

# New splash pad in South Haven to resemble tall ship

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**SOUTH HAVEN** — When Friends Good Will passengers cruise down the city's harbor toward Lake Michigan this fall they'll see something that looks oddly familiar.

It will be South Haven's new splash pad.

Plans call for the \$568,500 development to resemble the Michigan Maritime Museum's tall ship, Friends Good Will, a replica of an 1800s sailing schooner that was used during the War of 1812.

South Haven Parks Commission approved the design Tuesday over another one that would have consisted of a variety of surface wa-

ter jets that youngsters could run through.

Commissioners chose the Friends Good Will design after receiving input from community groups, along with feedback from local residents during an open house in January. Students who attend Lincoln and Maple Grove elementary schools also weighed in with their thoughts.

The students favored the surface water jets, which could have been lit up with different colors at night, but adults appeared to favor the Friends Good Will design that was originally suggested a year ago, as a way to reflect South Haven's maritime history.

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When South Haven's new splash pad is complete sometime this fall, its design will resemble the Michigan Maritime Museum's tall ship, Friends Good Will. South Haven Parks Commission approved the preliminary design on Tuesday.

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