

The weather is cooling, the leaves are falling, and the **Scarecrows** are coming!

## Scarecrows in the Park,

a new celebration of fall presented by Knox County Parks and Recreation, will be held during October at New Harvest Park. Join the fun—create and enter your Scarecrow in the contest! The Scarecrows will be on display along the greenway trail at the park for the public to view and vote on beginning on October 22, at 3 p.m. at the Farmers Market. Winners will be announced at the **Harvest Festival** on October 24.

### Great Prizes!

A **\$100** prize will be awarded to the winner in each category! Second place will receive a **free shelter rental** at any Knox County Park!

### Rules and Guidelines:

- Anyone can participate – schools, businesses, families, and community groups are all welcome.
- Cash prizes will be awarded in two categories, **Adult/Professional** and **Student/Youth**.
- Scarecrows must be in good taste and suitable for viewing by families and small children. Those that reflect any controversial social or political situations will not be accepted, nor will those with an overtly commercial or promotional nature.
- Scarecrows must be either freestanding, supported by a prop (wheelbarrow, chair, etc.), or built around a stake.
- Scarecrows must be entirely constructed by entrants. No commercially made scarecrows allowed.
- Each entrant will be given one bale of straw provided by **The Home Depot**.
- Scarecrow and entire display must fit in a 10 x 10 foot area.
- Scarecrows will be subject to the weather, so they must be constructed with weather-resistant materials. Knox County reserves the right to remove any scarecrow that deteriorates to an unacceptable level. Please make them as weatherproof as possible.
- Knox County is not responsible for loss or damage to scarecrows while on display, or on park property.
- Please do not include any live plant material or mulch with your display. Pumpkins, gourds, etc., that will not be affected by weather, are acceptable.
- Knox County will provide consistent signage identifying the name of your scarecrow and your organization.
- Knox County will determine the location for your scarecrow.
- Judging will be by public balloting and a panel of judges, and winners will be announced October 24.
- Knox County reserves the right to use photographs and/or names of individuals and organizations for advertising or promotional purposes.
- All proceeds will benefit the Legacy Parks Foundation.



## Important Dates:

**October 16** – Complete the registration form, include payment, and mail or bring to Knox County Parks and Recreation. You will receive an email confirmation upon receipt of payment. If you do not receive confirmation within a week, please call 215-6607.

**October 21**– Bring your completed scarecrow to the park. Set up will be from 2 until 7 p.m. at New Harvest Park, 4775 New Harvest Lane.

**October 22-23** – Scarecrows will be on display and ballots accepted from the community.

**October 24** – Announcement of winners at the Harvest Festival with storytelling, pumpkin painting, etc.

**November 1** – Scarecrows must be removed from the park. Any scarecrows remaining after this date will be disposed of or recycled by **Ijams Nature Center**.

## Registration Form:

Yes, register me/us for Scarecrows in the Park!

Entry category (check only one)  Youth/Student  Adult/Professional

I have read the Rules and Guidelines for Scarecrows in the Park.

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CONTACT NAME

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ORGANIZATION/BUSINESS/FAMILY NAME

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NAME OF SCARECROW

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ADDRESS

ZIP CODE

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TELEPHONE (daytime)

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EMAIL

## Payment:

Number of entries \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$10.00 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ total enclosed.

All proceeds will benefit the **Legacy Parks Foundation**.

Return this form and payment to: Knox County Parks and Recreation, 2447 Sutherland Avenue, Knoxville, TN 37919

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