

The Young Faces of Spring Harbor Neighborhood  
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This year's July 4 parade was a special neighborhood event. For me personally, the parade illustrated how Spring Harbor neighborhood is now home to many new families with small children. What excitement for the kids biking in the parade and for the spectators cheering them on.

This same excitement is elicited by the shrieks of delight as toddlers sit on Spring Harbor beach while watching waves wash on the beach and over their toes. Did you know that the several years ago lifeguards spent some of their down-time raking out aquatic weeds from between the buoy lines? Did you know that there aren't enough lifeguards nationwide? Sadly, this impacts beach safety and leaves the beach with an accumulation of aquatic weeds along the shoreline.

Several neighbors have stepped up to clean the beach of these washed up aquatic weeds. With the help from West City Parks, there are now tools at Spring Harbor Beach propped against the west fence, behind the kayak/canoe rack. Feel free to get into the water and sweep out the weeds. It's also good to untangle the weeds from the swimming area buoys. City workers have no method of getting in the water to do this.

Wanna help out? Volunteer a few minutes of time clean out the aquatic weeds. Choose the tool that works best for you . Make stacks of aquatic weeds onshore, close, but not in the water. The City of Madison will pick up the piles of accumulated weeds every Tuesday and Thursday during the summer.

**We can all make a difference for the good of our neighborhood beach, especially for the kids!**