



****OFFICIAL RULES****

Thank you for participating in the Scarecrow Contest! Please review the following rules and guidelines to ensure a fun and fair competition:

****1. Registration Required****

- All participants must register their scarecrow entry to be judged.
- Registration deadline: Monday, October 14th.
- You may choose to set up your scarecrow at Rotary Park (encouraged!) or at your place of business within Putnam.
- Entries from outside the town of Putnam will be assigned a spot in Rotary Park.
- Rotary Park location assignments will be available on October 16th.

****2. Durability and Maintenance****

- Each scarecrow must be constructed to withstand all weather conditions.
- Creators are responsible for maintaining their scarecrow throughout the contest.
- Scarecrows should ideally be displayed from the day of setup through October 31st.

****3. Scarecrow Naming and Sign****

- Each scarecrow must be given a name.
- Clearly display the scarecrow's name on a sign (suggested size: 11" x 17").
- Use this opportunity to share a brief message about your business or organization!

****4. Family-Friendly Event****

- This is a family-friendly event, so please avoid political, religious, or excessively violent scarecrows.
- The Putnam Business Association reserves the right to reject any scarecrow entry that is deemed inappropriate.

****5. Setup and Judging****

- Scarecrows must be set up and ready to be judged by 12:00 PM on Thursday, October 17th.
- Please avoid driving on the grass at Rotary Park.

****6. Judging Criteria****

- Judging will take place on Thursday, October 17th, and will be based on creativity, use of materials, and adherence to a theme.

****7. Selection of Winners****

- Winners will be selected by a panel of 5 judges appointed by the Scarecrow Contest Committee.

****8. Winner Notifications****

- Winners will be notified on the evening of October 17th.
- Winning entries will also be posted on discoverputnam.com and [facebook.com/discoverputnam](https://www.facebook.com/discoverputnam).

****9. Prizes****

- Prizes will consist of vouchers redeemable for a gift card to a Putnam Business Association (PBA) member's establishment.

We look forward to seeing your creative scarecrow entries! Good luck and have fun! For any additional information or inquiries, please contact **Kelly Graves (508)344-9443 kelly.graves@ampf.com**