

Simsbury Town Center Charrette Schedule

Friday Sept. 11 thru Wednesday Sept. 16, 2009

Time	FRIDAY September 11	SATURDAY September 12	SUNDAY September 13	MONDAY September 14	TUESDAY September 15	WEDNESDAY September 16	THURSDAY September 17				
8:00 am	Team Arrival	★ 8:30 am - 12:30 pm Hands-on Design Session	Open Design Studio	Open Design Studio/ Technical Meetings	Open Design Studio/ Technical Meetings	Open Design Studio					
9:00 am										Debrief	
10:00 am								Team Departs			
11:00 am											
12:00 pm					Lunch	Lunch	Lunch				
1:00 pm	Lunch	Lunch	Open Design Studio	Open Design Studio/ Technical Meetings	Open Design Studio/ Technical Meetings	Open Design Studio					
2:00 pm	Studio Setup										
3:00 pm	Team Tour	Brainstorming/ Conceptual Designs									
4:00 pm											
5:00 pm								Open House Prep.			
6:00 pm	Finalize Saturday Presentation		Dinner/Progress Review	★ 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm Drop-in Open House	Dinner/Progress Review	Presentation Prep.					
7:00 pm	Dinner/Free Time	Dinner/Free Time	Open Design Studio	Dinner/Progress Review	Open Design Studio	★ 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm Closing Presentation					
8:00 pm											
9:00 pm											
10:00 pm							Open Design Studio		Dinner		

All public events and the open design studio will be at the Simsbury Public Library, 725 Hopmeadow Street.

For additional information please visit www.simsbury-ct.gov/charrette or www.simsburycenter.blogspot.com

Special Charrette Sessions

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SAT. SEPT. 12: HANDS-ON DESIGN SESSION

8:30 am-12:30 pm, Simsbury Public Library

On Saturday morning at the Simsbury Public Library, a session will be held to help identify a vision for Simsbury Town Center. The session will begin with an introduction to the overall project and an explanation of the charrette process. It will also provide some "food for thought" to educate participants on best practices in traditional town planning, preserving community character and coding approaches. Following the introduction, participants will divide into small groups and gather around tables with a facilitator. Groups will identify important issues, which will be drawn or written on large scale base maps. At the conclusion of the session, a spokesperson from each group will present their findings in front of the larger group. These presentations will reveal common goals, and provide an opportunity for in-depth discussion of particular issues or concerns. The hands-on design session will be the best opportunity for public input.

SUN. SEPT. 13- WED. SEPT. 16: OPEN DESIGN STUDIO

8 am-9 pm, Simsbury Public Library

Throughout the week, an open design studio will be set up at the Simsbury Public Library. Information gathered at the hands-on design session will be analyzed, initial ideas refined, concepts tested, and work started on a cohesive vision for the Simsbury Town Center. Community members are encouraged to stop in from 8 am to 9 pm daily to discuss ideas and check on the status of the effort. The hands-on nature of the studio will facilitate identification and resolution of issues. Since the open design studio concept allows the highest level of community involvement, it helps to achieve the consensus needed to implement the vision for the Town Center.

MON. SEPT. 14 - TUE. SEPT. 15: TECHNICAL

MEETINGS

8 am-5 pm, Simsbury Public Library

While working on-site, a series of one-on-one or small group meetings will be scheduled with Simsbury staff, local merchants, property owners, real estate brokers, business owners, and other stakeholders. These meetings will increase the understanding of physical, market, and organizational forces at play within the Town Center.

MON. SEPT. 14: DROP-IN OPEN HOUSE

6:00-8:00 pm, Simsbury Public Library

On Monday evening, a drop-in open house will be held at the Simsbury Public Library. The open house is an informal discussion of what has been produced to date. It will be an opportunity to see how the work is evolving, provide critical input, and ensure that solutions are responding to public input. During this time, experts will be on hand to answer specific questions. There will no formal presentation given, people can stop in at any time between 6:00 and 8:00 pm to see and discuss the initial work on the Town Center.

WED. SEPT. 16: CLOSING PRESENTATION

6:00-8:00 pm, Simsbury Public Library

On Wednesday evening at Simsbury Town Hall, concepts, sketches, visual transformations, ideas, questions, and designs for the Town Center accumulated over the course of the week will be presented to the general public. A question and answer session will follow the presentation.