

Enjoy an evening of music on Morgan Lake

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LA GRANDE — Music will once again drift across Morgan Lake on the evening of Saturday, July 23.

This is the fourth or fifth year for Music on the Lake — also called the Morgan Lake Regatta — but it is the first event since 2019, said Chris Gianandrea, recreation planner with La Grande Parks and Recreation, which organizes the event.

Brian Mandella will provide the live tunes from 6-8 p.m.

The audience can either listen from the shore, or float on the lake in a non-motorized craft.

"A lot of people like to paddle board up there," Gianandrea said.

Attendance is free for this outdoor concert.

"It's a little different atmosphere," he said. "Just show up and enjoy the music."

MOONLIGHT SOFTBALL

The regatta isn't the only activity that is coming back this summer.

The Moonlight Softball Tournament is set for Aug. 5-7, and teams need to register by July 27.

"It's a really cool event," Gianandrea

RIVERSIDE CONCERTS

All concerts are 6-8 p.m. at Riverside Park in La Grande.

July 21: TBA

July 28: Calico Bones

Aug. 4: Chris Baron

Aug. 11: TBA

Aug. 18: Brian Mandella

said. "People are excited it's coming back."

The last one was held in 2018. La Grande Parks and Rec has taken over this event, which was previously organized by the La Grande Optimist Club.

"At one point there was up to 40 teams and they play all night," Gianandrea said.

Team members must be 18 and older. Entry is \$350 per team, and onsite camping is available for an extra \$25.

The games will be played at Pioneer Park, 501 Palmer Ave.

To register, go to www.cityoflagrande.org/parks-recreation.

MOONLIGHT BIKE RIDE

The Moonlight Bike Ride is set for Friday, Aug. 12, 7:30-9:30 p.m.

This event is free; helmets and lights are required.



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Brian Mandella plays for the Morgan Lake Regatta on Saturday, July 23.

MUSIC AND MOVIES

La Grande Parks and Rec are also hosting movies in Pioneer Park and concerts at Riverside Park.

The next movie, "Raya and the Last Dragon," shows July 29 at 9 p.m. The last

one is set for Aug. 19 at 8 p.m., featuring "Detective Pikachu."

Concerts are held Thursdays, 6-8 p.m. Find the current schedule online at www.cityoflagrande.org/parks-recreation.

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