

## **2025 Newton Parks, Recreation & Culture Scarecrow Stroll**

Welcome to the 2025 Scarecrow Stroll. We're so excited that you are interested in submitting a scarecrow for the stroll. Below is some helpful information to help you prepare for the Scarecrow Stroll.

### **Registration:**

Be sure to register online to secure a space for your scarecrow in our Scarecrow Stroll. We'll ask that you provide a name and unique features or facts about your scarecrow for our scavenger hunt adventure.

Online registrations must be submitted by Friday, October 24<sup>th</sup>. Registration can be done online at [www.newtonmarec.com](http://www.newtonmarec.com) under the Programs section, then click on Scarecrow Stroll.

It is understood when submitting an entry and setting up a scarecrow that Newton Parks, Recreation & Culture and the City of Newton may use photographs of the scarecrows, as well as information displayed on the sign.

### **Rules and Guidelines:**

Create your own unique and family friendly scarecrow to be displayed at Nahanton Park during the Scarecrow Stroll. It can be wild, furry, funny, bizarre, or spooky, as long as it is family friendly and appropriate for all audiences.

1. You may build a single scarecrow, or a scarecrow scene
2. Scarecrows and scenes can not exceed a 4 feet x 6 feet square
3. Scarecrows need to be built to withstand the elements for the days they are on display
4. You must supply all materials needed to display your scarecrow, for example a chair for your scarecrow to sit in or a post and zip ties or rope to attach it to so it can stand up
5. All items must be secured – no loose items that can blow away
6. Scarecrows may not include flammable, electrical, battery-operated items, or breakable (glass) items
7. Scarecrows may not include political materials or weapons

Newton Parks, Recreation & Culture is not responsible for anything damaged, lost or stolen. We reserve the right to remove any scarecrow or scarecrow elements that do not meet these family-friendly standards. Any scarecrow that is left after November 10th will be removed and discarded.

**Installation and Set Up:**

All participants will be assigned an outdoor location at Nahanton Park to set up their scarecrow. Participants may park at the nature center, or the overflow canoe parking lot area to set up their scarecrow. The entrance to Nahanton Park is 455 Nahanton Street and both the nature center and overflow parking can be accessed from Nahanton Street.

1. Scarecrows must be made off site and brought to Nahanton Park on the designated day to be set up
2. Scarecrows may be set up on Friday, November 7<sup>th</sup> after 2:00 pm and must be set up by 10:00 am on Saturday, November 8<sup>th</sup>.
3. Participants must bring all materials needed to set up their scarecrow. All items must be secured – no loose items that can blow away
4. A sign will be supplied by Newton Parks, Recreation & Culture to display the name of the scarecrow and sponsoring group/department/program

**Public Viewing Hours:**

Scarecrows will be on display to the public from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm on Saturday, November 7<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, November 8<sup>th</sup>. A map of scarecrow locations along with a fun scavenger hunt sheet will be available at the park and for families to download. After viewing all of the scarecrows, the public will be able to vote on their favorite scarecrow by scanning the qr code on the map. Voting will be active from 11:00 am on Saturday, November 8<sup>th</sup> through 1:30 pm on Sunday, November 9<sup>th</sup>.

**Scarecrow Tips/Supplies:**

Consider using old shirts, pants, buttons, hats, gloves, socks, glue, pillowcases, yarn, felt tip pens, rubber bands, safety pins, bamboo poles, ropes, craft wire, recycled shopping bags stuffed with newspapers, straw or rags (good for stuffing scarecrow). Creativity and having fun making your scarecrow are your goals. Give your scarecrow a name that represents your creation. Make sure all materials used can withstand the elements.

**Award Ceremony:**

Join us for an awards ceremony on Sunday, November 9<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm at the Outdoor Classroom area at Nahanton Park for certificates that recognize a variety of categories including spectator favorite, most creative, best celebrity impression, and more.

**Removal of Materials:**

Scarecrow displays may be removed starting at 3:00 pm on Sunday, November 9<sup>th</sup> and must be removed by 5:00 pm on Monday, November 10<sup>th</sup>. Any materials left after November 10<sup>th</sup> will be discarded.