

## *VLCC Accomplishments as of Aug. 2007*

Minimized algae blooms by researching and recommending a superior lake management firm to the WPD board.

Biweekly water quality testing by our lake management firm and also by Karen and Maj Kowalski. Monthly testing of our beach by the WPD.

Installed and planted two aquatic plant demonstration areas.

Educated neighbors about the phosphorus link to algae and the need to minimize lawn fertilizers and to not feed the waterfowl.

Obtained EPA grant to modify the Big Oaks drain and the adjacent drain to filter pollutants before they reach the lake.

Installed temporary silt fences to minimize the sediment and pollutants coming into the lake until the EPA modification is completed.

Stenciled storm drains in the runoff area to remind residents to “Dump No Waste – Drains to Lake”.

Reduced the number of grass carp in the lake.

Installed a Neighbors Info Board at Valley South to communicate important news to residents.

Obtained beach certification for Valley Lake beach, to be activated at the beginning of the 2008 swim season.

A Valley Lake resident on the WPD Board of Commissioners.

At least 5 successful fundraiser events to provide funds for special lake projects.