



16th Annual Scarecrow Contest

**** Official Rules ****

Thank you for participating! Please review the following rules/guidelines to ensure a fun and fair competition:

**** Registration Required ****

- All participants must register their scarecrow entry to be judged.
- **Registration deadline: Monday, October 13th.**
- You may choose to set up your scarecrow at Rotary Park (encouraged!) or at your place of business within Putnam.
- Entries from outside the town of Putnam will be assigned a spot in Rotary Park.
- **Rotary Park location assignments will be available on October 15th. Please plan to set up your Scarecrow on this day.**

**** Family-Friendly Event ****

- This is a family-friendly event, so please avoid political, religious, or excessively violent scarecrows.
- The Putnam Business Association reserves the right to reject any scarecrow entry that is deemed inappropriate.

**** Selection of Winners ****

- Winners will be selected by a panel of 5 judges appointed by the Scarecrow Contest Committee.

**** Durability and Maintenance ****

- Each scarecrow must be constructed to withstand all weather conditions.
- Creators are responsible for maintaining their scarecrow throughout the contest.
- **Scarecrows should ideally be displayed from the day of setup through October 31st.**

**** Setup and Judging ****

- **Scarecrows must be set up and ready to be judged by 12:00 PM on Thursday, October 16th.**
- Please avoid driving on the grass at Rotary Park.

**** Winner Notifications ****

- **Winners will be notified on the evening of October 16th** and will be posted on discoverputnam.com and facebook.com/discoverputnam

**** Scarecrow Naming and Sign ****

- Each scarecrow must be given a name.
- Clearly display the scarecrow's name on a sign (suggested size: 11" x 17").
- Use this opportunity to share a brief message about your business or organization!

**** Judging Criteria ****

- **Judging will take place on Thursday, October 16th after 12PM**, and will be based on creativity, use of materials, and adherence to a theme.

**** Prizes ****

- Prizes will consist of vouchers redeemable for a gift card to a Putnam Business Association (PBA) member's establishment.

We look forward to seeing your creative scarecrow entries! Good luck and have fun! For any additional information or inquiries, please contact **Kelly Graves** (860) 821-1043 kelly.graves@ampf.com