



Beckley's Scarecrow Decorating Contest



Businesses, organizations and schools are invited to use their creativity to build a scarecrow to display downtown between October 23 and 31.

Scarecrows will be displayed on the light poles along Main, Neville, Prince and Kanawha Streets and in Word Park and Shoemaker Square, or in storefront windows (if preferred by downtown business). The contest is being organized by the City of Beckley along with 4-H/WVU Extension and the Beckley Beautification Commission.

The height of each scarecrow should be between 4 and 6 foot and constructed to withstand weather conditions. Some suggestions of lasting materials – chicken wire, straw, corn husks, stalks, rubber foam; stuffing from plastic bags, bubble wrap; nylon or polyester fabrics, and consider spraying Scotchguard to prevent mildew. *If using a scarecrow kit or commercial scarecrow as your base make sure that you add embellishments and apparel to make them unique.* Entries should be appropriate for family viewing and should not be excessively violent, gruesome, profane or political. The goal is to create a festive atmosphere.

Thanks to the **Beckley Beautification Commission** for sponsoring the awards:

1st place = \$100; 2nd Place = \$50, and 3rd Place = \$25

Scarecrows need to be installed on Saturday, October 23, between 3 and 4 pm, with judging at 4 pm, and awards announced at 5 pm. Scarecrows will be taken down on November 1.

If interested in entering a scarecrow, please complete the **registration form** below and send it in **by October 20, 2021**, by either emailing to jmoorefield@beckley.org or mailing to P O Box 5015, Beckley, WV 25801, or faxing to 304-256-1816.

Name of Contact Person _____

Email Address _____ Phone _____

Business, Organization or School Name _____

Address _____

Title of Entry _____

Check, circle or highlight your location preference for your scarecrow display:

- Neville Street
- Prince Street
- Word Park
- Main Street
- Kanawha Street
- Shoemaker Square

Disclaimer: The City of Beckley and its agents may use photographs of and stories about the scarecrows. Please do not put anything of value or importance on the scarecrow. All parts must be securely fastened. The City assumes no responsibility for the scarecrow or its pieces.