



VILLAGE OF HOMER GLEN PRESENTS:

SCARECROW LANE

JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL SCARECROW LANE!

Decorate a Scarecrow for display during the month of October. Individuals, families, organizations, and businesses can participate.

Limited Quantities Available! Six-foot-tall cross sticks will be supplied to all registrants. There are 25 Scarecrow locations available to be sold on a first-come, first-served basis.

Registration/Entry Fee: The non-refundable entry fee of \$15.00 includes pre-made six-foot-tall cross sticks to mount your scarecrow.

Guidelines and Entry Rules: Please see the attached page.

Pick-up time and location: Pick Up your Scarecrow **starting on September 2, 2025**, at Village Hall's Event door located on the West side.

Drop Off: Scarecrows **DUE on Thursday, September 25 from 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM** at the Active Core in Heritage Park. The scarecrow on your cross sticks will be placed over a post pre-staked at the park. A sign indicating the name and builder of the scarecrow will be provided and installed. Village staff will determine the placement location and install the scarecrows.

Voting/Awards dates: Winners will be determined by an online vote. They will be contacted by Wednesday, November 5, to receive their prize.

Scarecrow Removal: Scarecrow crosses will be removed by Village Staff starting on Wednesday, November 1. You can pick up your scarecrow at Village Hall's Event door located on the West side. The Village is not responsible for loss or damages to scarecrows.

IF YOU CAN'T PICK UP YOUR SCARECROW ON THE DATE MENTIONED ABOVE AND WOULD LIKE TO KEEP IT, PLEASE EMAIL EVENTS AT EVENTS@HOMERGLENIL.ORG TO MAKE OTHER ARRANGEMENTS.

For more information please contact Dan Waddick, Events Coordinator at dwaddick@homerglenil.org or 708-301-0632.

GUIDELINES/TIPS & ENTRY RULES

- Any individual, family, organization, school, or business is welcome to participate. (Limit one per family/organization/business).
- Scarecrows must be original and made by the registrant.
- The Village of Homer Glen reserves the right to remove any scarecrow that deteriorates to an unacceptable level during the month. Please make your scarecrow as weather-proof and indestructible as possible. The Village of Homer Glen is not responsible for loss or damage to scarecrows while on display or in the drop-off/pick-up areas.
- Please do not use valuable materials or objects as the scarecrows will not be monitored.
- The Village of Homer Glen will provide signage for your scarecrow and install all scarecrows.
- **No handouts, promotional material or free giveaways can be associated with your entry.**
- **No phone numbers, website addresses or advertising may be placed on the display.**
- The name of a business or organization is permitted.
- All display items must be attached to the scarecrow or cross stick. No items are to be placed around the display.
- Entries must be suited for viewing by small children. Entries that are controversial, religious, political, or graphic in nature will not be accepted. The Village of Homer Glen reserves the right to remove any scarecrow it deems offensive or inappropriate.
- The Village of Homer Glen reserves the right to use photographs, organization names, contact names, and scarecrow names for publicity purposes.
- Registrants may check on their scarecrow throughout the month and touch up if needed.
- Scarecrows will be subject to the weather for one month, so they need to be constructed with weather-resistant materials.
- Clothing that does not fade easily, such as nylon and polyester hold up better than cotton. Applying Scotchgard will help protect the fabric.
- Stuffing can be anything, but newspaper or water-soluble peanuts will not work or hold up to weather. Plastic bags hold up for months. Newspaper can be placed inside plastic bags for stuffing.
- There should be **no** loose items on the scarecrow.
- Secure all items by sewing, nailing, or using waterproof adhesive. Sewing is best, but large safety pins or staples will work well.

- Clear tape will not hold up to weather, but colored electrical tape or duct tape will work well. The wind will blow anything not secured well and can rip things pinned at corners.
- There should be **no** loose accessories placed near or around your scarecrow.
Everything must be attached to your scarecrow or cross.
- Avoid using food or other substances that may attract wildlife. Facial expression is the first thing a viewer will notice.
- For the head, options could be an old milk jug, gourd, pot, wood, ball, pillowcase, or burlap bag (with painted or sewn on face).
- Ideas for hair: yarn, broom, shredded plastic, moss, raffia, or old mop head.
- Clothes: check out thrift stores for colorful, cheap clothing and accessories.
- Remember the details: a glittering pair of high-heeled shoes, for example, will help your scarecrow stand out.
- Do not use latex gloves, as they quickly disintegrate outdoors. Hands made from stuffed gloves covered with electrical tape are better for withstanding weather. Spray Scotchgard fabric protector inside and out of clothes and other items to prevent mildew. Paper-mache, even with Scotchgard will not last the whole month.

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