

2016 SCARECROW CONTEST OFFICIAL RULES

- 1. Participation:** Adults, children, individuals of all ages, groups, families, and businesses are eligible for participation. Join us for Costume Parade and Kick-off with fun and refreshments, Oct. 14th 5:30pm.
- 2. Fees:** There is a non-refundable \$10.00 entry fee per scarecrow entry (\$30 per sponsor, includes scarecrow scene and advertising). One entry can have more than one scarecrow if they are included in one scene.
- 3. Scarecrow Scene Sketch:** You must submit a simple sketch or written description of the scarecrow scene (along with your application). The Colchester Business Association and the Colchester Parks and Recreation Department reserve the right to deny any scarecrow scene which we feel may be offensive to the public.
- 4. Scarecrow Basics:** Your scarecrow must be able to withstand weather, wind, and other natural elements. Perishable goods are not recommended for use in construction of your scarecrow scene.
- 5. Responsibility:** The Colchester Business Association and the Colchester Parks and Recreation Department are NOT responsible for scarecrows on display. We reserve the right to remove any scarecrow that does not hold up to the weather. All scarecrows should be built in a manner that allows them to be left unattended. You may want to monitor your display to be sure that it is holding up for the duration of the event.
- 6. Support Stakes:** *One stake will be provided in assigned locations to identify your group.* At the end of the event, that **stake must be left behind.** If you need additional supports to hold up your scarecrow or scene, you must supply them. 1 in. x 4 ft. stakes will be available to purchase at \$2.50 a stake on your application.
- 7. Deadline:** The deadline for entries will be Friday, October 7th. Your weatherproof number and scarecrow name will be provided and must be attached to your scarecrows in a visible location for voting and judging purposes.
- 8. Scarecrow Setup:** You may setup your scarecrow scene in your assigned location on the Colchester Town Green, anytime after the green is staked on October 12th through October 16th. *Contestants who remove their scarecrow before the voting ends, end of day October 30th, will be disqualified.*
- 9. Judging:** Judging will be done by the public, through ballot vote, or online at www.colchesterctbusiness.com. Any person of any age can vote. Voting will be held at sponsor business locations throughout town and will take place from October 18th through end of day October 30th. **Winners will be notified by email a few days after voting ends, and prizes awarded.**
- 10. Scarecrow Removal:** Scarecrow scenes must be removed end of day on November 1st. Please do not leave any items that you brought on the green behind - everything must be removed. Any items remaining will be disposed of.
- 11. Unopened Hay:** Pick-up of any unopened bales of hay will be Nov. 1st.

QUESTIONS? Contact CBA at 860-537-0340 (Leave Message) or Parks & Recreation 860-537-7297.

REMEMBER TO:

- Complete and return entry form
- Enclose \$10.00 check entry fee (\$30 for sponsors) plus cost for needed hay bales & stakes, payable to CBA
- Attach a sketch or description of your scarecrow scene
- Mail to: CBA Scarecrow Contest, P.O. Box 453, Colchester, CT 06415
OR Drop off at the Park & Rec Office, Colchester Town Hall, Norwich Avenue, Colchester, CT
Attention: Anita Pizzutiello Kelly.
- Sponsors - \$30 sponsorship includes scarecrow scene

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