

Scarecrows Coming to Town 2023

Please print clearly. Completed forms may be mailed to North Branch Area Business Association Scarecrow Entry, PO Box 21, North Branch MI 48461 or brought to the Village Hall M-T from 8am-4:00 p.m. You may email applications to betty.kennedy@cecpower.net
Deadline for application entry is September 14, 2023 at 4 p.m.



Name _____

Address _____

Email Address _____

Home/Work Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Description of Entry _____

Signage: All scarecrows must have a sign. Signs must have a name of entry and sponsoring business, etc.

Please fill out the form:

Name of entry to put on sign: _____

Sponsor: _____

Business _____ School _____ or Church/Group _____

Signature _____

My Signature indicates that I understand and agree to all the rules Of the Scarecrow contest. I will not hold the North Branch Area Business Association liable for any damage.

Date application submitted: _____ Time: _____

Staff signature _____

We hope you will be creative and have fun making your scarecrows. They can be Fictional, historical, or local based on your favorite TV show, local business, nursery rhyme, children's book or song. This is a great way to dress up our town during the Fall season!

Every creation must have a sign With the name Of the scarecrow and creator _ **First place winner will receive a \$100 gift card, second place a \$50 gift card and place a \$25 gift card along With bragging rights.**

It's easy to be part of the fun: Just follow these rules:

1. Scarecrows must be submitted no later than **NOON September 28, 2023**. They Will remain in place until November 6, 2023. You are responsible for monitoring your scarecrow during this time period for needed repairs. 2. The scarecrows should be family-friendly. Make them whimsical, humorous, mischievous or loveable- NOT frightening. Scarecrows must be done in good taste and should not reflect controversial, social or political situations. 3. Drop off the scarecrows at the Village Office when they are ready to put up. Our hours are M-T, 8 am to 4pm_ The DPW department will hang them just like the Christmas soldiers.
2. **A vertical board (either a 2x4 or 1 ½" post) with a cross bar for the arms gives the scarecrow stability and an easy way to attach to the poles.**
3. Since all scarecrows must remain out-of-doors for weeks, their construction should be durable and all Ornamentation securely attached and able to stand up to sun, wind and rain. Carved pumpkins or other living materials are discouraged. Use care when selecting your materials and do not place items of value on your display. It is your responsibility to monitor the scarecrow during the weeks it is on display to assure it is in good condition.
4. Do not use commercial costumes, rubber masks, plastic masks, etc.
5. **Each scarecrow must have a horizontal support of wood for the body (2x4 post preferred). A broomstick or 1' x 2" recommended for the arms.**
6. Residents will select the winners and the winners will be announced on October 23, 2023 and will also be posted on the North Branch Village Website www.northbranchvillage.org or NBABA face page.

HELPFUL HINTS

- *Spray Scotch guard on the inside and outside of clothing to prevent mildew
- Stuffing can be made from many materials, but newspaper and water-soluble peanuts are not recommended. Plastic bags and bubble wrap work well"
- * Papier Mache is not a good choice due to exposure to rain
- use weather resistant materials including nylon and polyester fabrics
- * Scarecrows will be outside, so be sure everything is secure
- * Google Scarecrow contests or Scarecrow images for ideas-there are communities all across the country having scarecrow displays and photos are on many of the sites
- * use a sock, old pillowcase, top of a broom, gourd or other creative material for the head

LET YOUR IMAGINATION RUN WILD//

- Traditional scarecrows with cast-off clothing, burlap, gunny sacks, jeans, Overalls, straw hats, aprons, bonnets, and corn shucks are easy to construct
- * use of bright colors and unique material is encouraged
- * Open a world of possibilities as you create a scarecrow interpretation of your favorite farm character/hero-human or animal. Keep FICTIONAL, HISTORICAL OR LOCAL in mind *Think Outside the box and make a cutting-edge creation with a contemporary feel.
- * Make your scarecrow a group project-school, church, Office, business, club, scout troop.