



To Enter Your Crow!
(Bring Your Crow and WIN CASH Prizes!)
The Scarecrows are Back...



For our Wildly Popular New Baltimore (20th Annual)

Scarecrow Contest 2025

Downtown New Baltimore, MI

Ride the Wave Committee

And

Downtown Development Authority (DDA)

The Ride the Wave Committee and the Downtown Development Authority (DDA), will be entering a joint venture for our popular, annual Scarecrow Contest. Any individual, group or business can enter the contest for an entry fee of **\$10.00** per entry.

Scarecrows will be displayed FOR VOTING AT DOWNTOWN NEW BALTIMORE BUSINESSES, from September 29 through November 2, 2025
Email Sandy McClure at sandralaea3333@gmail.com, for more details
Scarecrows must be picked up between November 3 and November 10. They will be located along the back, outside wall of New Baltimore City Hall, in the fenced area. The fence will not be locked for Scarecrows. Any scarecrows that have not been claimed by November 10th will be the property of the DDA and Ride the

The Scarecrows will be displayed along Washington & Green, affixed to the lamp posts.

Official rules and regulations

1. Fill out an entry form -- return with a check or money order for \$10.00 (made payable to Ride The Wave), along with your scarecrow to "City Hall", (36535 Green Street, New Baltimore) on, **Wednesday, September 24, or on Thursday, September 25, from 6:00 pm to 8:00 p.m. each night.** A number will be assigned to your scarecrow at this time. Your scarecrow MUST be dropped off on one of these 2 designated nights.
2. A written description of your entry and title must accompany your OFFICIAL SCARECROW COMPETITION ENTRY BLANK. DDA and Ride the Wave reserves the right to refuse a scarecrow entry which we feel may be offensive to the general public.

NEW: WE CANNOT ACCEPT POLITICAL SCARECROWS OF ANY KIND.

3. **Scarecrows must be erected on a 2 X 4 post. The Scarecrow cannot be taller than 5'7".** Scarecrows may not touch the ground; no materials may be put on the ground around the scarecrow. We will secure your scarecrow for you at a location downtown.
4. In order to qualify for displaying and judging, your scarecrow MUST BE WEATHER-RESISTANT. (KEEP IN MIND THAT RAINS A LOT IN OCTOBER!) DDA and Ride the Wave reserves the right to remove any scarecrow that does not hold up to the natural elements.
5. NO PERISHABLE GOODS may be used in the construction of your scarecrow (pumpkins, squash, etc)
6. DDA and Ride the Wave ARE NOT RESPONSIBLE for scarecrows on display.
7. There will be VOTING BOXES at the Downtown New Baltimore businesses. LOOK FOR THE "VOTE HERE" SIGNS in the windows of downtown businesses. Votes will be counted for each category, and **WINNERS will be announced on November 3rd.**
8. Scarecrows must be picked up between November 3 and November 10, from the back, outside wall of New Baltimore City Hall inside fenced area. Any scarecrows that have not been claimed by November 10th, will be the property of the DDA and Ride the Wave Committee.
9. DDA and Ride the Wave reserves the right to photograph entries for any promotional purpose. Photographs become the property of DDA and Ride the Wave Committee
10. **Everyone is invited to join in the fun. Applications will be available at the New Baltimore City Hall, and on the following website, at: www.cityofnewbaltimore.org or at the Ride The Wave Facebook page.**

11. NEW RULE – BALLOT STUFFING WILL DISQUALIFY ANY APPLICANT. NO REFUNDS FOR BALLOT STUFFERS. WE ARE SO SORRY, BUT BALLOT STUFFING IS NOT FAIR TO ANYONE ELSE WHO ENTERS AND IT IS ALWAYS OBVIOUS WHO IS BALLOT STUFFING. WE MUST KEEP THE COMPETITION FAIR FOR ALL. SO PLEASE KEEP YOUR CROW IN THE CONTEST AND AVOID BALLOT STUFFING.

After the "Crows" are up, Voting will be at:

Downtown New Baltimore Businesses – Look for the "Vote Here" Sign

We will have three categories for WINNERS:

Category 1. Adult -

- ◇ Local Adults 13 and over will compete here!

Category 2. The Children's Scarecrow:

- ◇ Children 12 and under – use your own imagination and make a scarecrow you think would scare off all the blackbirds.

Category 3. Local Organization/Business

- ◇ Businesses and Organizations can compete against each other for the BEST CROW!

Types of Scarecrows (this is just a helpful tool below, you can make any style of crow):

A traditional Scarecrow -

Create a traditional scarecrow. Use materials that have been used on functional scarecrows in fields and gardens for centuries ... and do it with your own creativity.

An Abstract Scarecrow

Construct a creative piece that gives an awesome effect in the garden - using non-traditional materials - i.e., aluminum, tin, steel, etc.

SCARECROW COLLECTION INFORMATION BELOW:

Entry forms (below), and Your Crow, can be dropped off at City Hall, 36370 Main Street, New Baltimore on: Wednesday September 24, 2025 from 6-8 pm, or on Thursday, September 25, 2025 from 6-8 pm.

Prizes for each Category: 1st. \$100.00 2nd: \$ 50.00

Scarecrow Entry Form 2025

Name			
Address:			
City	Zip:		
Phone	Adult	Childrens	Organization/ Business
Email			
Company/School (if applicable)			
Title of Entry			
Written Description of your "Crow"			
Signature			
I understand and agree to all of the rules outlined in the above pages.			



**NO. # _____
(Assigned by Ride The Wave)**

For more information or forms please call Sandy McClure 586-530-5020 between 9:00 am and 5:00 pm. Or, visit the following websites: cityofnewbaltimore.org, nbrecreation.org, or visit Ride The Wave, Downtown New Baltimore on Facebook.
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