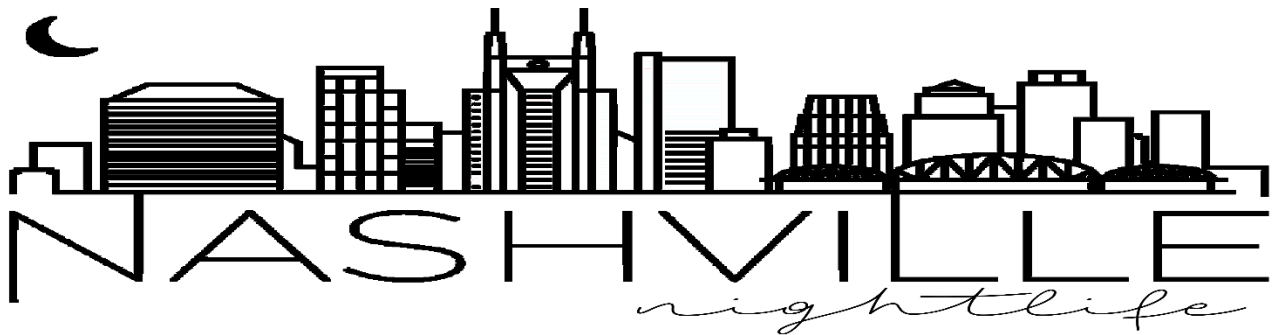




NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to Nashville Nightlife: Your Guide to Music City After Dark!

Welcome to Nashville Nightlife: Your Guide to Music City After Dark! We're excited to present the inaugural edition of Nashville Nightlife, your ultimate guide to all the fun and fabulous happenings after dark in the heart of Music City! As the sun dips below the horizon and the neon lights come alive, Nashville turns into a vibrant playground filled with music, laughter, and unforgettable moments.

In this newsletter, we'll take you on a journey through the hottest venues, showcase the best live performances, and highlight the tastiest late-night bites. Whether you're a long-time local or just passing through, we're here to help you discover the hidden gems and iconic spots that make Nashville's nightlife truly one-of-a-kind.

Join us as we celebrate the energy and creativity that pulse through our streets each night. We can't wait to share upcoming events, our favorite bar, lounge, and restaurant recommendations, and insider tips to ensure your nights in Nashville are nothing short of spectacular!

Let's dive into the magic of Nashville nightlife together!

The Office of Nightlife was created to act as a liaison between residents, business owners, employees, visitors, and Metro-Nashville government. We focus on issues of noise, cleanliness, public safety, and quality of life.

The Nashville Nightlife Team!

Featured Event: The Nashville Black Market – Black History Month Expo



The Nashville Black Market Black History Month Expo held February 8th and 9th was an enlightening and vibrant celebration of Black culture, history, and entrepreneurship. From the moment attendees arrived, they were greeted with a lively atmosphere filled with music, art, and the rich aroma of diverse cuisines. It was heartwarming to see the community come together to support local businesses and celebrate their heritage. It not only provided a platform for Black voices and businesses but also fostered a sense of community and pride.

The Nashville Black Market is held every 1st Friday of the Month at the Farmers Market beginning in March.

To learn more about The Nashville Black Market visit www.thenashvilleblackmarket.com

Live Music Highlights: MVAN & Visit Music City Present: 615 INDIE LIVE

On February 1, 2025, an incredible event unfolded in the city as 615 Indie Live took center stage, showcasing the creativity and sounds of 50 local artists across a variety of independent venues. This vibrant event provided both locals and visitors with a chance to immerse themselves in the remarkable talent that Nashville has to offer.

Participating venues included 3rd and Lindsley, Acme Feed and Seed, Dee's Country Cocktail Lounge, DRKMTTR Collective, Eastside Bowl, Music Makers Stage at Delgado Guitars, Night We Met, Rudy's Jazz Room, The 5 Spot, The Basement, The Blue Room Bar at Third Man Records, The East Room, and The End.



Event Update: Nashville's NYE Big Bash 2024

As we look back on an unforgettable New Year's Eve in Nashville, we want to highlight the amazing work of Red Frogs USA and their dedicated volunteers at the Nashville New Year's Eve Big Bash. With a record-breaking attendance of 220,000 partygoers at the Bicentennial Capital Mall State Park, the event was a tremendous success, and Red Frogs played a crucial role in ensuring everyone had a safe and enjoyable experience!



Red Frogs USA is a nonprofit organization dedicated to offering support and assistance during major events, and their presence was strongly felt throughout the New Year's Eve celebration. Here's a summary of their impressive contributions:

- **31 Volunteers**
- **6500 Cups of Water**
- **225 Phones Charged**
- **103 Pounds of Candy**
- **700 Hand Warmers**
- **289 Volunteer Hours**
- **45 Transport and Rideshare Assistance**
- **18 Intoxication Assistance**
- **7 NYE Interviews**

We extend our heartfelt thanks to Red Frogs USA and their incredible volunteers for their hard work, dedication, and compassion during the NYE celebration. Their efforts not only improved the experience for attendees but also demonstrated the true spirit of community and support that Nashville represents.

As we step into the new year, let's keep celebrating the fantastic organizations that make our city a better place. We're excited to see what Nashville has in store for 2025!

Bar and Restaurant Spotlights:

Hawkers Asian Street Food

Located at 626A Main Street

Nashville, TN 37206

Go for the food, stay for the ambiance. The welcoming atmosphere makes for an amazing dining experience. Start with the Roti Canai and finish with the Jo-He bag o' donuts. You won't be disappointed.

Insider Tips:

Safe Bar

Does this work?

Over 50% of all sexual assaults involve alcohol. Safe Bar, a bystander intervention-based educational training program, is aimed at preventing sexual violence in alcohol-serving establishments. The mission of Safe Bar is to work with local bars & restaurants in raising awareness about alcohol's role in sexual assault, engaging bar owners and staff in bystander intervention, and working together to do our part to prevent sexual violence across Tennessee. With 79 certified Safe Bars across the state and 45 in the metro Nashville area, Sexual Assault Center is taking the lead in the effort for creating safer nightlife by working with the employees to better learn how to spot and respond to sexual violence.

Learn more or sign up for a training at: <https://sacenter.org/resources/safe-bar-training-program.aspx>

Narcan ONEbox

Fentanyl and opioids in general have contributed to a deadly epidemic in our nation. From February 2022-January 2023, Nashville had the highest overdose death rate (just behind Baltimore, MD) for cities exceeding 500,000 people.

Last May, the Office of Nightlife started partnering with Councilmember Erin Evans, Substance Use Response Consultant with the UT SMART Initiative Trevor Henderson, and Head of Narcotics for MNPd Sgt. Mike Hotz. Through this partnership, we have installed 82 ONEbox units in bars and restaurants. These boxes were originally funded by Gibson Gives and then funded by a \$20,000 grant from Metro Council.



ONEbox provides step-by-step video guidance in English and Spanish to empower bystanders to confidently respond to an overdose – because preparedness saves lives. The ONEbox is a product of the Drug Intervention Institute of West Virginia and distributed by Dr. Susan Murphy and Joe Murphy.

If you're interested in installing ONEboxes in their venues reach out to Michael Hotz to schedule an appointment at Michael.Hotz@Nashville.gov

Feel free to share this newsletter with friends and family to spread the word! If you have an event that you would love for us to highlight, please contact Kennetha Price at Kennetha.Price@Nashville.gov

Meet our Team!

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