

SCARECROW CRAWL

COLUMBIA



Join the City of Columbia as we host our Scarecrow Crawl October 1- 31, 2026!


Come take a stroll on Columbia's Historic Main Street to see all the amazing scarecrow entries created by individuals, schools, businesses, organizations, churches and more!

While you are here, enjoy shopping at all our Main Street merchants and eat delicious meals at our local restaurants.

A scarecrow decorating contest is held and voted on by a panel of judges and the public. Please follow the City of Columbia on social media (Facebook, Instagram & Twitter) @KnowColumbia, or the City's website, www.columbiaillinois.com for all the details.

October 5-23, the public can vote on:
People's Choice (snap the QR code on any crow for the link to vote)

A panel of judges will vote on:
Most Columbia Spirit, Best Use of Recyclable Materials, Most Creative, Best Name and Most Complex Scarecrow. Sponsored by Weber Chevrolet, A. H. Steinmetz Ltd. and The Republic Times.

Best Overall Scarecrow contest sponsored by: 

Winners will receive cash prizes and will be announced on City of Columbia social media on October 26, 2026.

For Scarecrow Contest Registration Forms or more information about the Scarecrow Crawl, please contact:

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Details can also be found here: www.columbiail.gov