



Join us for a
**2020 SCARECROW
CONTEST**

to celebrate

OUR COMMUNITY

When: October 5 - 31

Who: Hercules Resident, Business and Recognized Nonprofit.

Display the week of: October 26 - 31

Two categories: Traditional and Interpretive
(see rules.)

Submit: Entry forms by October 13 to be eligible.

Photos Due: By midnight on Wednesday, October 21.

Email form and photos of your scarecrow to
croke@ci.hercules.ca.us.

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Dear Community,

We are excited to announce the return of the *Hercules Scarecrow Contest*! The *Hercules Scarecrow Contest* is a free event for the community. To participate you must...

1. Complete and submit the 2020 Scarecrow Contest entry form to the Hercules Parks and Recreation Department by Tuesday, October 13.
2. Build/create your own Scarecrow and display it outside the week of October 26-31.
3. There are two categories: **Traditional** and **Interpretive** (for more info, see rules).
4. Prizes (to be named later) will be awarded in each category.
5. Winners will be determined by the Scarecrow that receives the most votes.

Included in this packet

- *Scarecrow Contest* entry form
- *Scarecrow Contest* Tips, Tricks & Rules Oh My!
- Event Timeline

Email completed entry forms to my attention at croke@ci.hercules.ca.us by October 13 to be eligible.

Sincerely,

Christopher Roke

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Parks & Recreation Director



2020 CITY OF HERCULES SCARECROW CONTEST OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Address: _____ Zip (if other than Hercules) _____

Check one:

- Hercules Resident Hercules Business
 City Recognized Nonprofit Other _____

Entry Category:

- Traditional Scarecrow Interpretative Scarecrow

*IF Business, please complete the following...

Business Name: _____ Owners Name: _____

Business Address (if different from above): _____

- I agree to build and decorate a scarecrow and participate in the event per the rules.
- I agree to display the scarecrow throughout the duration of the event.
- I agree to have fun marketing the event to my friends, neighbors, customers, etc.
- I agree to take photos of the scarecrow and
 1. Send photos electronically to the City of Hercules for use in the Scarecrow contest event.
 2. Post photos of scarecrow on my social media accounts with **#HerculesScarecrowContest**
- I agree that the City of Hercules is not liable for damaged or stolen items that are displayed on the Scarecrow.
- I agree if my scarecrow is deemed inappropriate, the City of Hercules has the right to remove my entry from the competition.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

✂-----City of Hercules Use Only-----

Received by: _____ Date: _____



2020 City of Hercules Scarecrow Contest **TIPS, TRICKS & RULES Oh My!**

Scarecrow Construction Tips & Tricks

Base: Start with a sturdy base. For ease of moving your scarecrow inside every night, it is recommended using a 5-gallon bucket and a bag of concrete. *NOTE:* Be sure to leave room to attach the frame (i.e. if using 1" pvc, place a slightly larger piece of pvc in the concrete, so you can slide the scarecrow in and out of the base).

Frame: For the frame, we recommend using two (2) sticks or two (2) boards (approximately 1 to 2" in diameter) fastened together by rope, twine, string, glue or screws. An alternative would be to use pvc pipe to construct your scarecrow (1" or 1 1/2" pvc should suffice). Intersect the sticks/boards/pvc in a T or a cross shape unless you plan to have your scarecrow in a position other than vertical. *Giving your scarecrow a sturdy base and frame will make it easy to withstand the wind.

Body: Once you have a frame it is recommended to pin or sew the head to the shirt, and shirt to pants. Consider jeans, overalls, sweats or a jumpsuit stuffed with straw, old leaves, newspapers, Styrofoam, etc.

Head: typically made with pillowcases, burlap, pantyhose, etc...stuffed with straw. They can also be made from plastic pumpkins, plastic milk jugs, garbage bags, Styrofoam, or old sports equipment (i.e. a basketball/soccerball).

Face: eyes, noses, and mouths are sometimes fabricated from felt, yarn, seeds, gourds, corncobs, buttons, or painted (**be sure to use waterproof paint*) directly onto the head material. Hats and hair made from straw, yarn, twine, rope, etc, are frequently used to cover the top of the head. Hats, helmets, masks, etc. are also used sometimes. The face can be a point of viewer focus, so be sure to give your scarecrows face adequate consideration for its features.

Scarecrow Contest Rules...

Categories: There are 2 categories in the 2020 City of Hercules Scarecrow Contest...

1. *Traditional Scarecrow:* Made of straw, wearing clothes...
2. *Interpretive Scarecrow:* Creative, unique representation of a scarecrow...imaginative...

One winner for each category. Entries are not official until an entry form and photos are submitted; winners decided by the most votes from the public. *See "Voting" info below.

Display: All Entries **MUST** be completed and on display the entire week of October 26-31, to be judged. To ensure your entry is seen, email photos of your scarecrow to croke@ci.hercules.ca.us before midnight on Wednesday, October 21. *OPTIONAL: Scarecrows may be brought inside every night.

Example of how to make a Scarecrow... (input "[how to make a scarecrow](#)" on any engine search)

Suggested Materials and Supplies...

Sticks/boards/pvc	Clothing	Duct Tape	Twill
Bucket	Scissors	Hot Glue Gun	Rope
Concrete mix	Wire Cutter	Thread	String
Hay	Pliers	Yarn	Wire

Decorating Guidelines:

- Must be in good taste and “Family Friendly”
- No Religious or Political Statements
- No Advertising (other than the name of your shop or business)
- Businesses encouraged to use merchandise from your Business

Voting & awards: information on the voting process will be placed on the City of Hercules Parks and Rec page online, and/or social media before the contest begins. **#HerculesScarecrowContest.** The winning scarecrows will be pinned with a huge ‘WINNER’ button and ribbon. All participants will receive a certificate of participation.

Traditional Scarecrow examples...



Interpretive Scarecrow examples...

