



Sustainable Connections hosts conference, talk in September

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Sustainable Connections' Green Building and Smart Growth Program is hosting two events the first week of September.

The first one - One Planet Communities Presentation - is set for 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 3, at the Bellingham Cruise Terminal, 355 Harris Ave.

Greg Searle, executive director of BioRegional North America, will discuss carbon ecological footprints and how this relates to housing, food, transportation and waste. Program highlights include an urban eco-village showcasing sustainable lifestyle strategies and lessons learned for future planning.

The event is free and open to the public. Anyone interested in Smart Growth principles is encouraged to attend.

The second event is the Fourth Annual Smart Growth Conference from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, Sept. 4, also at the Bellingham Cruise Terminal.

The conference will bring together architects, planners, developers, environmental advocates, engineers, transportation professionals, affordable housing and neighborhood advocates, elected officials, candidates, government staff, lenders, and individuals interested in Smart Growth principles.

The goal of the 2009 conference is to help find common ground among diverse perspectives and create a consensus on issues related to land use policy and practice.

Topics include true urbanism, density done right and one planet communities.

Tickets are \$49 for Sustainable Connections members and \$59 for nonmembers through Aug. 24. After that, tickets cost \$10 more.

For tickets, call the Sustainable Connections office at 647-7093, ext. 107.

More information is available online at SustainableConnections.org.

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