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**Leahy's on the mound. Here's the wind-up and the pitch.**

## It's Metro Night at Dodger Stadium Aug. 8

- \$25 includes admission and all you can eat! Tickets will be on sale through July 31 at the credit union's Metro Headquarters office, the Gardena location, and from Metro transportation stenos at the following divisions: 1, 2, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 21 and at Rail Operation Control (ROC).

By Laura Kloth  
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Warming up in the improvised bull pen behind the Metro Gateway Center, CEO Art Leahy loosens up in preparation for what will prove to be the most memorable of his many baseball memories – the chance to stand on the mound at Dodger Stadium and throw the first pitch at the upcoming Metro Night Game, Aug. 8.



### The artful Dodger?

Metro's CEO plays hardball, Aug. 8, when he takes the mound to throw out the first pitch at Dodger Stadium in the home game against the Atlanta Braves.

*Stock photo video image.*

OK, we're just kidding about the bullpen behind the Metro headquarters, but not about Leahy's memories of watching some of the greatest players who ever judiciously pine-tarred the grip of a finely-crafted Louisville Slugger.

"At Dodger Stadium I've seen Gil Hodges, Sandy Koufax, Maury Wills, two World Series Dodger wins, a no-hitter, and a triple play," Leahy said, remembering the day he attended his first Dodgers game at the Coliseum in 1958.

It was the first year the Dodgers played there, and they were taking on the Chicago Cubs. Despite a memorable defeat for the Dodgers, Leahy

recalls, on that day, he signed on as a Dodgers fan.

And every game was "lots of fun," he adds.

Event organizer Jim Barnfather, Northrop Grumman Federal Credit Union Vice President of Marketing and Business Development, said when he approached Leahy about throwing out the first pitch, the Metro chief didn't hesitate for a moment. "It's every baseball fan's dream to throw out the first pitch," Barnfather said.

This will be the second time the credit union hosts a Metro Dodger Night to honor Metro employees. In 2003, former CEO Roger Snoble threw out the first pitch in front of hundreds of employees and guests.

Barnfather said the credit union has worked very hard to create a great relationship with Metro over the past seven years.

"Metro has been a valued partner in offering credit union services to its employees and retirees and their families," he said, "Northrop Grumman Federal Credit Union's board of directors deemed this an appropriate time to have a special Credit Union Family Event as a tribute to Metro."

Metro employees are invited to watch Leahy burn one across home plate when the Dodgers take on the Atlanta Braves at 7:10 p.m. on Aug. 8.

A total of 1,000 right-field pavilion tickets are being sold with others available once all tickets are sold, Barnfather said. The \$35 face value tickets are being provided by the credit union at a discounted price of \$25.

The price includes admission and "All You Can Eat" hot dogs, nachos, peanuts, pop corn, soda and water. Beer, ice cream and parking are not included.

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Leahy threw out the first pitch at the Lake Elsinore Storm minor league a few years ago as part of a promotion for the 91 Express Lanes.

As the head of the Orange County Transportation Authority, Leahy was instrumental in launching the 10 mile toll road on the Riverside Freeway (State Route 91) which has been touted as the world's first fully automated toll facility.

And, as he winds up this time, Leahy may end up turning to thoughts of the legendary Sandy Koufax for inspiration.

The only question? Would Koufax advise a fastball or a slider, low and inside?

