



PORTSMOUTH SMART GROWTH 21st CENTURY PS21 SUMMARY OF EVENTS 2014 - 2016

Portsmouth Smart Growth for the 21st Century (PS21) is a group of residents and business people who support and present informational events as a basis for discussing planning and development in Portsmouth. PS21 presents ideas and encourages discussion and policy development towards a long-term vision for the city. Our goal is to support a vibrant, sustainable, livable, and walkable community compatible with the principles of Smart Growth, the historic nature of Portsmouth, and the context of the 21st century.

PS21 maintains a website, including an archive of video recordings of its many events, at www.ps21.info

Partners and sponsors for PS21 events include the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation, Piscataqua Savings Bank, Geoffrey E. Clark and Martha Fuller Clark Donor Fund of the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation, the City of Portsmouth, Seacoast Rotary Club, Portsmouth Housing Authority, Esther's Marina, PortsmouthNH.com, Seacoast Local, the Coruway Film Institute, 3S Artspace, Seacoast Repertory Theatre, Seacoast Media Group (media sponsor), and donations from numerous corporations and individuals.

PS21 has sponsored a variety of free, public special events since 2014. These include:

- ***Climate Change and Portsmouth***

Internationally recognized climatologist Cameron Wake will discuss the impact of climate change, particularly with regard to Portsmouth.

Upcoming on March 30, 2016 at 7 PM, 3S Artspace (with community social hour at 6 PM)

- ***A Smart Growth Approach to Affordable Housing (Two workshops)***

Philadelphia-based national planning and smart-growth expert Jennifer Hurley PS21 in partnership with the City of Portsmouth and the Portsmouth Housing Authority

January 28, 2016 at 7 PM, 3S Artspace (with community social hour at 6 PM)

Participants: 150

January 29, 2016 at 11:30 AM to 3 PM, Portsmouth Public Library

Participants: 70

- ***Robert Campbell: Architecture Is The Art of Creating Places***
 Historic architecture and changing cityscapes were the focus of Pulitzer Prize-winning architectural critic Robert Campbell’s presentation, along with what makes good architecture transcend eras and locales.
 October 6, 2015 at 7 PM, 3S Artspace (with community social hour at 6 PM)
 Participants: 200
- ***Seacoast Transportation: New Modes for Getting Around***
 Bill Lyons, federal transportation expert; Steve Pesci, director of special projects at UNH; Scott Bogle, senior transportation planner at Rockingham Planning Commission
 May 12, 2015 at 7 PM, 3S Artspace
 Participants: 90
- ***Street Smarts: Managing Parking, Traffic, and the Pedestrian Experience in Portsmouth***
 Design expert and Portsmouth resident Rick Chellman
 April 28, 2015, Portsmouth Public Library
 Participants: 75
- ***Parking Policies for a Successful Downtown***
 Parking expert and Cornell University professor Michael Manville
 April 2, 2015 at 7 PM, 3S Artspace
 Participants: 100
- ***Virtual Walking Tour of Islington Street Corridor and West End***
 Held in support with city’s charrette on West End character-based zoning
 February 10 at 6 PM, White Heron Café
 Participants: 50
- ***Towards a More Walkable Portsmouth***
 “Walkable City” expert and author Jeff Speck
 January 22, 2015 at 7 PM, Seacoast Repertory Theatre
 Participants: 200 for evening presentation

“How: A Walkability Workshop” for professional planners and the public
 January 23, 2015 at 10 AM, Portsmouth City Hall
 Participants: 60 for professionals workshop
- ***Walking Tour of Portsmouth’s North End***
 November 8, 2014, 10 AM
 North End neighborhood
 Participants: 50

- **“Shift,” A Plan NH Workshop by Robin LeBlanc, on thinking about Portsmouth’s future by examining assumptions**
October 22, 2014 at 7 PM, Portsmouth Middle School Auditorium
Participants: 40

- **Book discussion of *Walkable City* by Jeff Speck**
Moderated by Tom Holbrook of Riverrun Bookstore
June 3, 2014 at 7 PM, Portsmouth Public Library
Participants: 35

- **The Human Scale, a film about cities and putting people at the center of planning**
Steve McHenry and Margaret Robidoux of McHenry Architecture, brief presentations and moderated a discussion
May 13, 2014 at 7 PM, Portsmouth Public Library
Participants: 75 people