POWER | Community dialogues about proposed line project

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Terri Page, local landowner and member of Neighbors United, said the group was there to connect with landowners who will be affected by the 161 line. Page said Neighbors United is concerned with the environmental and health impacts of the line and the issues of property rights involved.

"A lot of us have concerns about property rights," Page said. "This is a project that has not been approved in the state of Missouri and it's basically an out-of-state corporation that is trying to come in and use the powers of eminent domain to take property owner's land for profit."

Page said the group is concerned with the health effects this high level of voltage has. She said there isn't enough research into the effects of the lines.

Page said she is concerned with the environmental impact. She said many landowners, including herself, have trees that might have to come down for this line or have ecosystems that potentially could be affected. She said the line will have a negative impact on the beauty of the land.

Page said she thought there was a lot Ameren could do as an alternative to this new line. Page has installed solar panels on her house that meet her energy needs and she said Ameren could undertake more research about alternative energy sources.

Page said Neighbors United is waiting to see if Ameren files the project with the PSC before taking any action. She said her group is working toward creating some kind of landowner legislation to protect landowners from similar situations. Page said many of the landowners in Neighbors United do not think they can continue to live on their farms if the line is approved.

Page said the organization is trying to increase local education about the line. Neighbors United attended the March 2 City Council meeting to present its arguments to council members. Page spoke first, outlining the group's concerns. She asked the council to put the Mark Twain project on its agenda, to draft a resolution opposing the project and to submit the resolution to the PSC.

After Page spoke, other members of Neighbors United voiced their concerns and observations about the project. Cliff Hollenbeck, a lifelong Kirksville resident, spoke about his concerns of the health effects of electromagnetic frequencies. He said he has done countless hours of research on the subject and felt the health risks of the transmission lines outweighed its potential benefits.

Glass recycling comes to Kirksville

BY KEATON ROBERTSON
Staff Reporter

Kirksville's $100,000 grant proposal for a new glass recycling program in the community has been approved.

The program will feature monthly pick-up and be available to community members on an individual basis. Each house interested in participating will have to purchase a glass-recycling bin for $7, but there will be no running costs to the individuals involved in the program.

Mayor Glen Moritz helped lead the effort to get a glass recycling program. He said much of his interest in environmental projects developed while he lived in Seattle, where recycling is a common practice.

"It's just gratifying to take care of our environment," Moritz said.

Moritz said the community showed little interest in this project, but he said he has not seen any negative responses.

The grant was awarded to Kirksville from the Northeast Missouri Wasted District, Moritz said. Moritz said in addition to state funding, the city would be dedicating $35,000 to the project.

Sophomore Adrian Wheeler, Student Government Environmental Affairs Committee Chair, said there would be a few benefits of the new city program for the student body. Wheeler said there would be an expansion of glass recycling from residence halls to all buildings on campus, and he said there might be less of a reliance on campus organizations for the glass recycling program, as student groups are in charge of collection on campus. He said these changes would remove the responsibility of transporting the glass to the nearest city that has facilities in place to recycle it.

Wheeler said he foresaw a continued involvement of Student Government in the glass recycling program, but he said it was unclear what this new program meant for Student Government involvement specifically. Wheeler said there were a few actions Student Government could continue to take to assist the glass recycling program, through communication with ResLife, like ensuring there is minimal wasted recyclable goods.

"Student Government and Truman students have done a great job to get the word out about glass recycling," Wheeler said.

The United States generated 11.6 million tons of glass waste during 2012 and about 28 percent of this glass was recyclable, according to a Environmental Protection Agency study. Food and soft drinks were by far the largest contributor to glass waste according to the EPA study.

90 percent of glass recycled is used to make new bottles, according to the EPA website. There is a list of other uses of recycled glass on the site, including the following — kitchen tiles, counter tops and wall insulation. According to the EPA website, recycled glass containers are smashed into sand which can be used as a raw material in many products.

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"It's a lot about planning and having the people and resources to do so," Paino said. "I think we were lacking in that regard. It's in large part the University's failure to offer something on that day that students found meaning or something worth their time to participate in."

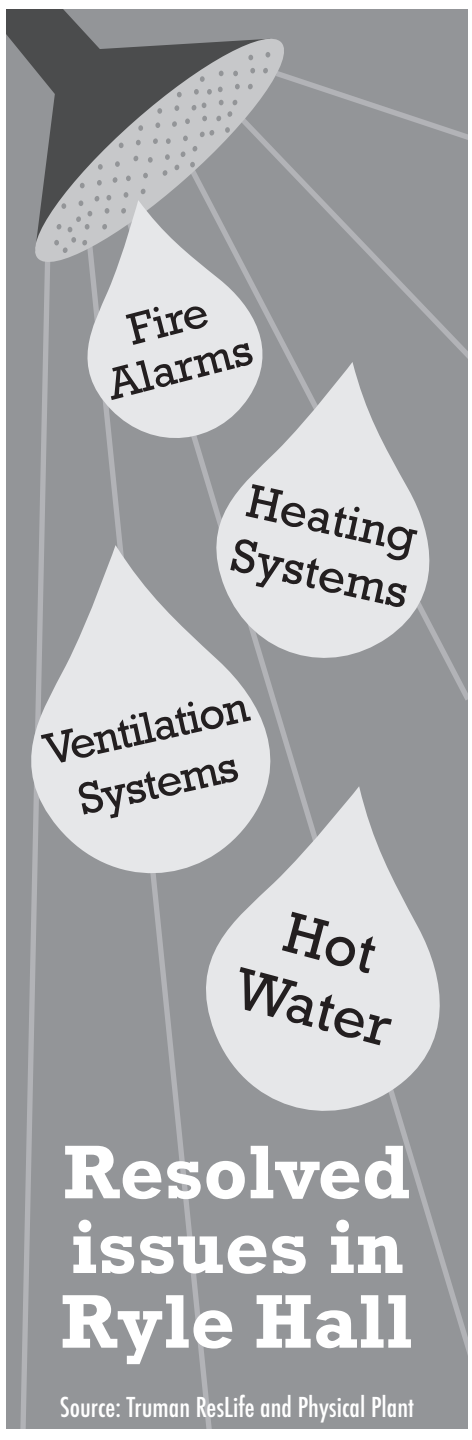
Paino said there will be no additional days off from classes to replace University Conference Day.

Education professor Julie Lochbaum said University Conference Day was a distinctive event for Truman that other colleges and universities do not have. She said faculty and administration used both days to focus on liberal arts-oriented topics.

"It was historically very important for planning and moving forward," Lochbaum said. "As the University underwent all of the changes leading toward the mission change that created the liberal arts and sciences university, University Conference Day was a central event that [faculty, staff and administration] got work done towards the goal."

Lochbaum said she was a part of the planning process and the event required a lot of planning in a short amount of time. She said it involved coordinating a 350-400 person conference. Most businesses and organizations hire a conference planning company, Lochbaum said. She said University Conference Day was difficult to sustain because Truman was planning it all in-house.

Lou Ann Gilchrist, Dean of Student Affairs, said she worked with her staff to plan events for students during the conference. Gilchrist said some programs drew larger crowds than others. She said she does not see a major effect on students as a result of ending the event because students have not participated widely in University Conference Day for several years.



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damage to bathroom heat detectors and methods to ensure the fire alarm system can be reset more quickly.

In the email, Schneider said the Physical Plant will take various actions during the future. He said the Physical Plant will decide and implement protection for the systems that previously have been affected by damage and work to enable quicker resets of the fire alarm system when it sounds.

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