

# The Cove

## Summer 2024



### In the Spotlight



**Century Cabins** Have you noticed the century signs (left, top) around Monarch Cove and wondered how to apply for century cabin status? Century Signs are available through the Okoboji Protective Association. All or part of your cottage must be at least 100 yrs old and still standing. Refer to your abstract or the county assessors site if you're unsure of the age of your cottage. For more information on Century Signs contact Babs Liesveld at 319-360-1057 via *text only* or Barb Mendenhall with the OPA at bdmendo@gmail.com.

Interested in a family history ownership sign (left, bottom)? Anyone can order these, regardless of cottage age through [smartsign.com](http://smartsign.com). Click on custom designer signs and look for the style similar to that pictured. For a uniform look make sure to have

Methodist Camp Association 1915 before the family names. Blue background has been the common MC theme. If you have issues with formatting there is a chat function on the website and they will help you. Consult your abstract for all of the families that have owned your cottage and when.

### TOP STORIES



**Fire Truck Challenges** Spirit Lake Fire Dept has concerns in accessing our cabins/homes. Getting trucks/equipment around MC on Jan 13 was difficult. **Please address the following obstacles on your property to allow fire trucks access to all our properties as not doing so could result in home insurance premium increases.**

1. Obstructions should be 24" *minimum* from roads e.g. large rocks, posts, fences, walls. \*Property markers such as small orange/red plastic sticks are fine as fire trucks can drive over them.
2. Low tree branches hanging over the roads are a problem and need trimming. They damaged radio antennas on the fire trucks, impairing the ability to communicate effectively. Please trim your trees.
3. Streets in Monarch Cove *need to remain open with no on street parking*. SLFD states that if this fire had happened during summer months with more cars, the outcome could have been very different. Obstacles impede response. Use driveways and overflow parking, not streets.

-We know some of this isn't easy, but SLFD *must* be able to get to *all* of our properties. *If it was your home, you'd want them to be able to get to you.* Please don't be the reason they can't get through. We've seen the problem, let's all be a part of the solution. Thank you for taking care of these items in a timely manner.



**MC Website** MC Website is being updated and you can now access the newsletter, as well as previous newsletters, on the website. Click on the "newsletter" tab at the top. Info such as by-laws and minutes can be found on the "member page" link. PW is COVE. Website is <https://monarch-cove.com> Don't worry, the paper copy will still be mailed out to everyone as well!



**Yard Waste** Dickinson County Collection Center will take your yard debris for a nominal fee. Our trash company will not. They are located at 2260 220th St. in Milford. Please keep this in mind for the end of season and/or storm clean up. Thank you!

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## For the Good of the Community

I didn't realize how difficult it was being an electrician until I tried it myself. I was shocked.

**Marina Electricity** Several hoists are being left plugged in (pre flood) when not in use (up with boat in lift). This can trip the GFCI-knocking out power to the dock. *If* there's a GFCI failure people/swimmers are at risk of electrocution. Marina contracts state that cords should be 12 gauge wire and as close to the needed length as possible. *When the hoist is not in use the cord should be disconnected to prevent tripping of the GFCI.* GFCI reset is on shore-not so easy to get to if you're trying to get your boat *into* the lift and it won't work. If the GFCI is tripped, follow the cords to the main hook up and reset. Otherwise, unplug your lifts when not in use. Thank you!



**Boat Mooring** Please remember tying up your boat to one of the marina docks (when the dock's not floating away) is for temporary loading & unloading purposes and boats should not be left tied to the marina docks overnight. There should never be boats tied to the swim dock. If you have renters, please make sure they understand these rules as well. Thank you!

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## An Ounce of Prevention...



**Mold** Many of us had to endure flooding this year, but what comes after the flood can be even worse...mold. Mold poisoning affects the upper respiratory system with harmful cold or flu-like symptoms. Some can actually prove fatal, especially for those with severe allergies, asthma or other conditions. So how do we get rid of it?

1. Remove all water-soaked sheetrock & insulation between wall joists to allow wall cavity areas to dry and for plaster walls, make openings in the top and bottom of the walls to allow air to circulate.
  2. Don't forget about your crawl spaces! Ventilate these spaces well to avoid mold growth.
  3. Wash affected hard surfaces with 1/3 C unscented bleach per 1 gallon of water-let stand 15-30 min.
  4. Throw away items that can't be cleaned easily e.g. leather, paper, wood, mattresses, & carpet.
  5. Wear rubber boots, gloves, goggles and an N95 mask when removing molded items.
  6. Never ever mix bleach with ammonia or other cleaners.
  7. You can have your home tested for mold and call a restoration company if needed.
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## Announcements



- Our sympathies to the family of Barb Speer, who passed away in May
- Our sympathies to Kristin Jacobi & Family on the loss of Brad in June
- Thank you to Dan Richardson, Deb & Mike Earlywine & Charles Tixier for cleaning & painting the ravine bridge. Looks great!

- Thank you to Michaela Brown for her work on our website!
- Thank you to Karen Taylor for pictures and information on century/ownership signs!
- Upcoming board meetings 7/27/24 (annual), 9/14/24, 12/14/24 9:00 a.m.

-Have information for our quarterly newsletter? Send to [mcbojinews@gmail.com](mailto:mcbojinews@gmail.com)