

IMPORTANT DATES

Scarecrow Install Week: September 28 - October 4, 2026

Scarecrow Crawl: October 5- 31, 2026

Scarecrow Voting by Judges: Week of October 12 2026

Scarecrow Voting on Facebook by Public: October 5 - 23, 2026

Scarecrow Winners Announced: October 26, 2026 on the City's website and social media platforms @KnowColumbia

Scarecrow Removal: November 2-6 2026 (Scarecrows not removed will be disposed of)

SCARECROW CRAWL



SCARECROW DETAILS

1. This is a family-friendly event.
2. Scarecrows must NOT be frightening or distasteful.
3. Political statements or endorsements are not allowed.
4. Each location will be equipped with a post for your scarecrow
5. Scarecrows must be secured by zip ties, twine or string. NO metal or wire is allowed on the poles.
6. Scarecrow size requirements: minimum 4 ft. tall, maximum 7 ft. tall.
7. Materials must be firmly attached to the scarecrow to withstand ALL weather elements.
8. Scarecrows require upkeep. Inspect your entry regularly during the month to ensure it remains in presentable condition throughout the Scarecrow Crawl. We will contact you if yours has not been kept in good condition.
9. Every Scarecrow must have a sign, no larger than 11 x 17 inches. The sign must include: 1. "Scarecrow Name" and 2. "Created by" (individual, business, organization name, etc.) and 3. "Scarecrow #" that you are assigned.
10. Scarecrows must not obstruct or impede any sidewalk, street or right of way.
11. Display Locations: Entries will be assigned spaces along Main Street.
12. Assigned locations will be emailed to the CONTACT EMAIL by Friday, September 25, 2026.

SCARECROW REGISTRATION

AUGUST 22 - SEPTEMBER 23, 2026

FREE TO PARTICIPATE

PRIZE CATEGORIES

Winners of each category receives \$50. Winner of Best Overall category receives \$100

A PANEL OF JUDGES will vote on the following categories:

Most Columbia Spirit
Best Use of Recyclable Materials
Most Creative
Best Name
Most Complex

Sponsored by: Weber Chevrolet, A. H. Steinmetz Ltd. and The Republic Times

The PUBLIC will vote on the following category:

People's Choice

(Snap the QR code on any crow for the link to vote)

Best Overall Category will be determined by our category sponsor:



ENTRY FORM

Return to:

Email: [Marla Rose at mrose@columbiail.gov](mailto:mrose@columbiail.gov)

Drop off or mail: [City of Columbia, Attn: Marla Rose, 208 S. Rapp Ave, Columbia, IL 62236](#)

Scarecrow's Name: _____

Contact Name: _____ Scarecrow Created by: _____

Contact Phone Number: _____ Contact Email: _____