# Discovering the Joys of Tulsa... Safely

More Than 175 Businesses and Attractions are Participating in the Tulsa Safely Campaign

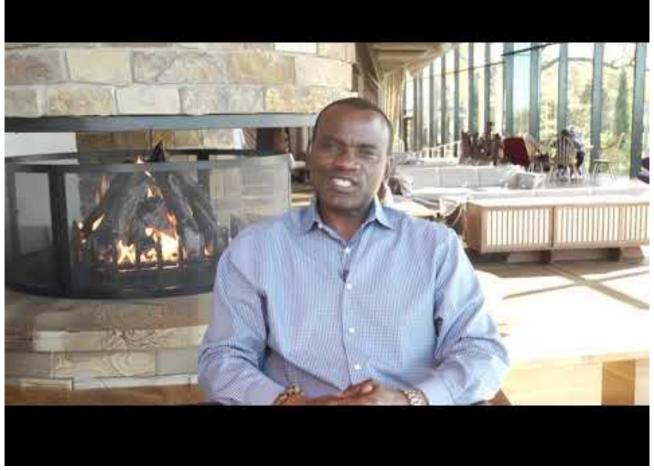


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A trip to Tulsa may be a little different than it was before, but the heart of the city, it's people, and it's attractions haven't skipped a beat. Recently, Tony Moore, Executive Director of The Gathering Place and Mary Beth Babcock, owner of Buck Atom's Cosmic Curios on Route 66, teamed with Visit Tulsa and YourUpdateTV on a satellite media tour to discuss the new Tulsa Safely initiative.

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The Tulsa Safely initiative is uniting local partners and businesses who are adhering to all recommended CDC health regulations, like wearing masks. Places like Mother Road Market are doing outdoor patio dining and take-out only and ensuring that they are respecting social distancing guidelines.

Route 66, with its quirky shops and stops, including Buck Atom's, is a great family attraction that is also outside for easy social distancing. The route is iconic and has many exciting discoveries for a family to enjoy. The **Route 66 Passport** is an interactive way to enjoy the fabled roadway, allowing families to collect stamps from establishments along the route.

The ever-inclusive and engaging **Gathering Place**, Tulsa's 66-acre, \$465 million public park that takes days to fully experience, is the top choice for family activities. The seasonal events are changing to address pandemic protocols and masks are required.

The **Tulsa Zoo**, who just welcomed three new animals, also attracts families to explore the many enclosures that bring them face to face with all sorts of creatures. Masks are required and visitors must purchase tickets in advance to prevent crowding. The **Oklahoma Aquarium** boasts an impressive world-class collection of bull sharks and offers unique animal encounters for guests. The attraction requires masks, urges visitors to come outside of peak hours and mandates social distancing.

Cultural institutions like **Philbrook** & Gilcrease Museums have outdoor events for families while The Botanic Garden and Tulsa's River Trails & Parks offer family fun in any season.

Tulsa is also known as a battleground for Civil Rights, and the Greenwood Cultural Center is a step towards exploring this history. Next year, Tulsa will be home to an even larger museum, Greenwood Rising, showcasing Black history in Tulsa. As a community, Tulsa is taking momentous steps toward healing..

Check out **VisitTulsa.com** for more information when you're ready to travel again and come back early in 2021 for a full new website experience.

About Tony Moore, Executive Director, Gathering Place As a hospitality park executive with more than 30 years of experience in the entertainment industry, Tony has served in a leadership capacity for some of the most respected entertainment brands including Universal Studios, SeaWorld Parks and Tampa's Lowry Park Zoo. Tony owned and operated a hospitality consulting firm, Attractions Management Group Inc. and is now serving as the Executive Director for a one of a kind, world-class, urban park, Gathering Place.

About Mary Beth Babcock, Owner of Buck Atom's Cosmic Curios on Route 66:

A native of Bartlesville, Oklahoma, Mary Beth Babcock has become known as one of her state's most talented and enthusiastic goodwill ambassadors. As the founder of such Tulsa mainstays as Dwelling Spaces and the famous Route 66 landmark Buck Atom's Cosmic Curios on 66, Babcock's boundless energy has helped put Tulsa on the map in all new ways.

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