GREEN LAKE ASSOCIATION
WE CARE FOR OUR LAKE

The Green Lake Association is an environmental non-profit safeguarding Big Green Lake, Wisconsin's deepest natural inland lake. This small, committed organization is tackling the greatest water quality challenge of our time to protect the lake that is existential to our community. Through phosphorus reduction and aquatic invasive species mitigation, the Green Lake Association is building a healthy, resilient watershed that will create a clean, restored Green Lake for years to come.

OUR VISION

A healthy, resilient watershed that sustains a clean, restored Green Lake.

OUR MISSION

To safeguard Green Lake by improving its water quality, protecting it from critical threats, and accelerating its return to a clean lake.

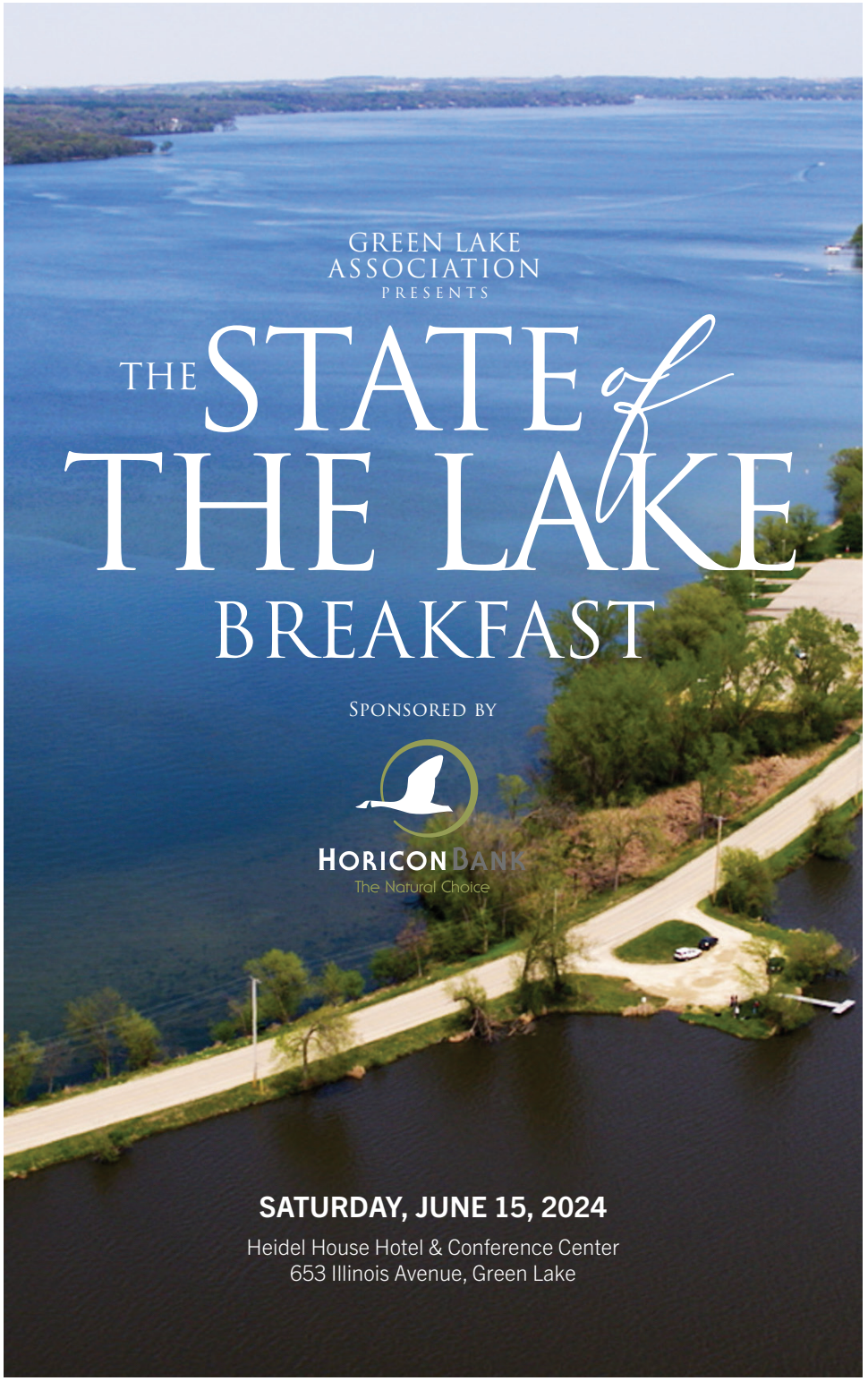
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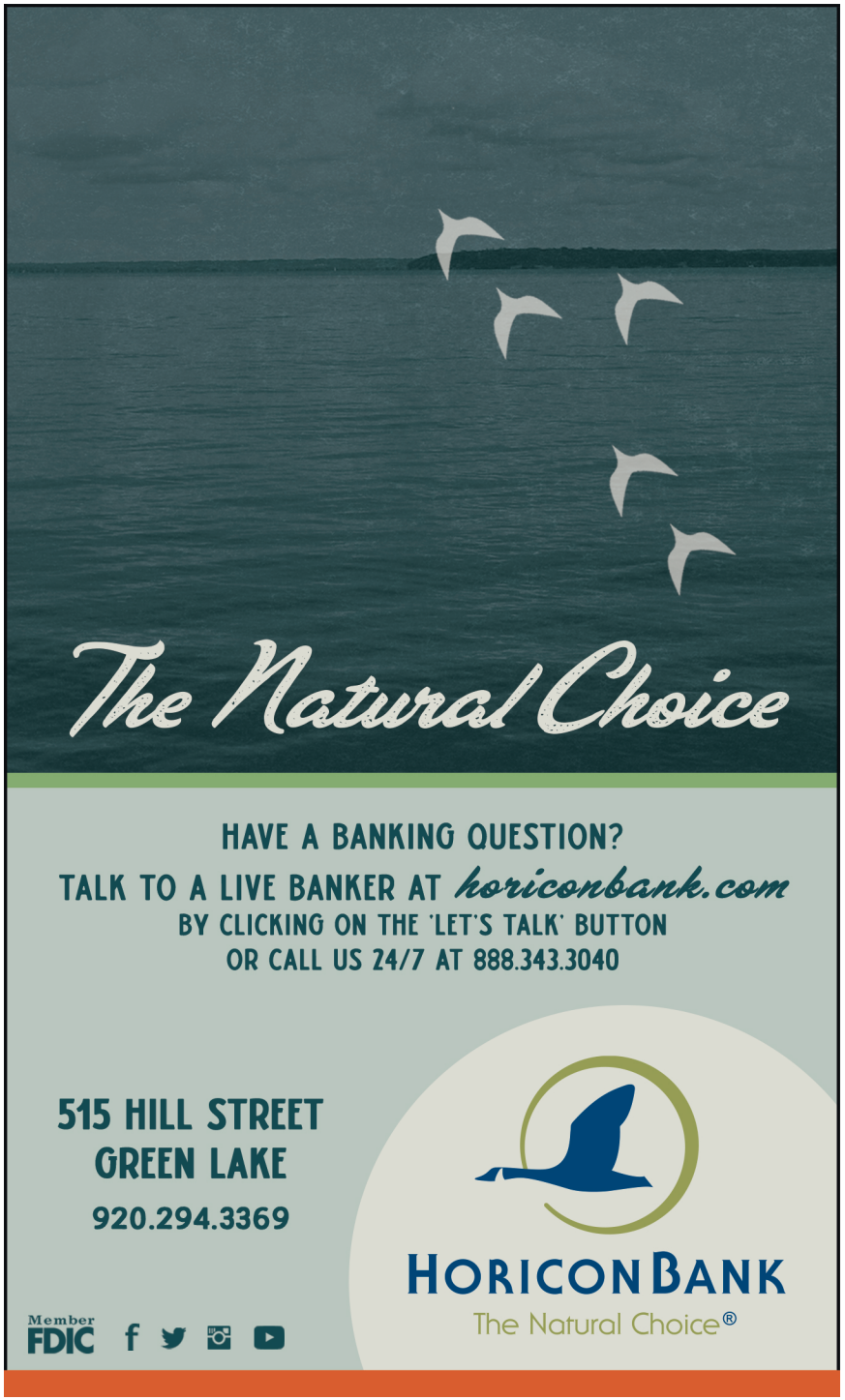
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GREEN LAKE ASSOCIATION
PRESENTS

THE STATE of THE LAKE BREAKFAST

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

8:45	**BREAKFAST**
9:30	**WELCOME** Gary Mecklenburg, Chair of the Board of Directors
9:45	**ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MEMBERS** Gary Mecklenburg
10:00	**STATE OF THE LAKE PRESENTATION** Stephanie Prellwitz, Chief Executive Officer
10:30	**Q&A** Stephanie Prellwitz
10:40	**CLOSING COMMENTS** Gary Mecklenburg
10:45	**ADJOURN**

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS (2024-2025)

Executive Committee*

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Former CEO, BMO Harris Bank

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Cofounder, Tranzact Technologies

Leslie White
Equipment Sales Manager, Zinkan Enterprises

Thank you to **Brad Price** for completion of his Board term!

* pending vote of GLA Membership ** renomination of Board Member

About Mark Furlong: Mark Furlong and his wife, Jody, moved to Green Lake in October 2020, where they now reside full-time. Mark is the former President and CEO of BMO Harris Bank. He started his career in public accounting, transitioned into banking for 23 years and retired in 2015. His prior experience includes CEO of Marshall & Ilsley Corp., CFO of Old Kent Financial Corp., and as audit partner for Deloitte & Touche LLP. Today Mark remains active on company boards and not-for-profit organizations. Mark has had a strong connection with non-profits in both Chicago and Milwaukee throughout his life, with a specific focus on urban education. After retirement he was on the City of Chicago's Board of Education and Chicago Teacher's Pension Fund. Mark's decades-long experience in accounting, banking and in leadership roles, will provide critical oversight as the GLA seeks local, state, and federal funds for its phosphorus mitigation efforts.

GLA STAFF

Stephanie Prellwitz
Chief Executive Officer

Andy Lyke
Accountant

Tina Solberg
Donor Relations Manager

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Assistant Director

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Director of Communication

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Director of Development

LAKE MANAGEMENT PLANNING TEAM

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Green Lake Sanitary District

Ripon Wisconsin

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NRCS Natural Resources Conservation Service

Fond du Lac County Wisconsin est. 1836

Green Lake Conservancy

USGS science for a changing world

Forthead Regenerative Agriculture Project

Green Lake County

Wisconsin Dept. of Natural Resources

WAKE BOATS & WATER QUALITY

A recent study conducted by the University of Minnesota highlights how wakesurfing can resuspend bottom lake sediment, erode shorelines, and potentially transport aquatic invasive species. As a science-based organization with priorities to reduce Green Lake's phosphorus and prevent additional aquatic invasive species, we support guidelines around wakesurfing in Green Lake that promote protecting its water quality.

This includes limiting wakesurfing to areas of the lake that are deep enough and far enough away from shore to minimize shoreline erosion and lake-bottom sediment disruption.

GREEN LAKE'S WAKE BOAT ADVISORY

To promote the protection of its water quality, Green Lake's advisory limits wake enhancements to 700-feet from shore and in 40-feet of water, leaving 60% of Green Lake available for use. For a map of where you can safely wakesurf in Green Lake, visit greenlakeassociation.org/wake-boats.



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: WHERE IS THE BOAT WASH STATION AND WHEN CAN I USE IT?

A: Our boat wash station located at Dodge Memorial County Park is now open for the season. We recently completed upgrades to make it a self-service station so it can be available for use 24/7. This is a key step in our ongoing efforts to combat the spread of aquatic invasive species.

Q: WHAT ARE YOU DOING ABOUT DUCKWEED?

A: At the request of our members and the community's broad concerns, we were exploring a stationary duckweed harvester to determine if this pilot project was a potential solution to minimize duckweed on Green Lake.

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) cited several concerns and ultimately did not support our proposal.

We've partnered with the USGS to gather more information about how duckweed contributes phosphorus to Green Lake. We expect more data later this year.

Q: I'M INTERESTED IN PUTTING IN A DOCK. WHO DO I CALL?

A: The WDNR determines whether a permit is required to install or repair docks, piers, etc. Please visit https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/Waterways/ or call them at 608-267-3125 to learn more.

Q: WHO MANAGES PERMITS FOR BOAT HOUSES & RIP RAP?

A: The WDNR determines whether a permit is required to install a boat house or rip rap (stones used to armor a stream bank or lake shoreline). Please visit https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/Waterways/ or call them at 608-267-3125 to learn more.

Q: WHO MANAGES THE BOAT LAUNCHES AROUND THE LAKE?

A: Green Lake's eight public boat launches are managed by the corresponding municipality based on location. Canal Street: City of Green Lake / Deacon Mills Park: City of Green Lake / Duering's Landing: Town of Brooklyn / Sunset Park: Green Lake County / Horners Landing: Town of Green Lake / Dodge Memorial Park: Green Lake County / Beyers Cove: Town of Princeton / Hattie Sherwood Campground: City of Green Lake

Q: WHO MANAGES AQUATIC PLANT HARVESTING AND HOW DO I ARRANGE THAT FOR MY PIER OR SWIMMING BEACH?

A: The Green Lake Sanitary District (GLSD) runs the aquatic plant harvesting program at Green Lake from June to Labor Day weekend. To take part, you need to have a ribbon provided by GLSD displayed on your pier or swimming area. GLSD is allowed to harvest an area of 30 feet, following WDNR regulations. To request a ribbon, reach out to GLSD at (920) 295-4488 or email paulettej@glakesd.com.



Q: I'VE NOTICED SOMEONE BLOWING LEAVES INTO THE LAKE. IS THIS ILLEGAL? HOW DO I REPORT IT?

A: Leaves naturally contain phosphorus, and it's important to avoid blowing them into water bodies to prevent littering. If you come across excessive leaf dumping, please contact Brad Latza, Green Lake County WDNR Conservation Warden, at (920) 807-4096. Providing pictures or videos of the incident can be useful, as leaves tend to disperse quickly.

Q: WHAT DOES IT MEAN THAT GREEN LAKE IS "IMPAIRED"?

A: In 2014, Green Lake was included in the list of Wisconsin water bodies that fail to meet water quality standards set by the Clean Water Act. It was identified as impaired due to low dissolved oxygen, which subsequent studies found to be caused by the lake's high phosphorus loading.

Q: WHO CONTROLS THE LEVEL OF GREEN LAKE?

A: Green Lake's water level is controlled by a dam, which has both ecological disadvantages and benefits for increased lake access. The WDNR is authorized by Wisconsin Statutes Section 31.02 to regulate and manage water levels in navigable waters, including Green Lake. The WDNR has issued an order mandating the City of Green Lake to operate the dam according to specific conditions. While it's technically feasible to modify these conditions, the process is highly involved and requires that there are no negative impacts to homeowners or the Puchyan River. Any changes approved by the WDNR are highly unlikely.

Q: IS THERE ANYTHING I CAN DO TO HELP?

A: Limiting the runoff of nutrients from your property into local waterways is key to protecting Green Lake's health. Lake-friendly practices like planting a rain garden, utilizing rain barrels, eliminating bare soil spots, limiting fertilizer application, repositioning downspouts away from pavement and into grass, and creating buffer strips near shorelines all help filter runoff before it reaches Green Lake.

HOW YOU CAN HELP



THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!

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VOLUNTEER

Whether it's monitoring water quality, keeping leaves and litter out of Green Lake, or educating others about lake-friendly practices, our volunteers play a critical role in preserving the health and beauty of Green Lake for generations to come. If you'd like to become a volunteer, contact GLA's Assistant Director, Taylor Haag, at Taylor@greenlakeassociation.org