

Downtown Aiken Scarecrow Contest

We are so excited to have your organization/business participating in the Inaugural Downtown Aiken Scarecrow Contest! We hope that this is a fun way to promote your organization/business while also brightening up downtown. Please take a moment to read through all rules and complete the application at the bottom. If you have any questions or concerns, please give us a call at (803)649-2221 or email us at adda_asst@atlantic.net.

Rules:

1. This is a family-friendly event. Scarecrows and decorations can be humorous, lovable, whimsical, but not frightening or distasteful. Aiken Downtown Development Association has the right to reject any and all scarecrows deemed offensive or inappropriate.
2. Decoration entries must be fall themed.
3. Scarecrows and decorations will be mounted to lamp posts on Laurens, Park, Hayne, Pendleton, and Richland and assigned at registration by Aiken Downtown Development Association. Downtown merchants will be allowed the opportunity to use a nearby lamp post, on a first come first serve basis and all other organizations will be assigned.
4. Installations will take place beginning Friday, October 9th and must be completed by the end of the day on Sunday, October 18th.
5. Scarecrows and decorations must be durable and able to stand up to sun, wind and rain. Use care in choosing your materials. Clothing materials must be firmly attached to the scarecrow.
6. Scarecrows must be secured by zip ties or string. NO metal or wire allowed on any downtown fixture. All parts of the scarecrow should be securely fastened.
7. If you choose to use fresh vegetables or fruits (like pumpkins) they must be whole and not punctured or carved, to ensure they last through the duration of the contest.
8. Scarecrows and decorations must be maintained by the individual/club/organization/business displaying them. We recommend that you check on your scarecrow periodically to make sure it remains in presentable condition.
9. All entries must have a weatherproof sign to identify the entry: group/business name and/or logo. Your sign should be no larger than 11 x 17 inches. No political statements allowed.
10. All entry pictures will be posted on the Aiken Downtown Development Association Facebook page beginning October 19th.
11. Voting: The public can vote online at the Aiken Downtown Development Association Facebook page. Voting will be open to the public through Thursday, November 5th and an overall winner will be announced on Friday, November 6th.

12. All entries will be on display until Saturday, November 7th and must be removed by Sunday, November 8th.

13. Entries not removed by Monday, November 9, will be taken down by the Aiken Downtown Development Association and disposed of.

14. We recommend that you check on your scarecrow periodically to make sure it remains in presentable condition.

15. Aiken Downtown Development Association reserves the right to remove any entry for not meeting the criteria of being a scarecrow or decoration.

Please note that ADDA is not responsible for missing display items or displays. All displays are in the open, so displays are at your own risk. Please do not use weapons, personal, or sentimental items. All Contest Rules are listed above and must be followed. For more information call Aiken Downtown Development Association at (803)649-2221 or email us at adda_asst@atlantic.net

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Organizations and Businesses interested in participating MUST submit the following via email or post-mail by **OCTOBER 4, 2020:**

1. A completed **APPLICATION FORM** (See Below)
2. **Photos and/or a description below** of your plans for your scarecrow display. (i.e. theme, signage, type of scarecrow, etc.)
3. **Exhibitor Fee - \$10.00** Please, checks only, made out to ADDA with memo listed as "Scarecrow Contest". (If the committee feels your design is not appropriate for this event, you will be refunded the full \$10.00.)

Email: (adda_asst@atlantic.net with a subject line of "Scarecrow Contest")
(OR)

Post-mail: (ATTN: Scarecrow Contest to 208A The Alley, Aiken, SC 29801)

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APPLICATION FORM –

Business/Organization Name: _____

Applicant's Name/Point of Contact: _____

Business/Organization Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone #: _____

Brief description of your scarecrow and theme:

By initialing here you acknowledge that you are responsible for your scarecrow and any maintenance. _____