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Getting green on the big screen

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New cul-de-sacs and rapidly changing old neighborhoods. Attempts to conserve energy and problems with pollution.

These are issues for Spartanburg and the nation, and they will be among the issues on display in an upcoming movie series starting tonight at The Showroom.

The Green Screen Film Series will take place every Thursday through Oct. 25 at The Showroom and will focus on issues ranging from urban development to suburban sprawl to environmentalism.

Each week, after the movies are screened, a panel of experts will discuss issues presented in that week's film. Tonight, after the documentary "Subdivided," about isolation and community in modern suburbia, that panel is expected to include Cecile McAninch, a psychology professor from Wofford College, and Anne Dunning, a planning and landscape architect professor at Clemson University.

"There's a lot of talk at these kinds of things and a lot of interest in them," said Emily Neely, program manager for the Spartanburg office for Upstate Forever.

All films are free and will start at 7 p.m.

On Oct. 4, the group will feature "A Man Named Pearl," about topiary artist Pearl Fryar of Bishopville, and Fryar will speak afterward.

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