Thanks to all the volunteers who helped Thursday evening July 26, 2018 at the "Water Chestnut Removal Party" in the Brook Spring Cove. Your efforts made this endeavor a total success!

Over 25 residents and members attended, in a flotilla of kayaks, canoes, rowboats and john boats, some of which appeared to have been brought out of retirement just for this occasion. Those unable to join the party on the water worked from shore unloading the Water Chestnuts from boats into waiting vehicles.

Thanks to the dedicated participation of so many volunteers, we were able to remove 99.5% of the Water Chestnut plants, transport to shore and unload in less than 2 hours! The next day, those removed plants were transported to a compost area in a local landfill.

While our efforts this season were very successful, we must continue to monitor the waters of our lake, especially the shallow coves, for any evidence of this very invasive plant, and continue to remove it whenever encountered. Look to the BLIA website (www.burdenlakeny.org) where complete information on Water Chestnut will soon be available for your information.

Thanks again for all who were able to get involved. BLIA Water Quality Committee