



Oakwood's Annual "Socially Distanced" Scarecrow Contest Sunday, October 18th

The Department of Leisure Services is pleased to sponsor Oakwood's Annual Scarecrow Contest. Due to Covid, it may be a little different this year, but with safety protocols in place, we are looking forward to a safe and fun start to the fall season. Brush off the cobwebs and use your creativity and imagination to create a scarecrow to decorate the community for the fall season. Your entry can be a traditional scarecrow or you can let your imagination run wild to create a whimsical, funny, artistic creation, *but nothing too scary please!*

Registration Deadline:

All entry forms are available by mail, email or on the city's website and must be received by Thursday, October 15, 2020 by 9:00 P.M. at the Oakwood Community Center, 105 Patterson Road.









Judging:

Judging of the Scarecrows will take place VIRTUALLY the week of October 18th - October 24th. We are asking all residents to walk or drive down Scarecrow Row and vote for your favorite by emailing the OCC with your pick. Send your vote, one per family/household to occ@oakwood.oh.us no later than midnight on October 24th. Phone in votes will also be accepted for those without an email. Prizes will be awarded to First, Second and Third Place and winners will be announced on the city's website, Facebook page and in the Oakwood Register.

Location:

Scarecrows will be placed by a light post on Shafor Boulevard. Each entrant will be given an entry location after entry forms are received.

Entry Conditions and Rules:

-  **COVID PROTOCOL** - Six foot distancing, masks and groups of ten or less is required by the Ohio Department of Health and must be followed in order to participate in this event.
-  **This contest is open to Oakwood residents only.** An entry form must be filled out and returned to the OCC at 105 Patterson Road by **Thursday, October 15th by 9:00 P.M.** All scarecrows must be named.
-  The Scarecrow Contest is open to scout troops, school and church groups, organizations, businesses, families and individual groups of less than 10 **from Oakwood.**
-  Only one entry per group (10 or less) or individual. A group is considered two to ten people working together.
-  **No advertising, political or religious statements or offensive or distasteful entries will be permitted.** Please remember the design of the scarecrow will be viewed by children as well as adults and must be in good taste.
-  Entries shall not exceed eight (8) feet in height or eight (8) feet in width. It may be free standing, staked or attached to the light post. No props will be provided.
-  Scarecrows must be built to withstand weather conditions, including wind and rain.
-  Participants are responsible for setting up their own displays while social distancing and wearing masks.. They may be attached with rope, twine or tie wraps.





No perishable goods may be used in the construction of the scarecrow unless replaced on a regular basis while scarecrow is on display.



All scarecrows must be named. A sign will be furnished by the Department of Leisure Services for each entry and will be posted at each assigned location on Sunday, October 18th.



One (1) bale of straw and two (2) bundles cornstalks are available, if needed. Please mark area on entry form if you want those supplies.



The City reserves the right to remove any scarecrow that does not meet the above standards. The City will not be responsible for loss or damages that might occur to the scarecrows on display. The City reserves the right to photograph the entries for publicity/promotional purposes. All photos become the property of the Department of Leisure Services.

Installation and Removal of Scarecrow:

Set-up

Official entrants are responsible for the installation of their scarecrow on **Sunday, October 18th between the hours of 9:00 A.M. until 3:00 P.M.** Due to Covid, safety protocols including groups of less than 10 and required mask wearing will be in place and must be followed. Scarecrows will remain on display until Saturday, October 31, 2020.

Take-Down

All scarecrows must be removed on **Sunday, November 1, 2020.** Any entries left after that day, will be removed beginning Monday, November 2nd and will become the property of the City of Oakwood.

Thank you for being
a part of this wonderful
community event!!





**CITY OF OAKWOOD
DEPARTMENT OF LEISURE SERVICES
2020 SCARECROW ENTRY FORM**

Name of Group: _____

Name of Submitter: _____

Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Telephone Number – Day: _____ Evening: _____

Name of Scarecrow: _____

Description of Scarecrow: _____



I/We will need straw cornstalks for our scarecrows.

I /We would like to pick up our hay/cornstalks have our hay/cornstalks delivered to site
Date: _____ the day of the build

I/We hereby agree to follow the rules of the 2020 Scarecrow contest as outlined. In consideration of your accepting my or my child's entry, I hereby, for myself, my child, my heirs, executors, and administrators, waive and release any and all rights and claims for damages I or my child may have against the City of Oakwood and its representatives, successors, contractors, and assigns, for any and all personal injuries, illness, and/or death, that may be suffered by myself or my child on any activity sponsored by these entities. This waiver specifically includes, but is not limited to, any injury, illness, and/or death occasioned by or related to COVID-19 or any other viral or bacteriological agent. I do hereby grant and give these entities the right to use my or my child's photograph or image with or without my child's name both single and in conjunction with other persons or objects for any and all purposes including, but not limited to private or public presentations, advertising, publicity and promotion relating thereto. I warrant that I have the right to authorize the foregoing uses and do hereby agree to hold the City of Oakwood harmless of and from any and all liability of whatever nature which may arise out of result from such uses. For the consideration stated above, I further agree that in the event that my child repudiates or attempts to repudiate such release, I will personally indemnify and save harmless the City of Oakwood Leisure Services Department, its successors and assigns, for any and all loss and damage occasioned thereby.

Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian: _____
(must be signed if participant is a minor)

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY
LOCATION ASSIGNED: _____

OAKWOOD'S SCARECROW ROW

Over the centuries, scarecrows have been constructed using toys, tools, plastic bags, containers, clothes and uniforms, trees and leaves and broken bits of just about anything. You can use your imagination to create a beautiful (or scary!) work of art. There is no right or wrong way to build a scarecrow. Just remember to have fun while you are doing it! After that, your imagination is your limit.

Planning is key...get your idea then build from there. You will need a sturdy frame to construct the body, stuffing for the body and clothes or other materials for the covering. You can also use chicken wire to create a more "sophisticated" shape or design. Don't forget about props...anything you can place around your creation enhances its appearance.

Remember the elements! Your scarecrow will be out in the elements for a few weeks so you need to plan accordingly. Think about how to attach pieces at angles to suggest arm, leg and elbow movement, but don't let those angles be an invitation to the wind! Newspaper can be great stuffing...but it may not survive an Oakwood fall! Consider other options...straw, plastic bags, old clothing, etc.

The following is an example of a basic scarecrow frame.

3 stakes-1 about 6 feet long, 1 about 3 feet long and 1 about 1 foot long
twine, nails or screws.

