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**Walking Down the Aisle or Shopping along the Streets in the West Bottoms  
First Friday Weekend June 5-7 celebrates Brides in the Bottoms**

KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI, June 5, 2020 – June’s First Friday Weekend, June 5-7, celebrates West Bottoms re-opening for in-person business and marking their theme “Brides in the Bottoms”. There is a renewed spirit to connect in person – even it is still six feet apart.

Strolling the streets in the West Bottoms, between the spacious, historic warehouses, offers shoppers the joy of the hunt to find their vintage, antique, fashion, and more. Stores will be following social distancing rules and encourage shoppers to wear masks.

“Something olde, something new, something borrowed, something blue” is a tradition many brides cherish on their special day. While COVID may be changing many wedding plans, the West Bottoms has the shopping to fulfill that union custom as well as venues that support wedding events.

The West Bottoms’ Rumely event space has been remodeled with a new impressive entrance and accommodations that can host weddings or wedding parties. This weekend, a bride and groom decided to forego their interior space wedding for the covered exterior space under the iconic 12<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge, adjacent to the Rumely. They’ll use the Rumely to ready for their wedding. Rather than the traditional wedding fare, they’ll have food trucks offering food to guests for the momentous occasion.

“We’ve always been an area that can flex to meet the occasion,” said Amber Arnett-Bequeaith, West Bottoms district spokesperson also known as the Queen of the West Bottoms. “We have lots of space in the Bottoms – which works in favor of shopping and allowing social distance, as well as spacious and creative wedding venues. This busy time for weddings is also a chance for us to reflect on the renewal of love and getting back to business.”

**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 the large, multi-story buildings have histories starting over 120 years ago. They have now repurposed this vast space to earn the title of the largest, year-round, indoor vintage and entertainment district. Since 1988, the District 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 weekend's street entertainment, food trucks, and bars are all part of the Festival of the Full Moon. Full Moon Escape Rooms add another adventure option in the area. [www.westbottoms.com](http://www.westbottoms.com)

## **JUNE'S FESTIVAL OF THE FULL MOON FIRST WEEKEND PLANNER** **Friday through Sunday, June 5-7, 2020**

### **West Bottom's Shopping – Festival of the Full Moon Weekend**

Open Friday through Sunday - Shops Open at 8:30 A.M.

Highlighting stores:

Good Juju

Serendipity

Robins Nest

Dusted Attic

Chef J BBQ

Sincerely Ellis

Vintage Rustic Rose

Java Garage

### **Food Truck Wine & Dine**

Various food trucks and full-service bars line the streets, including a Brushing Bride cocktails and chocolate-covered strawberries.

Available Friday, Saturday and Sunday, off the 12<sup>th</sup> St. Bridge

### **Full Moon Escape Rooms: Beast's Tool Room & Ghost of Merlin Room**

Opens 10am-9pm Tuesday-Saturday. [fullmoonescape.com](http://fullmoonescape.com) **reserve online 24-hours or more in advance**