

MIKE CUNNINGHAM'S ANNUAL SCARECROW CONTEST

Help us decorate Downtown Sun Prairie for fall! Create a frightening (or fun!) scarecrow to be displayed in Downtown Sun Prairie from October 3rd - 31st, for a chance to win up to \$200!



Design a scarecrow depicting your favorite fairytale, storybook, animal, fantasy figure, or anything you can dream up!

AWARDS!

Adult (Individual or Groups) Prizes:

First Place: \$200 in gift cards

Second Place: \$100 in gift cards

Youth, 17 & Under* Prizes:

*Individual or Groups 10 or less with minimal adult support

First Place: \$200 in gift cards

Second Place: \$100 in gift cards

Mike Cunningham Business Category Prize:

Winning Prize: \$250 in gift cards

Crowd Favorite Prize:

Winning Prize: \$150 gift cards

Judging: Entries will be judged on originality, quality, and design. Judge's decision is final. Winners will be contacted directly, announced on the Downtown Sun Prairie Facebook page and in The Sun Prairie Star.

Crowd Favorite Judging: Vote for your favorite scarecrow online. View the Downtown website social pages for the link beginning October 5th.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION



Entry Fee: FREE! There is NO cost to enter

FRAME: Frames can be picked up throughout September at the following locations:

- Saturday at the Downtown Farmer's Market from 7 am - 12 pm (Located on Market Street)
- Daily at Beans n Cream, 345 Cannery Square
- Daily at Bank of Sun Prairie, 228 E. Main Street

Construction Information:

- Must be durable to withstand Wisconsin's October weather, including sun, wind, and rain.
- Decorations must be firmly attached.
- DO NOT USE STRAW, it's considered a fire hazard
- Scarecrows must be able to be moved in one piece and should not contain separate props (shoes must be sewn in if used). IF PROPS ARE NOT SECURED ARE AT RISK OF NOT BEING DISPLAYED.
- No lights, lanterns, or perishable items.
- Minimum height is 4', maximum is 10'.
- Maximum width is 4'.

Drop Off: All scarecrow entries MUST be dropped off at Sun Prairie's Farmer's Market on Saturday, October 3rd from 8:00 am - 12:00 pm. **Scarecrows will not be accepted after 12 pm on October 3rd, 2026.**

OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

TURN IN WITH YOUR SCARECROW ON OCTOBER 3, 2026 AT THE FARMERS MARKET IN CANNERY SQUARE

Contact Name:

Phone Number:

Email Address:

Scarecrow Title:

Group/Business Name:

Category (circle one): Adult Youth Business

Disclaimer: The City of Sun Prairie and Sun Prairie Downtown Business Improvement District (BID) are not responsible for the safety of scarecrows and materials on display. The scarecrow contest is a family friendly community event. The BID reserves the right to disqualify entries felt to be distasteful or that are not family friendly.

I understand that the Sun Prairie Downtown Business Improvement District may use photographs of scarecrows entries and entry information for publicity and promotion of the event, including the publication of award recipients. If you would like your scarecrow returned to you, details will be emailed to all participants prior to November 1st

Signature:
