



# 14TH ANNUAL SCARECROW CONTEST

## \*\*OFFICIAL RULES\*\*

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

### **\*\*1. Registration Required\*\***

- All participants must register their scarecrow entry to be judged.
- Registration deadline: Monday, October 16th.
- 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 17th.

### **\*\*2. 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.

### **\*\*3. 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!

### **\*\*4. 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.

### **\*\*5. Setup and Judging\*\***

- Scarecrows must be set up and ready to be judged by 12:00 PM on Thursday, October 19th.
- Please avoid driving on the grass at Rotary Park.

### **\*\*6. Judging Criteria\*\***

- Judging will take place on Thursday, October 19th, and will be based on creativity, use of materials, and adherence to a theme.

### **\*\*7. Selection of Winners\*\***

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

### **\*\*8. Winner Notifications\*\***

- Winners will be notified on the evening of October 19th.
- Winning entries will also be posted on [discoverputnam.com](http://discoverputnam.com) and [facebook.com/discoverputnam](https://facebook.com/discoverputnam).

### **\*\*9. 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 Kristen Kaskela (860)377-0118 [kristenkaskela@gmail.com](mailto:kristenkaskela@gmail.com).