

Community Energy Challenge celebrates 500 energy audits

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The Community Energy Challenge (CEC) will host a celebration after completing 500 home energy assessments and helping more than 200 local households complete energy efficient retrofits. The celebration will take place at 5 p.m., Aug. 15 in the Boundary Bay beer garden, and is open to the public. CEC program staff, contractors, and participating households and businesses will meet to mingle and celebrate, as well as hear a short presentation about the project.

The CEC is a collaboration between two nonprofit organizations: Sustainable Connections and the Opportunity Council. The program guides participating Whatcom County homes and businesses through each step of a low-cost efficiency improvement plan. The CEC has found potential annual savings of up to 20-30 percent of energy costs per home and three to five percent annual savings per business. The program also supports approximately 60 local construction sector jobs through efficiency retrofit projects.

For more information, call (360) 676-6099 or visit www.communityenergychallenge.org.