

## Renovated Earl Edgar Rec Facility open in Buckeye

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The renovated Earl Edgar Recreational Facility is open after Buckeye [Mayor Jackie Meck](#) threw out the first pitch during Thursday's rededication ceremony.

"It's a privilege for me to throw the first ball," Meck said before delivering a strike.

The facility, at 201 E. Centre Ave., has undergone a \$3 million face lift including new, well-lit sports fields and basketball courts.

The Arizona Sports and Tourism Authority (AZSTA) awarded the town a \$400,000 grant to help finance the renovations.

In addition to the AZSTA grant, local donations included \$5,000 from the Buckeye [Little League](#), a new monument bench and \$500 from the Earl Edgar family. Most of the remaining funds came from developer impact fees and mitigation funds from APS.

According to the town, more than 700 people are expected to daily use the upgraded facility, which includes a baseball diamond donated by APS, the Arizona Diamondbacks and former Diamondbacks

infielder Craig Counsell.

The playground will be the state's first certified "boundless" playground, meaning it is accessible to children of any ability.

Local partners participating in the recreational facilities include Buckeye Union High School, Buckeye Elementary School, Buckeye Little League, Buckeye Pop Warner football league and participants in the Buckeye Community Services Department's youth and adult sports activities.

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