Scarecrows In The Square

The <u>Homer City Community Garden</u> is excited to announce that this year, 2023, will be the first **Scarecrows in the Square**. This unique celebration serves as an opportunity to have fun, enhance the beauty of our town, and provide the community with a chance to explore local businesses and organizations.

You are invited to advertise using signs of any kind. However, they must be securely fastened to your scarecrow or a nearby landmark. You can use your scarecrow to promote your business or communicate **a positive message** to the community.

Businesses:

All businesses that are interested are welcome to participate. There is NO charge for displaying a Scarecrow, and participants are permitted to exhibit their business name on the Scarecrow to promote their company.

Non-Business Participants:

- 1. NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS
- 2. INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES

Any organization, individual, or family that is interested is encouraged to participate. There is NO charge for participation in this category. Names of organizations, individuals, or families can be displayed on the Scarecrow.

To register, please contact Marissa at MRFronina12@gmail.com.

Registration for your scarecrow is due by September 17th.

There are three categories available: spooky, funny, and best town spirit. Participation is free, and a prize will be awarded for each first-place category. When registering, kindly provide your name, organization or business, as well as the category you will be selecting to decorate your scarecrow.

Please deliver your scarecrow to the garden on September 24th, between 1-4 pm. We will handle the hanging for you. If you want it in a specific location, include that information during registration. If your business is in town, you may also choose to hang it in front of your business either independently or with our assistance.

Community members will have the opportunity to vote on their favorite Scarecrows in each category, with one winner selected from each. Winners will be presented with a trophy and a basket filled with exciting items. **Voting starts on September 25th and winners will be announced on October 7th at the Fall Festival.** Announcements will also be made on all our social media platforms.

Categories include:

- Spooky/Scariest
- Comical
- Best Town Spirit

Businesses interested in registering as voting sites for the Scarecrow Competition can do so by contacting Marissa through email at MRFronina12@gmail.com. Please register to receive a ballot box by September 23rd. There is NO charge for businesses to serve as voting sites. Ballot boxes and ballots will be provided by HCCG, and an additional ballot box will be available at the garden.