

Third Annual Scarecrow Trail

Hosted by the City Of Groton Parks & Recreation Department



When: Wednesday, October 20—November 3

Where: Displayed only in the City of Groton

Who can participate: Individuals, Businesses and Community Organizations residing in the City of Groton. For those who need space to display your scarecrow, contact Parks & Recreation at 860-446-4128. NO Entry Fees.

Display Date & Scarecrow Voting Numbers:

Entrants are responsible for displaying their scarecrow no later than **Wednesday, October 20th**. **Pick up of weatherproof sign with scarecrow # assigned for voting is in our office Monday, Oct 18- Oct 20.** Office is located at 295 Meridian Street in Groton.

Judging:

Scarecrow judging will be done both by popular vote and judge's panel. One vote per person/per category. **Ballots are not valid without your name, address included (to ensure no ballot stuffing).** Voting will start on Friday, October 22nd by email to pr@cityofgroton.com.

Prizes: Ribbons will be awarded in 4 categories: Best City Spirit, Spookiest Scarecrow, Funniest & Most Original. Ribbons will be pinned on winning scarecrows on Friday, November 5th. Please keep scarecrows up through the following weekend to show off your ribbon!

Rules: *ALL SCARECROWS MUST BE REGISTERED BY 4 PM ON OCTOBER 14TH*****

✦ 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 and they will not be part of voting process.

✦ Each group or individual may enter only one scarecrow. Scarecrows must remain on display outside from October 20 through November 8, 2021.

✦ 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.

✦ Winners will be announced Friday, November 5th via Facebook and Website.

✦ The City reserves the right to remove them from any city property after November 8th.

