

PRESS RELEASE

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'BIRD FRIENDLY COMMUNITIES' PRESENTATION AT BLAKELEY HALL IN THE ISSAQUAH HIGHLANDS ON JUNE 13, 2016.

Friends of Lake Sammamish State Park and Eastside Audubon are collaborating on a unique 1-hour program at 7 p.m. on June 13, 2016 at Blakely Hall in the Issaquah Highlands. The event is free and refreshments will be provided. Blakely Hall is located at 2250 NE Park Drive, Issaquah. All are welcome!

Join friends and neighbors to explore how to create and sustain bird friendly communities in your neighborhood and backyard.

Eastside Audubon is committed to outreach and education to help communities offset the impacts of development by restoring, enhancing and protecting a landscape that allows for native bird populations to survive in a growing community. Come learn about *Bird Friendly Communities*, a nationwide campaign to restore and protect wildlife habitat in order to maintain biodiversity for future generations.

Learn about simple steps you can take in your own backyard to create important bird habitat and how you can get involved in your community to promote Bird Friendly practices. Learn how to attract birds to your backyard, while making the community healthier for birds, and for people.

About the Speaker: Callie Hall is the program coordinator for Eastside Audubon and is an Environmental Management graduate with a background in Sustainability Education, working to encourage and educate the public on taking steps to conserve open spaces and protect the natural environment.

Friends of Lake Sammamish State Park (FLSSP) is a non-profit organization dedicated to supporting, enhancing and promoting Lake Sammamish State Park, one of the most bird friendly habitats on the Eastside.

Lake Sammamish State Park is a 512-acre day-use park with 6,858-feet of waterfront. The park is located at 2000 N.W. Sammamish Road, Issaquah, just north of Interstate 90 at exit 15.

To learn more about Friends of Lake Sammamish State Park, visit <http://lakesammamishfriends.org> or find it on Facebook.

Friends of Lake Sammamish State Park (FLSSP) is a non-profit organization dedicated to supporting, enhancing and promoting Lake Sammamish State Park. FLSSP was formed in 2013 as a way for the park users and the community to

improve the communication among people interested in improving this jewel of a park in a growing urban area.

FLSSP's vision is to create a park for the 21st Century that will be an innovative model for the State's diverse system of recreational, cultural, historical and natural sites. Lake Sammamish State Park will be Washington's signature park for protecting and celebrating urban natural areas, showcasing regionally significant wetlands and wildlife habitat, while enriching the lives of visitors and providing a valued legacy to future generations.