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Leslie Jeannet with sons Silas and Paxton at Centerville-Washington Park District headquarters.

CENTERVILLE, OH: Washington Township resident Leslie Jeannet's artistic talent earned her a new 55-gallon rain barrel! This summer, the Centerville-Washington Park District invited the community to submit design proposals to paint the rain barrel at the headquarters building at Activity Center Park, 221 N. Main Street. The winner received supplies to paint the rain barrel, a new rain barrel to use at home and the opportunity to display their art in a high traffic area. Jeannet recently painted her winning design on the Park District's rain barrel and generously provided instructions to share with anyone interested in painting a rain barrel for their own home. The instructions are accessible on www.cwpd.org.

"We would like to thank everyone who submitted designs for the contest. We were extremely pleased with the community's response and hope more people consider adding a rain barrel to their home," said Communications Coordinator Carrie Dittman. "It's a simple way to practice eco-friendly gardening and help the environment."

Rain barrels are above ground storage containers designed to capture rainwater for reuse. They reduce rainwater runoff that pollutes local waterways with fertilizers and pesticides. Placing a rain barrel under your gutter's downspout lets you collect runoff from your roof. From a spigot near the bottom of the barrel, you can hook up a garden hose, open the valve, and use the water for a wide variety of applications. Many homeowners use harvested rainwater to water lawns, plants and gardens. This steady supply of free water may even help you save money on your water bill!

The Centerville-Washington Park District operates eight community parks, nine nature parks, and 33 neighborhood parks encompassing more than 1,000 acres in Centerville and Washington Township. For more information about the Centerville-Washington Park District, please call (937) 433-5155 or visit

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