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Blessings in the Bottoms – First Friday West Bottoms Weekend Event

Last Weekend of the Haunt Season - Rolls into Thanksgiving with a Turkey Bowl

KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI — Given a year like 2020, we are all counting our blessings and looking at the brighter side of things. One of the positives for Kansas City has been the expansive outdoor spaces in the West Bottoms that have made the First Friday Weekends possible. The monthly mix of entertainment and shopping is upon us again this November 6-8. The event closes out the haunt season and rolls out the turkeys in the area's first Turkey Bowl with street entertainment and fabulous giveaways to boot.

The weekend marks the Beast and Edge of Hell haunted houses' encore performances (concluding the 30th season for the Beast and 46th for Edge of Hell).

Daytime events focus on the West Bottoms shoppers, where the district's stores are open at 8:30 am on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Area shops have amassed merchandise for Thanksgiving and the holiday's favorite finds from vintage, fashion, antiques, and collectibles to home goods, décor, furniture, and much more.

West Bottoms' stores have joined forces to offer **Friendsgiving Giveaways**, where a few lucky fans will win private feasts supplied by area businesses. The three giveaways include: Thursday's **Robin's Nest Feast** that will seat ten for one winner, plus the group will get gift bags by Sincerely Ellis Fashion Boutique and dinner by Chef J BBQ; Saturday's **Street Feast** that seats a private group of ten at a decked-out portion of the street by Dusted Attic and Chef J with gift bags by Serendipity, and last but not least, is Sunday's **Hatch & Home Brunch** prize for one winner, seating twelve in Hatch & Home's design showroom with luxe kitchens.

"The queens of the West Bottoms know how to host a party. We feel so blessed that we've been able to continue to have visitors most of the year," said Amber Arnett-Bequeaith, spokesperson for the West Bottoms Entertainment District. "Visitors can shake a tail-feather at our turkey bowl. It'll be a hoot. Our giveaways and free street events find ways to have fun in 2020 and make everyone feel special - like a queen."

"And we've added a gem of a sight with our recent adoption of a majestic Quarter Horse, we've named Blueberry Sapphire. She'll make the event sparkle, showing her love for her new home and family – a warmth we all hope for during this magical time of the year," Arnett-Bequeaith

added. Arnett-Bequeaith rescued Blueberry from a slaughterhouse and set up a [GoFundMe](#) to help with her care and save more horses.

The *Festival of the Full Moon's* street events happen every First Friday weekend and highlight the month's full moon. Busy beaver shoppers will be aglow during this Beaver Moon. Festival of the Full Moon will have a new theme each month. The last event for 2020 is December's "Bells and Balls in the Bottoms." The holiday season will kick-off Thursday, December 3, from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm, with the tree lighting at 6:30 pm. There will be drinks, Santa, and the Grinch.

NOVEMBER'S FESTIVAL OF THE FULL MOON FIRST WEEKEND PLANNER

Friday through Sunday, November 6-8, 2020

- **West Bottom's Shopping – Festival of the Full Moon Weekend**
Open Friday through Sunday - Shops Open at 8:30 am closes around 5 pm.
- **Entertainment**
Turkey Bowl – We are bowling frozen turkeys outside at 13th and Hickory. Visitors can bowl for a chance to win prizes. A strike wins 2 Full Moon Escape Game tickets and a pie party. **Period entertainers will show Blueberry Sapphire**, the rescued horse, and a selfie station. GoFundMe for Blueberry and future rescues: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/blueberry-sapphire-a-horse-rescue-story>
- **Friendsgiving Giveaways – 3 opportunities to win a private feast at [facebook.com/westbottoms](https://www.facebook.com/westbottoms) and [facebook.com/kcwestbottoms](https://www.facebook.com/kcwestbottoms)**
 - **THURSDAY - Robin's Nest Feast** – One winner seated private dinner for ten at Robin's Nest, 11/5/20, 6:30 pm. Guests receive gift bags by Sincerely Ellis Fashion Boutique, food provided by Chef J BBQ at the Beast, a bubble toast, and a red or white wine provided at dinner by the Full Moon Bar.
 - **SATURDAY – Gobble 'til you Wobble Street Feast** - at 13th & Hickory, Saturday, 11/7/20, at 4 pm - Chef J, Dusted Attic, and Serendipity will have a table set for ten plus gift bags for this winner's group by Serendipity.
 - **SUNDAY – Hatch & Home Brunch**, hosted at this design delight studio full of luxury kitchens and lavash home ideas. The winner gets a seasonal bubble brunch for twelve, with a chef experience from 10 am-noon, Sunday 11/8.
- **Food Truck Wine & Dine**
Available Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, off the 12th St. Bridge Food trucks and booths with beer, wine, and cocktail options including the West Bottoms' Cranberry Champagne Cocktail and Thanksgivings a Breeze (orange and cranberry juice and vodka).
- **Beast Haunted House & Edge of Hell Haunted House** encore weekend 11/6 and 11/7 opening at 7:30 pm. Beast: 1401 W. 13th Street, and Edge of Hell: 1300 W 12th St. in KCMO.
- **Full Moon Escape Rooms: Beast's Tool Room & Ghost of Merlin Room**

Opens 10 am-9 pm Tuesday-Saturday at 1401 W. 13th Street. This weekend's last escape game available until 3 pm on Friday and Saturday. fullmoonescape.com

About the West Bottoms Historic Entertainment District:

The [West Bottoms Historic Entertainment District](#), located just off the 12th Street Bridge, has 22 warehouses in a thirteen-block area with approximately 600 vendors and more than 25 stores and restaurants. Many of its large, multi-story buildings have histories starting over 120 years ago. These repurposed, vast spaces form the largest, year-round, indoor vintage entertainment district. The West Bottoms is the destination for interior decorators and designers, collectors, and consumers seeking stylish décor and gift options with history and patina that cannot be replicated. The new [Full Moon Escape Rooms](#) add another adventure option in the area. westbottoms.com

About the Beast and Edge of Hell Haunted Attractions:

The [Beast](#) and [Edge of Hell](#) are world-class haunted house attractions presided by the [Queen of Haunts](#). Edge of Hell is the oldest haunted attraction still operating in the US, with its 1975 spooky start. The haunted attractions always have made charities central to their operations. Helping children and pet charities in the community, including the anti-bullying program "[Don't Be A Monster](#)." The Beast Haunted House is celebrating its 30th anniversary season in 2020. The haunts' neighborhood is located in the Historic West Bottoms Entertainment District off the 12th Street Bridge near Downtown Kansas City. The area's attractions also include the [Ghost and Gangsters Ghoul Bus Tour](#), [Medusa -the world-record snake](#), and the [Full Moon Escape](#) rooms.