

# St. Charles Scarecrow Weekend

October 7<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Proudly Presented by the **ST. CHARLES BUSINESS ALLIANCE**

## SCARECROW CONTEST ENTRY FORM



**FREE TO ENTER!**

Categories are open to **ALL** and will be displayed throughout Downtown!

### CONTEST PRIZES

#### Mechanical/Mega Category

1<sup>st</sup> Place \$500; 2<sup>nd</sup> Place \$350; 3<sup>rd</sup> Place \$100

#### Clubs, Not-for Profit, Schools Category

1<sup>st</sup> Place \$200; 2<sup>nd</sup> Place \$150; 3<sup>rd</sup> Place \$100

#### Individuals Category

1<sup>st</sup> Place \$200; 2<sup>nd</sup> Place \$150; 3<sup>rd</sup> Place \$100

#### Business Category

1<sup>st</sup> Place \$200; 2<sup>nd</sup> Place \$150; 3<sup>rd</sup> Place \$100

\*\*\*\*\*Voting will take place in person at the event.

### PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE ALL INFORMATION

Business/Organization/Individual Name: \_\_\_\_\_ If a business, are you a sponsor? \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ (to send receipt notification & check-in information)

**ENTRY SIZES:** **MECHANICAL/MEGA CATEGORY** will receive an **8'x 8' SPACE**. **ALL OTHER CATEGORIES** – will receive a **4' W X 6' D SPACE**.  
Scarecrows will be displayed throughout downtown and fit in their allotted space.

**IMPORTANT:** For voting purposes & accuracy, please provide a name for your entry on this application or email it by Sept 27, 2022!

Category: \_\_\_\_\_ Name of scarecrow: \_\_\_\_\_

Provide a detailed description of your scarecrow in order to best pair you with a location: \_\_\_\_\_

By signing this entry form, I hereby agree to the contest rules as listed on the back of this application. I release/hold harmless The St Charles Business Alliance, its employees, officers & agents from any & all claims for loss, damage or injury incurred by Scarecrow Contest participation.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*Due to Covid-19, event details are subject to change\***

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

- Scarecrows reflecting controversial, social, religious or political opinions/statements will **NOT** be accepted. The St. Charles Business Alliance reserves the right to remove any scarecrow it deems offensive, inappropriate or in direct competition.
- If you are unable to create your scarecrow for any reason, please contact the Alliance immediately so that your designated space can be filled.

## SCARECROW CONTEST CATEGORY DESCRIPTIONS:

1. **Mechanical/Mega:** *Mechanical* - Only category that is provided with electricity and allowed moving parts. Electricity must be the only means of mechanization. Entrants supply their own 50ft outdoor extension cord. *Mega* – Make an impact with a large 8 X 8 display. Neither power nor moving parts.
2. **Clubs, Not-for-Profits and Schools:** Whether your organization is for adults or young people, school, fraternal group, sports team or any other not-for-profit cause, this category lets designers use any materials to create a scarecrow display of any theme.
3. **Individuals:** Open to entries created by one or more individuals not affiliated with a business or organization.
4. **Business:** Open to for-profit businesses. Display may reflect & promote business, may be traditionally or whimsically themed, and constructed of any materials.

## CONTEST RULES:

### ❖ General

- All entries (except Mechanical/Mega) will receive a 4' wide x 6' deep space. NO EXCEPTIONS
- Mechanical/Mega – maximum space is 8' x 8'
- The ST. CHARLES BUSINESS ALLIANCE IS NOT responsible for the scarecrows throughout the weekend. (Limited Security)
- NO hand-outs at your contest display. Flyers are only given out by sponsor or vendor only.
- All entries are to be displayed Friday thru Sunday. Any scarecrow NOT removed by 7:00PM Sunday will be discarded.
- One entry per category per person, family, business or organization. Entries in multiple categories permitted.

### ❖ Theme/Signage

- Display may reflect a special theme and/or promote a not-for-profit organization, event or business
- Must be in good taste & constructed to withstand weather
- **Must be secured to stand on pavement/concrete (weighted down – sandbags, water jugs, cinderblocks, etc.) ALL Entries (Except Mechanical/Mega) must be weighted. – More details to follow.**
- Signage may be displayed to identify or promote your business, event or organization. Please use weatherproof signs.

### ❖ Design

- Scarecrow entries/designs must be NEW each year.
- The ST. CHARLES BUSINESS ALLIANCE reserves the right to change the category if the scarecrow does not meet the criteria of submitted category.
- No items such as tiki torches or gas-powered generators allowed
- All categories may display lights (powered by batteries only, unless in Mechanical category).
- Mechanical category entries are the ONLY entries that receive electricity.

### ❖ Check-in and Set-up

- All entries will be assigned a location, based on layout created by the ST. CHARLES BUSINESS ALLIANCE.
- Set-up is Thursday, October 6<sup>th</sup>; times will be set up individually. Set-up details will be emailed by September 24<sup>th</sup>.
- A sign will be provided for voting purposes (ie., Individual Category F-10) at your assigned display location.

### ❖ Tear Down

- Tear down is Sunday, October 9<sup>th</sup> from 5-7 PM. Any remaining scarecrows after 7:00 Sunday night will be discarded.
- We suggest you claim your entry on Sunday at 5:00 PM. Scarecrows have been reported missing when not claimed on time.

### How to Enter

**Mail or email this form by September 17, 2022**

St. Charles Business Alliance

Attn: Scarecrow Contest

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