



## Carson Park Baseball

# STADIUM RENOVATION

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Hi Sports Fan,

Are you missing baseball as much as I am? Peanuts, popcorn and cracker jacks... oh to have some of those snacks at a ballpark or stadium watching a game would just make my day! Since the games are on hold for now, I thought I would share some news about how you can help Carson Park Baseball Stadium be better than ever when it is time to play ball again. As part of a committee to help raise funds for some significant renovations to the stadium, I wanted to share with you a little about our project.

The City of Eau Claire has pledged to match \$1.5 million toward a \$3 million dollar improvement project. Some of the renovations will include the following (none of which will impact the historic original stadium):

- Replace the current aluminum bleachers on the 1st and 3rd base sides with a much safer and fan friendly permanent grandstand seating system
- Add concession areas, apparel space, and year-round climate-controlled restrooms (eliminating the need for portable toilets)
- Allow the park to better accommodate its' visitors with special needs

This historical stadium was once home to Bob Uecker, Joe Torre and of course, Hank Aaron. Now this facility is enjoyed by thousands every year, starting with the local high school baseball games in the spring (and soon the UW-Eau Claire Blugolds), to the Express, Cavaliers, American Legion and other baseball games throughout the summer, as well as the other special events like the Shrine Circus and our City's 4th of July celebration. It's a busy and well used facility with roughly 150 games/events annually. The goal of the project is to provide for a better experience for all its many visitors.

A recent exciting announcement is the anonymous donation of a matching gift of up to **\$50,000** toward the renovations to the stadium. With every **\$500 donation** you get to **personalize a stadium seat** with your name, the name of a loved one or in the name of your own future slugger. The information is included about the "Fill the Seats" campaign.

Feel free to contact me with any questions. Thank you for considering a donation or pledge to the Eau Claire Community Foundation for this project. It will make it possible for even more people to enjoy our great American past-time (and other events) in our All-American City!

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