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In 2016 the Town of Munster filed a lawsuit against the general contractor (Larson Danielson), its subcontractor (Illiana Remedial), and K&S Engineering, over construction and contractual failures that impact the clubhouse and amphitheater at Centennial Park. Since 2016 the Town has monitored the condition and the safety of the building for use by the public. In February 2021, the Town's engineers at Wiss, Janney, Elster & Associates ("WJE") detected significant movement of the clubhouse but determined that the building remained safe for public use.

Recently, WJE discovered that the movement of the Centennial Park Clubhouse accelerated. WJE also discovered that contractors failed to install grout in certain areas that leave the shifting structure vulnerable to sudden damage. In response, the Town engaged contractors to temporarily stabilize and shore up the building. Because of potential safety issues, the building will no longer be available to rent to the public after November 22, 2021.

While the clubhouse at Centennial Park is a centerpiece of the Town of Munster, the safety of our residents and guests utilizing the Clubhouse is the Town's primary concern. Individuals with events scheduled to occur after November 22, 2021, have been contacted by the Town.

This is an evolving situation, and the Town will provide updates as information becomes available. The safety of the public will continue to determine what decisions are made with regard to access and use of the Clubhouse while we work to hold the responsible parties accountable for the condition of this structure.