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Rekindle the Joy of the Holidays with Bows in the Bottoms event during Kansas City's West Bottoms' First Friday Weekend and Weekends Before Christmas

KANSAS CITY, MO – This holiday season kicks off in Kansas City's West Bottoms Historic District December 6-8 with its beloved annual First Friday Weekend holiday-themed event, "Bows in the Bottoms." The district will host its annual old-fashioned tree lighting ceremony at 5:30 PM with a backdrop of artificial snow falling, free hot chocolate and cookies, festive celebrities, i.e. Santa and the Grinch, with live music entertainment, photo ops and games.

The West Bottom is nestled alongside the iconic Historic 12th Street Bridge and transforms into a holiday haven brimming with Christmas memories with visions of bow-wrapped antiques, vintage, and gifts amidst a festive, magical Christmas setting complete with Santa. Shops are stocked with one-of-a-kind treasures that elevate gift-giving and holiday décor to the extraordinary. The bustling walkable streets between the nineteenth-century multistory brick buildings adorned with twinkling lights, bows, a two-story Christmas tree, and evergreen garlands feel like an immersive Norman Rockwell painting experience.

Each weekend scenic activities are planned as part of the Festival of the Full Moon outside, primarily located at Hickory and 13th Streets. The area is complete with the sights and sounds of the holiday, including holiday music, a piano player outside when the weather permits, and appearances by the Grinch and Santa with a snow machine creating a magical atmosphere. Visitors love to capture these picture-perfect moments.

Many stores in the district plan to be open each weekend through Christmas to assist shoppers with creating a fulfilling shopping experience. "The stores are especially charming this time of year and smell so good with aromas of the season," shared West Bottoms spokesperson Amber Arnett-Bequeaith. "Shoppers will love exploring spaces styled for inspiration, while others provide the thrill of uncovering hidden gems."

Holiday Shopping Highlights

Festival of the Full Moon Weekend – Celebrate the spirit of the season with "Bows in the Bottoms" running Friday through Sunday. Stroll streets aglow with festive lights, admire the multistory Christmas tree, and enjoy the magic of falling snow — even if Mother Nature needs a little help. Most shops will be open Friday through Sunday, with hours from 9 am to 6 pm on Friday and Saturday and noon to 5 pm on Sunday. The tree lighting starts at dusk, around 5:30 PM, each event evening beginning Dec. 6. Admission is free.

- December 6-8 Characters: Friday: Noon -4 Tree Lighting at 5:30 Saturday: 11:00 - 4pm. Sunday: noon-3
- December 13-14 – Both days - Noon-4
- December 20-21– Both days - Noon-4

Food Truck Wine & Dine – First Friday Weekend only - First Friday Weekend only - Savor delicious seasonal treats from food trucks along Hickory Street between 12th and 13th, adding a dash of flavor to the festive atmosphere. Area coffee shops, Chef J's BBQ, and cafés inside some stores offer additional dining options..

Entertainment – Festival of the Full Moon Street activities

- [Lark Entertainment](#) 1527 W 9th St, Kansas City, MO 64101 shuffleboard, mini golf, sports simulators, food
- [Full Moon Escape](#) 1401 W 13th St Suite C, Kansas City, MO 64102 escape games

About the [West Bottoms Historic Entertainment District](#)

Located just off the 12th Street Bridge adjacent to Downtown Kansas City, Missouri. Home to 22 historic brick warehouses over a thirteen-block area and 600 vendors, the West Bottoms Historic Entertainment District has been foundational to Kansas City for 130+ years. The area's rich history aligns well with their vintage and antiques and a go-to source for decorators, collectors, and gift-seekers on weekends year-round. The repurposed, vast spaces form the largest indoor, year-round vintage entertainment district. westbottoms.com