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City of Pleasant Hill Announces Pat & Lisa Bruner as Winners of the Rain Barrel Contest

PLEASANT HILL, Iowa – The City of Pleasant Hill announces Pat & Lisa Bruner as winners of the rain barrel contest. The contest ran through the month of July and gave residents a chance to learn about ways to protect stormwater.

Pat & Lisa Bruner of Pleasant Hill are the proud owners of the new rain barrel. Pat was randomly selected from nearly 50 participants who entered the contest. "We are excited to get this rain barrel installed and start collecting fresh, clean water. Rainwater is a great natural resource and collecting it after a rainfall event will be a great way to not only conserve water, but also save on our water bill," said Pat Bruner.

The rain barrel contest started July 1st and ran through July 31st, giving residents the chance to enter online, at the Public Library, and City Hall.

Capturing rainwater where it lands, and infiltrating or slowing down the stormwater through Best Management Practices (BMPs), allows the pollutants and sediment a chance to settle out. Some BMPs include rain barrels, soil quality restoration, rain gardens/bioretention cells, pervious pavement systems, and native planting buffers/swales.

"Collecting water in rain barrels can reduce the amount of stormwater flow into the City's storm sewers. It is important residents protect the stormwater flowing into these storm sewers. One inch of rainfall on one acre of ground is equal to 27,154 gallons of water – enough to fill 494, 55 gallon rain barrels," said Madeline Sturms Senior Planner.

Residents interested in installing a rain barrel can receive reimbursement for the installation up to 50 percent or \$75, whichever is the lesser value. Learn more about this cost-share reimbursement program and stormwater basics by visiting pleasanthilliowa.org/stormwater.

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