

The Cove

Fall 2024



It's a Bird, It's a Plane, It's...The Sieck's? Why is there a phone booth with a Superman costume in front of the Sieck's (aka La Siesta) house? Is there something Allan and Carol aren't telling us?? Obviously, it would be cool to have our very own MC super hero to call on, but there's a different reason. The booth sits on the very spot where the Methodist Camp placed their first phone booth approximately 70 years ago! The only phone line in or out of the camp, staff had to run to answer calls and then deliver messages to campers, staff, and private family owners. The original booth has been lost with time, but the Sieck's found a phone booth in Las Vegas and couldn't resist. The booth pays homage to Methodist Camp history. The costume is just for fun. Or is it???

TOP STORIES



MC Board The annual board meeting in July had a nice turn out and attendance is always appreciated! Two at large members were voted into 3 year terms and the ward reps' 1 year terms were renewed.

A big thank you to Warren Vickory for his years of dedication and service to the Monarch Cove Board. Pictured left to right: Monarch Cove Board Members: Front: Keith Brann, Mark Lemke, Dave Erkes, Dave Harry Back: Tim Kennedy, Rod Earleywine, Laura Brann, Sandy Bowman, Dan Bennett

For the Good of the Community



Sewers MC sewer pipes are 6" clay tile and our sewers get clogged easily! It costs MC about \$1600 every time sewers have to be cleaned out (through the manhole). They've pulled paper towels, wipes, a dog toy, etc. out of our sewers. Because of our pipes, use septic safe toilet paper only and do not flush anything else down the toilet. No paper towels, hygiene products, wipes, etc. "Flushable" wipes may go down the toilet, but they clog the pipes. Keep in mind our bylaws state that if it can be determined which cottage is at fault for a backup, that cottage may be assessed the entirety of the clean out bill. Nobody wants that! If you have renters, *please* put a sign in every bathroom so your renters do not flush prohibited items. Thank you for your cooperation!



Good Neighbors Monarch Cove and The Methodist Camp enjoy a shared space and a decades long positive relationship. Without the Methodist Camp, Monarch Cove wouldn't be what it is today, and we all love Monarch Cove! Please be a good neighbor to the Methodist Camp and do not use their property for dumping your yard waste or, well, anything. Reminder, Dickinson County Collection Center will take your yard debris for a nominal fee. Thank you!

An Ounce of Prevention...



Lawncare & Critters With leaves falling around us, please take care of the bulk of the leaves in your yards. It's difficult when you don't live here year round or you've already closed up for the season, but there are several companies who do fall yard clean up. Leaves provide nutrients to your yard, *but too many leaves (more than 20% coverage) will smother your grass and serve as an invitation to burrowing animals.* The last thing you need in the spring is to manage holes and critters! No need to rake up every single leaf. Just rake up the bulk and mow over the rest, creating a nutrient

rich mulch for your yard. Make sure this new mulch falls between, but doesn't completely cover, the blades of grass. One caveat is if your trees have serious foliar fungal diseases. While most leaf spots are cosmetic and harmless to the overall health of the tree, fallen diseased leaves serve as a source for spores that can infect next year's emerging leaves. Significantly diseased leaves should be removed from the area and disposed of properly.



Reading Improves Health Reading is like superfood for the brain. Just 30 min a day reduces stress, improves memory & sleep quality, sharpens the mind, and enhances connectivity in the brain! Have trouble seeing that small print like I do? Audio books are a great alternative.

I had the honor of meeting two gracious and talented Iowa authors this summer. If you're looking for something to read this fall/winter and would like to support Iowa authors, I recommend these two mystery novels.

Becoming Marlow Fin by Ellen Won Steil and *Little Broken Things* by Nicole Baart. Looking for a Minnesota author? William Kent Krueger is also a fantastic choice. Happy reading!

Announcements



- Our website is being updated and board minutes are now on the member page! <https://monarch-cove.com> (member page - COVE)
- Upcoming board meetings - 12/14/24 at 9:00 a.m.

If you would like something included in the announcements please send requests to mcbojinews@gmail.com