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Remediation on Railyards Project to Begin in New Year

Private rentals of the facility on hold

ALBUQUERQUE, NM - The City of Albuquerque announced today that they will be placing all private event rentals at the historic Rail Yards on hold effective January 1, 2019 in order to conduct extensive environmental remediation to the building adjacent to the already-updated blacksmith shop.

During a news conference in September, Mayor Tim Keller took back control of the Rail Yards by tearing up a contract between the City and the California-based contractor hired in 2012 to develop the site.

"By invigorating the talent, history and resources we already have in Albuquerque, we can finally make sure the Rail Yards reaches its full potential as a place for people to gather for all kinds of community activities," said Mayor Tim Keller.

The public Rail Yards Market will remain open for business as usual on Sundays during this time. The public-private partnership between the market and the City is an economic development resource and provides support to local entrepreneurs and artists.

The City is happy to help those looking for private event space by suggesting alternative City facilities. Inquiries can be emailed to <u>CultureABQ@cabq.gov</u>.

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