

City of Groton Scarecrow Trail Map

All Scarecrows must be displayed within this Trail Area and **MUST BE REGISTERED** with the City of Groton Parks & Recreation Department **no later than 4:00 pm on Friday, October 11, 2019** in order to participate. If you need space to display your scarecrow indicate that on your registration form online or call our office at 860-446-4128.



First Annual Scarecrow Trail

When: October 17—November 13

Where: Thames Street to Mitchell Street and streets in between (see website for map)

Who can participate: Individuals, Businesses and Community Organizations residing in the City of Groton. For those city residents/businesses who need space to display your scarecrow, contact Parks & Recreation at 860-446-4128 or indicate that on registration form online. NO Entry Fees.

Display Date & Check-In/Delivery of Scarecrow:

Entrants are responsible for displaying scarecrow on their own property (only if it is a city street on our Trail Map) by **Thursday, October 17th**. Pick up of weatherproof sign with Scarecrow name and # assigned for voting is in our office Tues, Oct 15-Thurs, Oct 17.

If you are a city resident/business/organization in need of space to display your scarecrow, bring your fully assembled scarecrow to Thames View Park (343 Thames Street) on Thursday, October 17th from 4pm-6pm. At check-in, you will receive the pole assignment for your scarecrow, zip ties to attach the scarecrow to the post and a weatherproof sign with the name of your entry.

Judging:

Scarecrow judging will be done both by popular vote and judge's panel. The public can only vote once. Ballots are **not valid** without your name, address and phone/email address. Ballots will be available in participating businesses in the City of Groton. Just look for the Scarecrow Walk Poster. Ballots can be dropped off at ballot boxes located around the City of Groton or in the City Municipal Building's Park & Recreation Office (295 Meridian St).

Prizes: To be determined.

Rules: ***ALL SCARECROWS MUST BE REGISTERED BY 4 PM ON OCTOBER 11TH***

- ✦ All entries must be family friendly. Scarecrows that reflect controversial social, religious, or political situations will not be accepted. City of Groton has the right to reject/disqualify any and all scarecrows they deem offensive or inappropriate. Disqualified Scarecrows are not eligible for voting
- ✦ Each group or individual may enter only one scarecrow. Scarecrows must remain on display outside from October 17 through November 13, 2019.
- ✦ Scarecrows will be subject to the weather for several weeks. Materials must be firmly attached to the scarecrow. Use materials that will stand up to all weather conditions.
- ✦ We recommend that you check on your scarecrow periodically to make sure it remains in presentable condition. The better it looks the more votes you will get! If at any time a scarecrow deteriorates due to weather City of Groton reserves the right to remove it if on City property.
- ✦ Display area of scarecrow should be no more than 4 ft x 6 ft.
- ✦ Winners will be announced Friday, November 8th via Facebook and Website.
- ✦ All scarecrows placed on City properties must be picked up by Wednesday, Nov. 13th. The City reserves the right to remove them from any city property after the 13th.

