

# *The Cove*

Winter 2024



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## TOP STORIES



### **Water Meters**

Calling all residents! If you have not had your water meter switched out, you need to do so ASAP. There are about 40 or so families who have yet to do this. The person who has been scheduling and switching the meters out is Natalie Nelson and can be reached at 712-735-6795. She is extremely nice to work

with, tries to accommodate your schedule the best she can, and will answer any questions about the new meters you might have.

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## For the Good of the Community



### **The Importance of Tree Trimming**

It may seem strange to think about trimming trees during the winter months, but spring will soon be here (hopefully) and tree trimmers get booked up fast. Monarch Cove is filled with big, beautiful trees. However, as I walk through Monarch Cove I have noticed so many trees that are primed to take down power lines and slam into roofs. Trimming trees is an important safety measure for homeowners to take, but there are several reasons to trim your beautiful trees.

- Aesthetics: Densely packed branches can block sun and prevent rain from reaching the grass and flowers growing under trees, inhibiting their growth. In addition, trimming can enhance your landscape's appearance by removing limbs that obstruct your view of the lake, or other scenery. Tree trimming is like a much needed haircut, one that enhances the trees natural shape.
  - Tree Health: Trimming involves removing branches that are diseased, infested or interfering with healthy growth. Regular trimming keeps trees strong and creates a healthier structure reducing the need for future corrective pruning.
  - Safety: Trees with dead, diseased or infested branches pose a significant risk. In heavy winds or a severe storm, the limbs can fall easily and damage your property, your home and could badly injure people. *The presence of hazardous branches is the most critical reason to get your trees trimmed periodically.*
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## An Ounce of Prevention...



### Carbon Monoxide and Winter

Carbon monoxide is often called the “silent killer” because you cannot see it, taste it, or smell it. Winter is an especially hazardous time for CO poisoning because devices used to heat our tightly sealed homes can potentially cause a CO build up. One item many people forget to think about is their exhaust pipes. They can get blocked by snow and ice, leading to a dangerous build up of carbon monoxide in the home. Signs of

CO poisoning include headache, dizziness, nausea, weakness, fast heartbeat, vomiting, confusion and loss of consciousness.

Make sure to stay safe this winter by:

- Install carbon monoxide detectors on *each level* of your home and near sleeping areas.
- Have your heating systems and chimney checked yearly by a professional
- Do not use your oven/stove to heat your home
- Never run your car in an closed garage, even for a few minutes
- Keep generators 20 ft from doors and windows
- Check your intake and exhaust vents as well as radon mitigation systems for ice/snow buildup or blockage



### New Dog Virus

Many of you have probably heard that there is a new dog respiratory virus. Veterinarians do not have a cause or cure at this time and it can move to life threatening very quickly (24-48 hrs). To keep your dog healthy:

- Avoid dog parks and other large dog groups
- Avoid boarding and doggie day cares
- Keep your dog up to date on all vaccines, especially those that help prevent respiratory infections
- Talk to your dog's groomer about what measures they are taking to keep dogs healthy
- Call your vet if your dog is-coughing, sneezing, has runny nose/eyes, fever, lethargy, and loss of appetite

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## Announcements



- Our sympathies to:
  - The Shultz Family upon Gladys' passing in October
  - The Baxter Family upon Mary Etta's passing November
- Spring Clean up 6/1 weather permitting. Let's have a great turnout!
- Upcoming board meetings - 3/23/24, 6/22/24, 9/14/24 at 9:00 a.m.
- Mark your calendars! Annual meeting is July 27, 2024

If you would like something included in the announcements please send requests to [mcojoinews@gmail.com](mailto:mcojoinews@gmail.com)