

Scarecrow Stroll

Downtown Plainwell Scarecrow and Sculpture Contest



Rules and Entry Form

The contest is open to:

All ages Schools Clubs Artists Organizations Churches
Youth Groups Families Businesses Individuals Nonprofits

Any individual, group or business can enter the contest. There is no fee to enter the contest. The scarecrow/sculpture displays will be up throughout the month of October downtown affixed to a lamp post or benches along North and South Main, and E. Bridge St. on M89, and the downtown plaza. Locations nearest the participating business location will be accommodated as much as possible.

Official rules and regulations:

1. Complete an entry form indicating title and description of display, your contact information, and location preference if you are a business participant. Efforts will be made to install it close to your business.
2. **Return entry form and deliver fully assembled scarecrows/displays** to Plainwell City Hall, 211 N. Main Street between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Thursday October 1 and Friday, October 2. If you wish to put up your own display, please let us know and we will assign you a location.
3. Include the name of participant on the display in some way so it can be identified (pinned, labeled, etc.).
4. We will attach fully assembled scarecrows to their assigned light pole or plaza bench the week of October 5 and they will remain on display through Nov. 3. All displays (mainly scarecrows) will be secured by zip ties or string, no metal or wire are allowed on any downtown light pole, fixture, or bench.
5. **PRIZES:** There will be prizes for the best scarecrow and People's Choice winners. Judging will be conducted by an independent panel for the best one; the public can vote for the People's Choice on Facebook until **Friday, October 30, 2020**. The winners will be announced at the City Council meeting on **Monday, November 9, 2020 at 7 p.m.**

6. A written description of your entry and title must accompany your OFFICIAL COMPETITION ENTRY. The City of Plainwell reserves the right to refuse a scarecrow entry which we feel may be offensive to the general public.
7. **STRUCTURE:** Each scarecrow must have a horizontal support of wood for the body (2"x4" post preferred). This support is needed as each scarecrow will be wired to a steel light post for display. Please do not use perishable goods as part of the construction of your piece. Hay bales can be used for the bodies as well or any other material, as long as it has a solid base for display purposes. Other displays can include pumpkins, hay bales, wooden frames, etc. any ***hay bales must be enclosed in a casing to keep the hay/ straw together to avoid blowing onto the sidewalk.***
8. **SIZE:** Minimum height 3 ft. and the displays cannot be taller than 5'7" if being placed along M89 and Main St.
9. **DISPLAY:** For voting purposes, a number will be assigned to your entry, but you can provide an 11x17 inch sign that is attached to the front of your design. This sign will include your scarecrow's name and description, your business/organization name and 30 words or less advertising your business, organization, and group, if applicable.
10. Scarecrows must be removed by Tuesday, November 3; If they are not city staff will remove them beginning Wednesday, Nov. 4 and they become the sole property of the City of Plainwell.
11. In order to qualify, your display **MUST BE WEATHER-RESISTANT.** The City reserves the right to remove any scarecrow or sculptures that do not hold up to the natural elements.

A few of the 2019 Entries





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Name

Address:

City

Zip:

Phone

Cell Phone

Email

- ☐ My City of Plainwell business is participating and I wish to display my masterpiece at my business location: _____
- ☐ My business will put up & take down our entry
- ☐ I'm a business outside the City/organization/family/individual and I will need a location to display my scarecrow:

Title of Entry

Description of Entry

Signature:

I understand and agree to all of the rules outlined in the above pages.

Please return form or direct questions to Denise Siegel at (269)685-6821, dsiegel@plainwell.org at Plainwell City Hall, 211 N. Main Street, Plainwell, MI. 49080. This form can be returned prior to the delivery of your entry to City Hall by Friday, October 2. Don't forget to label your creation with your contact information!

Have Fun!