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Bells & Balls in the Bottoms Tree Lighting and West Bottoms Holiday Weekends Festive outside lighting ceremony with all the trimmings Saturday, Dec. 5

KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI — With the twinkle of the tree lighting, Kansas City's West Bottoms Entertainment District aims to create the spirit of Christmas in this time when we are reminded every moment counts. The outdoor occasion formally kicks off the district's **Bells and Balls in the Bottoms** tree lighting ceremony on Saturday, December 5, from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm. Stores will officially open for the West Bottoms Holiday Weekends, every Friday through Sunday beginning Friday, December 4 until Christmas.

The tree lighting ceremony will take place at 13th and Hickory, where a two-story bell and ball adorned tree and a snowmaker will transform the historic area's intersection into a winter wonderland. Bell ringers and Christmas carolers are planned in the array of holiday spectacular alongside Santa, Grinch, dancers, and a live nativity.

Area stores generally open at 8:30 am on Friday and Saturday, and 11:00 am on Sundays offering new, vintage, and antique merchandise that shoppers cannot find elsewhere. The Full Moon Street bars will be selling cocoa, hot cider, and drinks of all varieties, in addition to some superior local coffee shop offerings. Indoor and outdoor seating is available to dine on area food favorites from the restaurants, like Chef J's BBQ and food truck fare.

"We are expecting ideal conditions to host this outside lighting event, but we'll have snow regardless for wintertime photos," said Amber Arnett-Bequeaith, West Bottoms district spokesperson. "This is a special Christmas. People are looking for heartfelt things, and shoppers here love the hunt discovering gifts and home furnishings that are sure to be cherished."

Festival of the Full Moon will have a new theme each month. The 2020 schedule announcement of First Friday Weekend themes to be announced later in December.

CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING & DECEMBER BELLS & BALLS in the BOTTOMS WEEKEND PLANNER

- **West Bottoms Tree Lighting Ceremony**
Saturday, December 5th, 5:30 -7:30 pm – Entertainment, Photo ops, and shops open.
- **West Bottom's Shopping – Festival of the Full Moon Weekends**
December 4-6th; 11-13th; and 18-20th. Open Friday through Sunday - Shops Open at Fr/Sat 8:30 am, closes around 5 pm, and Sunday 11 am to 4.
- **Full Moon Escape Rooms: Beast's Tool Room & Ghost of Merlin Room**

Opens 10 am-9 pm at 1401 W. 13th Street. Tuesday-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

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