CITY OF CHESTER FALL FESTIVAL 2019

SCARECROW COMPETITION

**OFFICIAL SCARECROW CONTEST RULES & GUIDELINES**

1. Anyone is welcome to enter the scarecrow competition!
2. To participate, entrants must submit completed registration forms and have their scarecrows on display by the required time.
3. Registration begins August 1, 2019.
4. Registration packets are available at Chester City Hall.
5. The Registration Packet will include a number that must be displayed on your entry.
6. Limit of one entry per person, group or organization.
   1. An entry may include multiple figures or a scarecrow scene.
7. All scarecrows must be built from scratch by the entrant (no commercial creations allowed
8. Creativity and originality – judges will be looking for scarecrows with that little bit extra, it may be the materials used, the way the scarecrow has been made, how the scarecrow is displayed, or simply a fantastic idea that catches the judges eye.
9. You can use any materials you like to build your scarecrow, there are no restrictions – with just one exception: pre-molded or commercially available face masks ARE NOT permitted.
10. Entries must be family friendly and appropriate. All Scarecrows must be made and displayed in good taste. Any entrant designing their scarecrow to cause deliberate offence will be disqualified.
11. All scarecrows must be displayed at the front of your property and should be positioned so as it is unnecessary for anyone to access your property in order to view them. They must also be secured in a manner that they will not blow away and will not otherwise be a danger to or possibly cause injury to anyone. The City of Chester and the Parks and Recreation Department will not be held responsible for any damage to Third Party property caused by the creation or insecurity of scarecrows. Owners are held solely responsible for the safety and security of their scarecrow(s).
12. Finally… The most important rule: Make sure you enjoy yourselves!
13. All participants agree to allow the use of their name(s) and photos for promotional purposes and in any form of publication.

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JUDGING

1. Only scarecrows registered in time will be considered by the judges.
2. Your entry must be on display by 9 a.m., Monday, October7, 2019.
3. Judging will begin October 7th at 9 a.m. and end October 14th at 12 p.m.
4. All scarecrow displays must be tagged with an entry number that must be made visible for judging purposes.
5. Judging will be done by independent judges.

MISCELLANEOUS

1. The scarecrow committees’ and judges’ interpretation of these rules (and any decisions made by them) are absolutely final – and can’t be challenged!
2. The rules are subject to change at any time (without notice).
3. By entering the scarecrow competition you confirm that you accept these rules.
4. Winners will be announced at the Fall Festival, Saturday, October 19th (rain date October 26) at 3 p.m. You need not be present to win. Winners will be contacted Monday, October 21st.
5. First, Second and Third Place cash prizes will be awarded in each of the following categories:
6. **TRADITIONAL:** Pay homage to the scarecrows that have been ‘scaring crows” from farmer’s fields for centuries.
7. **MOST HUMOROUS:** Show your whimsical side and entertain all who pass by with a witty display.
8. **DIDN’T SEE THAT COMING:** Blindside us with a totally unusual, unique and unexpected scarecrow display.

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| SELECT ONE | INDIVIDUAL | | BUSINESS | | ORGANIZATION |
| CONTACT NAME |  | | | | |
| PHONE |  | | | | |
| ADDRESS OF DISPLAY |  | | | | |
| MAILING ADDRESS |  | | | | |
| DISPLAY TITLE |  | | | | |
| CATEGORY (select one) | TRADITIONAL | MOST HUMOROUS | | DIDN’T SEE THAT COMING | |

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| PRINTED NAME |  |
| SIGNATURE |  |
| DATE |  |

DO NOT WRITE IN THIS AREA

ENTRY # \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

WAIVER AND RELEASE OF ALL CLAIMS AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK

 Please read this information carefully and be aware that in signing the form and participating in this event, you will be expressly assuming the risk and legal liability and waiving and releasing all claims for injuries, damages or loss which you might sustain as a result of participating in any and all activities connected with or associated with this event.

I recognize and acknowledge that there are certain risks of physical injury to participants in this event and I voluntarily agree to assume the full risk of any injuries, damages or loss, regardless of severity, that I may have (or to accrue to me) as a result of participating in this event against the City of Chester, including their officials, agents, volunteers, employees, and sponsors.

I do hereby fully release and forever discharge the City of Chester, including their officials, agents, volunteers, employees, and sponsors from any and all claims for injuries, damages or loss that I may have, or which may accrue to me and arising out of, connected with, or in any way associated with this event.

By signing this entry form, I understand that the City of Chester may use photographs of scarecrow entries and names of entrants(s) for publicity and promotion. Entrant(s) agree to leave scarecrows on display October 7th – October 31. The City of Chester is not responsible for lost, stolen or damaged items.

I acknowledge that I have the right sign this document for my, my child, family, group, organization, or business, and I do hereby agree that I have read and I agree to the CONTEST RULES.

My signature below indicates that I have read and agree to the Waiver and Release of All Claims and Assumption of Risk Form and the Contest Rules.