



Beckley's Scarecrow Decorating Contest



Businesses, organizations, and schools are invited to use their creativity to build a scarecrow to display downtown between October 20 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 Raleigh County 4-H/WVU Extension.

The recommended height of each scarecrow should be between 4 and 6 foot and be 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 and build community spirit.

Awards: 1st place = \$100; 2nd Place = \$50, and 3rd Place = \$25, judged by Facebook “likes” on photos in a scarecrow album that will be on the “Beckley Events” Facebook page

Scarecrows need to be installed by Saturday, October 22, at 11 am. A new fall event at Word Park is being planned to recognize the scarecrow decorators, along with offering music by DNS Entertainment DJs, and a few vendors offering fall flavors and items from 11 am – 1 pm. The event may also include a scarecrow costume contest.

The scarecrows can remain on display until November 1.

If interested in entering a scarecrow, please complete the **registration form** below and send it in **by October 20, 2022**, 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 preferred location for your scarecrow display:

- Neville Street - Main Street - Prince Street - Kanawha Street
- Word Park - 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.