix that problem.

Systems trade supervisor Robert Techau said the combination of the weather conditions and the malfunctions in the ventilation system on the day of the leak damaged the control panel. More specifically, he said this problem occurred with a part of the ventilation system called the heat recovery wheel, which caused additional parts to freeze.

Techau said for now, the Physical Plant is waiting for the necessary parts to arrive on campus and be installed. He said if there are issues after the new parts are installed, the Physical Plant will evaluate what other work might need to be done. Techau said looking forward, the Physical Plant might replace the piping in the basement during the summer to avoid any future leaks.

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