

The Cove

Spring 2025



New Playground The Monarch Cove playground has served our community and its children and grandchildren well for many years. But with all things, time and use takes its toll and it is time to replace the structures. As most of you are now aware, the MC Board voted to proceed with a new playground for our park. At the end of March, an email was sent to MC residents to ask if they would consider pledging support to this wonderful project. Monarch Cove residents did not disappoint! We are moving forward with two new play structures with extra money raised to be used toward improving other areas of the playground. If you would like to donate to this worthy project please **make your check out to Monarch Cove** with “playground” in memo and mail to 21350 N Park Dr. Spirit Lake, IA 51360 for deposit into our separate playground account. Thank you for making Monarch Cove such a wonderful community and thank you to those who have already donated!

TOP STORIES



Monarch Cove Board There will be a few openings on the MC Board in July, coinciding with the annual meeting. If you are interested in serving on the MC Board, please consider one of these positions. Ward Reps are 1 yr terms & are voted on at the ward meetings in July. At Large positions are 3 yr positions elected at the annual meeting. Two positions will be voted on in July.

If you are interested, please reach out to Paul Hansen to give your name to the nominating committee. Board members must be available for quarterly board meetings and be willing to address the concerns of Monarch Cove residents.



Monarch Cove Committees Monarch Cove has fourteen committees to keep our community running and in good shape. However, it has come to the board's attention that many people who serve on our committees may not be aware that they are still committee members. Please take a moment to go to monarch-cove.com and click on our member page (COVE) and then committees to see if you are listed. If you have ever served on a MC committee, you need to do this. More

guidance for committees and committee chairs is forthcoming. Thank you!



MC Group Photo Please stick around after this year's annual meeting on July 26 for an all Monarch Cove group photo! Watch email and MC Facebook for more information soon.

For the Good of the Community



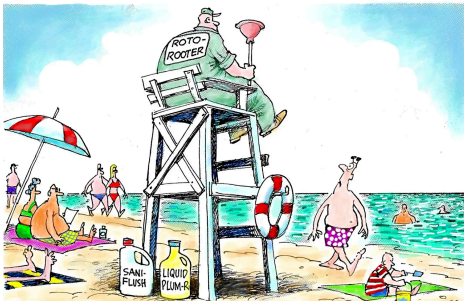
Permanent Dumpster There will be one dumpster (no individual pick up) location for all of Monarch Cove, near the shed. Dumpsters will get full fast unless *we all follow the rules*. The dumpster is for household trash only. Please do NOT use dumpsters for construction materials, furniture, carpet, etc. and especially no hazardous or flammable materials. *We all need to do our part.* Thank you!



Overflow Parking Overflow parking areas are for *temporary* overflow. They are not permanent parking spots and should not be used for more than 48 hours. Please *do not leave vehicles or boats in overflow long-term*, as this limits everyone else's ability to use the overflow lots. Thank you!

An Ounce of Prevention...

Clues that your local beach may have problems...



Lake Bacteria Levels In recent years beaches on Okoboji & Big Spirit have had high bacteria levels/E.Coli closures. E.Coli bacteria normally live in the intestines of healthy people & animals. It causes diarrhea, skin, ear, or respiratory infections, bloody stools, and occasionally permanent kidney damage. To stay safe *and* keep our beach open: 1. Avoid swimming right after heavy rain 2. Try not to swallow lake water 3. Don't swim if you've recently had diarrhea 4. Check child/grandchild's swim diaper often for leaks 5. Don't let pets and children use the lake as a toilet and/or shower. Thanks!

Announcements



- Thank you to the Earleywine family for jumpstarting our playground project with their generous donation in memory of their late grandson - we are sorry for your loss but grateful for your meaningful gift
- Board meetings - at 9:00 a.m. 6/14/25, 9/13/25, 12/13/25 9:00 a.m. (Dates subject to change)
- Annual Board Meeting - Mark your calendars! July 26, 2025
- Spring Clean up (weather permitting) Let's have a great turn-out! Saturday, May 31, 2025

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