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Dallas To Host 23rd Annual Congress For The New Urbanism

Over 1100 Will Attend April 29-May 2 Event; Walkable Development Is Focus

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DALLAS, TX — On Wednesday, April 29, over 1100 architects, urban planners, and real estate developers will convene in Dallas, TX to begin the 23rd annual Congress for the New Urbanism. Hosted at the Adolphus Hotel with events spread through the Dallas/Fort Worth region, the four-day conference will explore national issues in walkable development, neighborhood revitalization, and building sustainable cities.

Headlining speakers will include walkable real estate expert Chris Leinberger, Fort Worth Mayor Betsy Price, urban designer and author Jeff Speck, and sustainability scholar Dr. Antwi Akom. In total, over 100 expert speakers, panelists, and workshop leaders will participate, leading sessions that range from “Designing Health Districts” to “Latino Urbanism and Changing Demographics”.

Many key events are also open to the public. Free sessions include a Tuesday night kickoff forum at the Dallas Center for Architecture, a Saturday “Walkable Dallas” seminar led by Speck, and an all-week outdoor “tactical urbanism” installation in Deep Ellum. Additionally, in-the-field workshops and walking tours will immerse Congress attendees in the Dallas/Fort Worth region’s urban and small town centers.

This annual event is a program of the nonprofit Congress for the New Urbanism, or CNU, a national group devoted to building walkable, sustainable neighborhoods. With over 2400 members working in communities across North America—from urban centers to historic small towns—CNU connects and empowers the professionals, leaders, advocates, and citizens creating places people love.

“We’re thrilled to have Dallas/Fort Worth as the host region for our 23rd annual Congress,” said Lynn Richards, President and CEO of CNU. “From the growing energy of its walkable neighborhoods to its successes developing light rail and streetcar initiatives, Dallas is the place that best represents the opportunities and challenges cities are facing across the United States.”

Registration for the Congress is available online and on-site as both four-day and individual passes, as well as individual registration for higher-level technical sessions. Professional development credits for architects and planners are also available. Information on free events, along with online registration and a full agenda, is available at CNU23.org.

Public Events:

Tuesday April 28

Strong Towns Curbside Chat — 5:30 p.m.

Sean Fitzgerald Photography, 2814 Canton St.

Opening Forum: Creating Thriving Urban Neighborhoods — 6:30 p.m.

Dallas Center For Architecture, 1909 Woodall Rodgers Frwy, Suite 100

Tactical Urbanism: Pop-Up Parks by CNU NextGen — All day Thu-Sat

Crowdus Street, Deep Ellum, Dallas

Wednesday, April 29

Film Screening: *The Human Scale: Bringing Cities to Life* — 7:30 p.m.

Main Street Gardens, Downtown Dallas

Saturday, May 2

Workshop: Toward a More Walkable Dallas with Jeff Speck

Latino Cultural Center, 2600 Live Oak Street

CNU 23 Closing Party

Klyde Warren Park, Downtown Dallas

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