



History of Tombstone

The town was founded in 1877 by a gentleman named Ed Schieffelin, attached to a scouting party out after Chiricahua Apaches. He would venture out, looking for rocks, and eventually found some with silver ore, which led to his first silver mine.

It wasn't long before word spread, and prospectors, businessmen, gunmen, ranchers, speculators, and others arrived in droves. Soon a townsite was selected. It was named Tombstone, because Ed had been told by others in the scouting party that the only stone he would find would be his tombstone.

By the mid 1880's, Tombstone had 7500 white males over 21, plus many more women and children, Mexicans, Chinese, and "ladies of the night". It was said to be the fastest growing city between St. Louis and San Francisco, with over 100 saloons, lots of restaurants, a booming red light district, schools, churches, newspapers, and much more.

Tombstone is home to the Bird Cage Theatre (a brothel, a gambling hall, a saloon, and a theater in its time-one of the "wickedest" nightspots in the West), Boothill Cemetery (final resting place of Billy Clanton and the McLaury brothers, the losers at the O K Corral), and the O K Corral (the gunfight between Wyatt Earp and his 2 brothers, plus Doc Holliday, and the Clanton/ McLaury trio, which actually took place in a vacant lot on Fremont Street).

These locations and legends have kept Tombstone alive and thriving, long after the silver petered out. Go visit; they re-enact the OK Corral shootouts frequently, and the Birdcage Theatre and Boothill Graveyard welcome visitors.



In the News...

If you see a barricade and warnings signs in the street, don't ignore them! They are for your own good! Not only can it get you into a sticky situation, but you can also end paying FINES. Read [here](#) about the driver that decided that the signs are barricade were no big deal.

Homelessness has become a big issue in Tempe. During the month of September, one homeless man was found dead between the Tempe Public Library and the History Museum. This was during a time of 110 degree weather for nine days straight, without any relief at night. United Way is working on getting more shelter for these homeless folks to help them get out of the streets and have a better chance at transitioning back into society. Read [here](#) for the full story.

What's in store for the future of Phoenix? That is unclear at this point, which is why city officials will be conducting surveys of the public to figure out what changes they would like to see take place. I think that asking the people what they want is a great idea! Chances are, you might be stopped by one of these folks to give them your valuable input. To read more about their plan of action, go [here](#).



Upcoming Events

Date	Venue	Event
Sept. 1	Comerica Theatre	BB King
Sept. 6	Ashley Pavilion	Rascal Flatts
Sept. 7 & 8	Gainey Ranch Golf Club	Patriot Day Celebration
Sept. 9-11	Tempe Beach Park	Healing Fields Memorial
Sept. 13	Comerica Theatre	Metalocalypse: Dethlok
Sept. 16	Comerica Theatre	The Kings Men
Sept. 18	Comerica Theatre	Pretty Lights
Sept. 20	Ashley Pavilion	Jason Aldean
Sept. 22	Comerica Theatre	Jerry Seinfeld
Sept. 23	University of Phoenix Stadium	Cardinals v. Eagles
Sept. 25	Jobing.com Arena	Red Hot Chili Peppers
Sept. 26	Comerica Theatre	Il Volo
Sept. 28	Tempe Beach Park	Rise Against
Sept. 28 & 29	Ashley Pavilion	Desert Uprising
Sept. 29	Sunsplash Tempe	Soundwave Music Festival
Sept. 29	Jobing.com Arena	Justin Bieber
Sept. 29	Comerica	Bill Maher
Sept. 30	Comerica	Train
Sept. 30	University of Phoenix Stadium	Cardinals v. Dolphins

Help the Community

Every year Tempe Beach Park hosts the Healing Fields Memorial. 2,977 flags are erected at the park, each flag representing a person who lost their life eleven years ago, on September 11, 2001. People come here to pay their respects to the fallen, supports those that lost friends and loved ones, and remember what it is to act together as a community. It reminds us that we should help one another. Even if you've seen it before, it is still an emotional experience. I don't think any of us will forget how surreal that day was, and we don't ever want to forget. We want to remember how easy it can be for outsiders to come to our country and cause mass destruction. This is why our soldiers are out there fighting wars: to protect those of us here at home. Contrary to popular belief, it CAN happen to us.

If you would like to be a part of this project, please email me at Ashleigh@teamsecurity.net. A lot of us volunteer each year to help mark the fields, unload/load the flags, and set up and tear down the flags. It's a great chance to work with others in the community for a good cause.

Both of these people are survivors of September 11, 2001. This photo was taken by Marlies Meinhold at the event last year.



The place to improve the world is first in one's own heart and head and hands.— Robert M. Pirsig

We Will Never Forget

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