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**The Historic West Bottoms Featuring Patriotic Displays and Music Celebrating Independence July 5-7
First Friday Weekend's Theme is Boom in the Bottoms**

KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI — Get ready to experience a star-spangled spectacle as the Historic West Bottoms gears up for a post-Independence Day bash during the First Friday Weekend, July 5-7. Themed **Boom in the Bottoms**, this event promises to keep the patriotic spirit soaring high.

The West Bottoms is known for its rich history, boasting majestic 19th-century multistory buildings that now house charming retail stores. These shops are stocked with unique, limited-quantity items, each carrying its own tale — from décor and furnishings to apparel. As shoppers explore the 13 blocks of the Historic 12th Street Bridge West Bottoms District, the air will resonate with the sounds of patriotic melodies. Speakers will blast beloved tunes, while live musicians, including horn players and a grand piano, add to the festive atmosphere.

Locally owned businesses in the West Bottoms are ready for a boom in business. The West Bottoms district spokesperson, Amber Arnett-Bequeaith, shared, “Shop owners in the district go all out with patriotic themes, creating a special ambiance. We’ve added photo ops, and the Full Moon bars outside are perfect for quenching any thirst.”

Each store has its own kind of "boom" that draws visitors inside. Here are a few highlights:

- [All Keyed Up Piano Shop](#) – This store offers rows of fine vintage pianos and player pianos. While some player pianos use traditional paper scrolls, they also offer smartphone-controlled options.
- [Stuffology](#) – A treasure trove of unique finds, this store features vintage audio equipment, including refurbished speakers and turntables that deliver the revered sound quality enthusiasts seek.
- [Chef J's Barbecue](#) – Known for its mouth-watering barbecue, the massive smoker outside booms when the lid shuts, cooking meats to perfection for over 10 hours.
- [Lucky Dog 13 Rescue](#) – Adding some barks to the booms, this rescue organization showcases pups of all kinds available for adoption. Donations of dog toys and food are always welcome.
- [Java Garage](#), [Fetch](#), [Rustic Vintage Rose](#), [Ugly Glass](#), [West Bottoms Bicycles](#), [Good JuJu](#), [Bella Patina](#), [Robins Nest](#), [Serendipity](#), [Treasures on 13th](#), [Fountain City Winery](#), and [Full Moon Escape Games](#) – these and many more stores offer celebrations and unique finds throughout the weekend.

Mark the calendar for upcoming First Friday Weekend events in the West Bottoms, each with its own delightful theme:

- **August:** Barks in the Bottoms
- **September:** Brews in the Bottoms
- **October:** Boo in the Bottoms
- **November:** Blessings in the Bottoms
- **December:** Bows in the Bottoms

Join the Historic West Bottoms for a weekend filled with booming fun, patriotic pride, and unforgettable experiences!

JULY's BOOM in the BOTTOMS WEEKEND PLANNER

West Bottoms' Shopping: Embracing the Festival of the Full Moon Weekends' theme, Boom in the Bottoms runs from July 5-7. Shops will be open Friday through Sunday, with most opening at 9 AM, closing around 6 PM on Friday and Saturday, and Sunday from 12-4 PM. For specific store openings, it's recommended to refer to individual store Facebook pages or visit westbottoms.com.

Live Music: Enjoy the tunes of Anthony Perkins performing on an All-Keyed Up Piano outside at 13th and Hickory from 12-3 PM on Friday and Saturday.

Lucky Dog 13 Rescue: On Friday and Saturday from 11 AM to 2 PM, visit Lucky Dog 13 Rescue to view and potentially adopt dogs needing their forever homes.

Food & Drink: Satisfy your cravings with food trucks and various on-site vendors, including the Full Moon Street Bar, Chef J BBQ, Java Garage, Bella Patina's 3rd Floor Painted Rooster Café, and West Bottoms Whiskey.

Full Moon Escape: the Escape Games have slots available and new games. Open Friday, 12:00 PM - 10:30 PM; Saturday, 10:30 AM - 10:30 PM; Sunday, 10:30 AM - 9:30 PM.

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 30 stores and restaurants. Its large, multistory buildings have histories dating back more than 130 years. These repurposed, vast spaces form the largest indoor vintage entertainment district year-round. The West Bottoms is the destination for interior decorators, designers, collectors, and consumers making unique, quality finds for home, décor, style, and gift options with history and patina that cannot be replicated. westbottoms.com

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