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Barks in the Bottoms During These Dog Days of Summer in KC's West Bottoms August 7-9

Enjoy a free concert under the 12th St. Bridge and back-to-school shopping with your leashed pet

KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI — Perhaps the silver lining of these unique times is being able to stop and listen to the music with loved ones and pets. The new reality includes making homes work for online learning, home offices, and video calls with their pets on-hand. This [West Bottoms](#) Weekend, August 7-9, people can be socially distanced, enjoy a free concert with their leashed pets under the 12th Street Bridge, and get that shopping done to make all those home improvements. The historic district boasts 22 blocks of shopping to give lots of space for leisurely outside strolls between stores with back-to-school specials.

The weekend's Festival of the Full Moon will feature the [BQ Ocean Blu](#) band playing on Friday and Saturday from 11 am – 3 pm. This hometown group (recently signed with a Nashville label) will play various rock, pop, country, and blues favorites and their originals. They'll be accepting donations for Great Plains SPCA Pet Adoption Center. Look for their beloved standard poodle "Bubbles," to greet other four-legged friends with water and doggie treats.

"Bring a folding chair, or plan a picnic, sitting under the bridge while enjoying the band. Connecting to what matters by slowing down and enjoying the 'good times' with close friends, family, and fur babies. We'll have food truck options, and various cafés in the district will also be open for those wanting food and drinks," said Amber Arnett-Bequeaith, West Bottoms Entertainment District spokesperson, aka Queen of the West Bottoms. "Plus, the stores have various sales in place for vintage, antiques, apparel, and furniture."

The district is also announcing *Hatch and Home* opening at 1300 W. 13th Street. The store specializes in interior design for homes and businesses, including showrooms and event spaces decorated in themes ranging from Rocker and Boho to Chic and Spanish Chateau. The spaces highlight tile, lighting, furniture, fixtures, fabric, and flooring.

Festival of the Full Moon is a celebration each First Friday weekend with a highlight of the month's moon. August is a Red Moon due to the red haze around the moon this time of year expected during the dog days of summer. Upcoming events include September 4-6 "Booze in the Bottoms;" October 2-4 "Boo in the Bottoms," November 6-8 "Blessings in the Bottoms," and December to be announced.

AUGUST'S FESTIVAL OF THE FULL MOON FIRST WEEKEND PLANNER

Friday through Sunday, August 7-9, 2020

- ☑ [West Bottom's Shopping – Festival of the Full Moon Weekend](#)
Open Friday through Sunday - Shops Open at 8:30 am and closes around 5 pm.
- ☑ [BQ Ocean Blu Band](#)
Playing under the 12th Street Bridge 11-3 pm, Friday and Saturday
- ☑ **Food Truck Wine & Dine & Music**
Various food trucks and full-service bars line the streets
Available Friday, Saturday and Sunday, off the 12th St. Bridge
Drink special: Bubbles, the Parti Poodle
- ☑ [Full Moon Escape Rooms: Beast's Tool Room & Ghost of Merlin Room](#)
Opens 10 am - 9 pm Tuesday-Saturday. fullmoonescape.com
- ☑ New Store Opening: [Hatch + Home](#) at 1300 W. 13th Street, Kansas City, Missouri, 64102
Opens Friday, August 7 from 10 am to 4 pm, Saturday, August 8 from 9 am – 6 pm, and
Sunday, August 9 from 9 am – 4 pm.
- ☑ Coming soon – late August: Fountain City Winery - at 1409 W. 11th

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 large, multi-story buildings have histories starting over 120 years ago. Now, these repurposed vast spaces earn the title of the largest, year-round, indoor vintage, and 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 duplicated. The new [Full Moon Escape Rooms](#) add another adventure option in the area. westbottoms.com

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