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## Bandshell rental fees adjusted to encourage more socially distanced activities

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Moraga Commons Park bandshell Photo Vera Kochan

people.

According to a presentation by Parks and Recreation Director Breyana Brandt during the Aug. 26 town council meeting, "Gym and fitness activities are now sanctioned for outdoor use, so we expect to get more requests in the coming weeks. We've had a handful of conceptual conversations with private members who are looking to host some outdoor P.E. for their pandemic pods; fitness groups who are looking to do outdoor yoga or Pilates." Brandt added, "We recommend that the bandshell space would be a suitable location and just let the community know that the town is responsive and flexible in meeting their changing needs."

The town council unanimously approved the new hourly rental fees: nonprofit \$40/hour; private resident \$50/hour; and commercial (reservations required) \$70/hour. Staff estimates that the Moraga Commons Park would see an increase of approximately \$5,670 for the 2020-21 Fiscal Year based upon an average of three one-hour rentals each week (November through June with a December closure).

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