

The Cove

Spring 2026



Feeling connected to a community fosters a sense of belonging and benefits physical and mental health. I am convinced that the Monarch Cove community is one of the most special on earth. We are more than a community. We are a family. We are connected in the best ways, and the evidence is all around us. The conversations, fundraisers, clean-up days, music in the park, Golf Cart parades, memorial benches, and so on, all breathe life into our community. We celebrate births, weddings, graduations, and the lives of those who will never be forgotten. And while we are human and may not always get along, like a true family, we always come together. Monarch Cove is more than just a place to vacation; it is home. As we head into summer, it is my hope that we all slow down a little, appreciate the beauty of this unique community we so often take for granted, and take time to connect with our Monarch Cove family. *With all things and in all things, we are relatives.* -Sioux Proverb

TOP STORIES



The Monarch Cove board has been working this year to address concerns brought forth by our residents. We appreciate your input and patience as we work to find reasonable and workable solutions. As we head into our busy summer months, we thank you for your cooperation and would like to remind everyone of the following:



The recycling dumpster is for recycling only. You may put recycling in the trash dumpster, but not vice versa. *See blue cards.



Fishing is permitted on all Monarch Cove docks except for the swim dock. Enjoy the fishing docks and send me pictures of your catch for the newsletter!



The swim area is too small to safely use Maui Mats while still allowing others a space to swim. Please enjoy your Maui Mats on other parts of the lake.



Hoists For safety reasons, please unplug your hoist when not in use.



Marina docks, never swim dock, may be used for temporary loading and unloading of boats. Tying up boats on the marina docks for other purposes is not permitted.



Fireworks The board asks that you *not* use fireworks within Monarch Cove. Cottages are old, close together, and surrounded by trees. Fireworks are a very real fire hazard in our community.



Dogs Per our bylaws and Dickinson County ordinance, dogs outside fenced areas must be on a leash. Unfortunately, there have been many issues with our residents ignoring this. ALL dogs are capable of running away, biting, etc. Unleashed dogs also negatively impact the Methodist Camp's insurance. *Your cooperation is needed & appreciated.*

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For the Good of the Community



Roads The roads within Monarch Cove are small, with many not wide enough for two cars. Please keep this in mind if you leave your car in the middle of the road while clearing out your driveway, yard, etc. Please make sure to use your driveway, not the street. While it may not seem like a problem to go a different way if a road is blocked, it is a problem if multiple streets are blocked or if residents have to back down a road in order to do so, especially as summer brings more children to our community. Please advise any work crews you may have working on your property to park as far off the road as possible.



The Fire Department has asked us for no on-street parking, as they already struggle to get their equipment down our narrow roads. Delay in response means a delay in fire suppression. We have 48 hr overflow parking throughout Monarch Cove for times when you cannot use your driveway.

An Ounce of Prevention...



Trespassing in Monarch Cove (via golf car and on foot) has become an increasing problem. The board has heard your concerns, and we are working on ways to keep people who do not pay to maintain our amenities from using and/or damaging them. It is often difficult to know who should or should not be in our community. Therefore, the board is looking into a sticker system for golf carts belonging to our residents. This is only one method of trying to curb trespassing. The board is also working on clearer signage, along with other options that are in continual discussion. This will be discussed further at the annual meeting.

Announcements



- Our sympathies to Karen and the entire Weatherwax family on the passing of Monarch Cove's beloved Santa, Charlie Weatherwax.
- Board meetings - 9:00 a.m. 6/13/26, 9/12/26, 12/12/26
- Mark your calendars! Annual Meeting 7/25/26 - Wards Meet at 9:00 a.m.

General Meeting at 10:00 a.m.

- Annual Clean Up - Saturday, May 30 - Let's have the biggest turnout yet! Rain date Saturday, June 6.
- Do you have an idea for the "spotlight" section of the newsletter? Email me at mcbojinews@gmail.com
- Check out monarch-cove.com for meeting minutes & newsletter archive.

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