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ANTHEM'S OPPORTUNITY WAY PARK OPENED SEPTEMBER 17 TO A JOYOUS CROWD

Anthem, Ariz. – Anthem's newest amenity, Opportunity Way Park, opened and was dedicated to the residents of the Anthem community on Sept. 17 after a ribbon cutting at the site. EPCOR and Anthem Community Council Board members and staff, as well as Anthem Parkside Community Association and the Community Planning and Development Committee, opened the park for play. Hundreds of residents and guests attended the event.

A partnership between the Anthem Community Council (ACC), EPCOR and Parkside, the 10-acre west side park is the second of the ACC's Facility Master Plan projects; the Anthem Civic Building was the first, completed in 2014. The ACC Board-approved Enhancement Fund project is partially built over an EPCOR active recharge facility, which may make it the first park of its kind in the country.

Features of the new park include:

- Multi-use sports fields (without lights)
- Basketball half-court
- Playground areas (ADA compliant) with shade sails
- Two ramadas
- A picnic area in the retention basin
- Restroom facility and on-site parking
- Half-mile walking path
- Decorative security fencing

At the grand opening, the ACC Community Center staff led games and activities on the sports fields, and ACC and EPCOR staff gave tours and visited with attendees.

“Through the vision and involvement of many talented and dedicated people, we seized the opportunity and found the way to create something beautiful and special for this Anthem neighborhood and our community,” said Ryan Halleran, ACC Board of Directors President.

“We thank our park neighbors and Anthem businesses, residents, and youth – this beautiful space is for you. Please join us in preserving it, protecting it, and enjoying it for years to come.”

Haydon Corp. was the construction manager at risk for the park project, with sub-contractors ExerPlay building the new playground and SiteWorks overseeing the turf and landscape installations. The ACC Parks and Facilities staff installed park furniture and equipment and performed supplementary painting and concrete work; and BrightView Landscape Services completed landscape tasks not covered by the Haydon contract to ensure that the park opened on time and on budget.

View the project history and photos: [OnlineAtAnthem.com/OWP](https://www.onlineatanthem.com/OWP).

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