



Old Tucson Announces Construction of “Heritage Square”

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(Tucson, AZ) Old Tucson Company is in the final planning stages of building out the center of its world-famous Old Western Town. The goal of the approximately 5,000 square foot Heritage Square project is to create three new streets and twelve new building sets. The scope of the project will require Old Tucson to temporarily revise its operating hours.

“After the rebuild of Old Tucson following the 1995 fire, the town just didn’t have the same look and feel,” says Old Tucson CEO and General Manager Pete Mangelsdorf. “We started discussions with Bob Shelton several years ago to develop a plan to fill the empty space in town square with movie quality sets that bring the magic back.”

The design and construction of the new building sets will be led by Production Designer Gene Rudolf, credited with creating sets for many movies including *Young Guns II*, *The Great Gatsby*, *The Right Stuff*, *Raging Bull*, *Marathon Man*, *Three Days of the Condor* and many more.

To accommodate the construction scheduled to begin in early June (pending Pima County approval), Old Tucson will be open to the public every Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 10 am to 6 pm with new shows and “Living History” vignettes performed throughout the town.

The “Living History” program is an entertaining and educational experience that will provide guests a glimpse into what life was like on the western frontier. “Our goal is to create the atmosphere of a western town circa 1865 – 1900 and let our guests take a step back in time,” stated Terry Verhage, Operations Director. “The Heritage Square project along with the recently completed Native American Village will provide us the additional backdrops we need to complete this experience.”

During the summer construction period, Old Tucson welcomes guests to come out on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays to see the progress being made on the new additions. In addition, Old Tucson is expressing its appreciation by offering Arizona residents one free admission with the purchase of a regular priced admission. This buy-one, get-one-free offer will require a valid Arizona ID, may not be combined with any other discount, and is available beginning June 3. Some special events may be excluded from this offer.

The construction is scheduled to be completed in late October at which time Old Tucson’s daily operating schedule will resume. More information will be available at OldTucson.com in the upcoming months.

Old Tucson has been immortalized in over 300 feature films and TV Westerns and is Hollywood’s most famous western movie location. For information about Old Tucson including current operating hours, please visit our website at www.OldTucson.com or call us at 520-883-0100. Old Tucson is located at 201 S. Kinney Road, Tucson, Arizona 85735

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