

Meet The Neighbors: Downtown's Coffee Cafes

Downtown Albany has grown quite a coffee culture. We now have three coffee cafes with inviting indoor spaces and outside seating. Here are the spots where you can get a cup and sit a bit.

The Brim Coffee Co.
241 1st Ave. W • (541) 905-0462

Originally opened in January 2020 inside of the YMCA, The Brim Coffee Co. reopened in July 2021 in Downtown Albany after being closed for over a year due to Covid restrictions.

"We created a warm and welcoming coffee shop where your heart and cup will be filled to The Brim," say owners Tiesha and Russell Williams. "We offer espresso drinks, blended mochas, smoothies, Italian sodas, Lotus energy drinks, gourmet sodas, a breakfast and

lunch panini, bagels and house-made scones. We enjoy serving our community and making friends along the way."



Citadel Oasis
425 1st Ave. W • (541) 248-3255

Owners Chris Ligterink and Brandi Leigh started Citadel Oasis gaming cafe and bakery as "a welcoming atmosphere for everyone."

"Our goal is to provide a great place for people to enjoy board games, open mic nights, trivia nights, birthday parties and so much more," said Leigh.

Citadel Oasis offers espresso drinks, infused energy drinks, smoothies, hot chocolate, bottled & fountain sodas plus cider, beer & wine. Their food menu includes breakfast sandwiches, bagels, oatmeal, yogurt parfaits, sandwiches, salads, pizzas and burrito bowls. Fresh in-house baked goods include rotating cookie flavors and muffins.

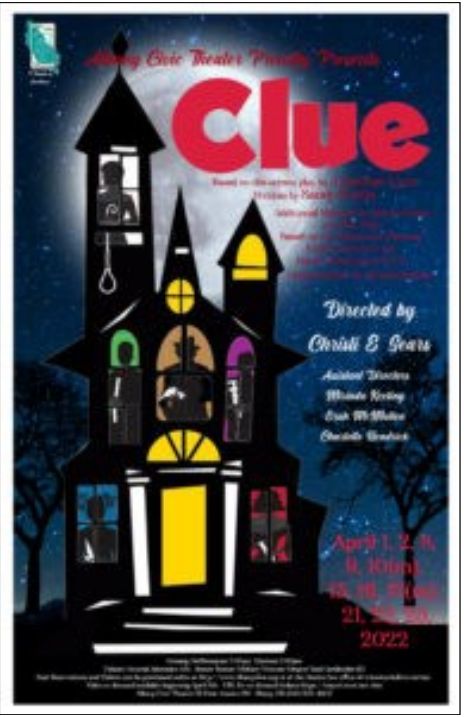
They are open Wednesday-Sunday and welcome customers 'til 7 or 9 pm, adding to Downtown's evening options.

Margin Coffee Roasters
206 2nd Ave. SW • (541) 248-3234

You may have noticed Margin Coffee has expanded their name and their business. Gabe Anderson and his team now roast their own coffee and will soon open a second location near I-5.

"All coffee starts on a farm, but great coffee is nurtured from the farmer to the cup," says Anderson. "That's the basis of the third wave coffee movement."

Stop in for a house brew, espresso drink, chai or matcha. Enjoy fresh-baked goodies, a breakfast sandwich or a bagel with lox. Beer and wine are also available.



Albany Civic Theater Presents "Clue"

It's a dark and stormy night, and you've been invited to a very unusual dinner party. Each of the guests has an alias, the butler offers a variety of weapons, and the host is, well . . . dead. So whodunnit?

Join Albany Civic Theater as they present Clue, directed by Christi E. Sears. Based on the iconic 1985 Paramount movie which was inspired by the classic Hasbro board game, Clue is a hilarious farce-meets-murder mystery.

The tale begins at a remote mansion, where six mysterious guests assemble for an unusual dinner party where murder and black-mail are on the menu. When their host turns up dead, they all become suspects.

Led by Wadsworth - the butler, Miss Scarlett, Professor Plum, Mrs. White, Mr. Green, Mrs. Peacock and Colonel Mustard race to find the killer as the body count stacks up. Clue is a comedy "whodunit" that will leave both cult-fans and newcomers in stitches as they try to figure it out... WHO did it, WHERE, and with WHAT!

Performances are April 1, 2, 8-10(m), 15-17(m) and 21-23. Evening performances are at 7:30 pm. Sunday matinees at 2:30 pm. For those who cannot come in person, on demand performance are also available. <https://tinyurl.com/ACT-OnDemand>.

For tickets, call the Albany Civic Theater box office at (541) 928-4603 or visit www.albanycivic.org.

April & May Events

Friday, Apr 1 - 1st Friday in Historic Downtown Albany
Mark your calendar for Albany's monthly 1st Friday celebration in Historic Downtown Albany. Look for sales, fun and music. Watch Facebook for more info.

April - Family Tree Relief Nursery Diaper Drive
Join Downtown Albany in supporting the Family Tree Relief Nursery Child Abuse Prevention Month Diaper Drive. All donations of any quantity are welcome. See the list of 2022 Downtown drop-off sites on our website, www.albanydowntown.com.

April 1-17 - Downtown Easter "Egg" Hunt
Head to Downtown Albany and search for colorful paper Easter "Eggs" on windows throughout Downtown. Host by ADA's Promotion Committee. See story page 1.

April 1-2, 8-10, 15-17, 21-23 - ACT presents Clue
Based on the cult classic film and the popular board game, Clue is a madcap comedy that will keep you guessing until the final twist. Directed by: Christi E. Sears. Performances: April 1-23. For tickets, call the Albany Civic Theater box office at (541) 928-4603 or visit www.albanycivic.org. See story this page.

Saturday, April 9 - Downtown Spring Clean Up
Join ADA and members of the community for this family-friendly event. 9 am-12 noon. Bring your tools, hat and sunscreen! All ages welcome, unlimited spots. Hosted by ADA's Design Committee. To RSVP, call (541) 928-2469 or IM on FB.

Weekly starting Sat, April 16 - Albany Farmer's Market
The market opens for the 2022 season on April 19. Hours: 9 am-1 pm. Location: City Hall Parking lot, 4th & Ellsworth. For more info, visit www.locallygrown.org.

Friday, May 6 - 1st Friday in Historic Downtown Albany
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Sunday, May 15 - Downtown Flower Basket Hanging Day.
Join ADA to hang Downtown Albany's beautiful flower basket. 9 am-12 noon. We need ladders, pick-ups and a mix of strong & tall people. 17 spots. Hosted by the Design Committee. To RSVP, call ADA at (541) 928-2469 or message us on FB.

For info on these and other events, visit AlbanyDowntown.com



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Director's Corner

It's nearly time for our Spring Clean Up. It will be fun to get together and make our Downtown fresh after the long winter season. Soon after we'll be hanging the beautiful Downtown flower baskets. Make sure to RSVP so we know how many treats to have waiting for you!

With the 2022 OMS Revitalization Grant submitted, we can't wait to hear the good news when the statewide winners are selected. We're already helping building owners with the Preserving Oregon and Diamonds in the Rough grants.

Are you missing out on Downtown news? To receive our monthly newsletter via email, just send an email to Owen or me, and we'll add you to our subscriber's list. ~ Lise

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10-Minute Bank Zones Gone

The 10-minute zones adjacent to Key Bank Chase Bank, and People's Bank have been replaced with 3-hour customer parking. These banks have off-street parking for their ATM and in-branch customers. The 10-minute zones by the former Wells Fargo and US Bank branches have also been changed.

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Each month ParkWise awards a month of free parking to a lease space or employee permit holder.

Our April parking winner is...

Shannon Underwood

Reality One Group - Willamette Valley



Photo by Robert Zuniga

New sign installed at the Old Wells Fargo.

Carousel's Kentucky Derby Night Offers Southern Fun on May 7

Don your big hats and bow ties and join the Albany Historic Carousel and Museum for Kentucky Derby - A Night at The Races on Saturday, May 7 from 6:30-10 pm.

"We will be serving a delicious Southern fare buffet dinner, raffle prizes, mint juleps, and of course, we'll be placing bets on our own carousel ponies throughout the evening!" said Peggy Burris, Carousel executive director.

Each Grandstand Terrace guest will start off with \$100 Derby Dollars to bet on the ponies and each Turf Club Balcony VIP will start with double the Derby Dollars. At the end of the night you'll be able to cash in your winnings for raffle tickets for some fabulous prizes!

"For those who were lucky enough to reserve one of our exclusive Millionaire's Row VIP Tables before they sold out, we're throwing in another \$100 Derby Dollars to share to sweeten the deal even more!" said Burris. "If you're in the Grandstand Terrace or Turf Club Balcony, don't worry. Extra Derby Dol-

lars will be available for purchase throughout the evening, so everyone is still in the running and off to the races!"

As you come in the door, Sarah LaFond Photography will be on hand to capture you in all your Kentucky Derby finery as you strike a winning pose.

From there, you'll make your way over to start your night off in the Owner's Box Bar with a beer, wine or the Kentucky Derby drink of choice, the mint julep. Turf Club Balcony and Millionaire's Row VIPs receive their first drink free served in a commemorative Derby glass, compliments of the Natty Dresser.

Doors open at 6:30 pm with dinner at 7. Then, listen for the "Call to the Post" by trumpeter, David Campbell, announcing the races have begun.

Kentucky Derby is an adults-only event open to those 21 and up.

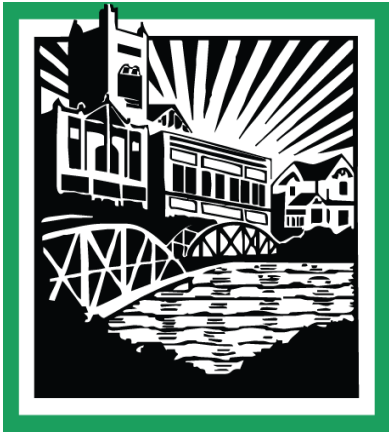
Ticket options include Grandstand Terrace (General Admission, \$50) and Turf Club



Balcony (VIP, \$75). The Millionaire's Row (VIP Reserved Table for 8, \$600) is sold out.

Sponsors include Presenting Sponsor Republic Services and Off to the Races sponsors KWS Seeds and Coastal Farm and Ranch.

For more information and reservations, visit www.albanycarousel.com.



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April 2022

Downtown Restaurant Week is April 24-30

It's time for some tasty flavors when Downtown Albany Restaurant Week returns Sun., April 24 through Sat., April 30.

From breakfast to dinner, dozens of tasty options are sure to please. Over 25 restaurants will offer Restaurant Week specials, so it's easy to spend your week sampling your way through Downtown!

Dine-In, outside or order to-go!!



Times vary with each restaurant, usually their normal hours. Reservations are highly recommended.

2022 Participating Restaurants:

- Ba's Vietnamese Comfort Food
- Bodhi Bakery
- Brick & Mortar Café
- The Brim Coffee Co.
- Calapooia Brewing
- Carousel Café
- Casetta di Pasta - Italian
- Citadel Oasis - Gaming Cafe
- The Depot - Seafood
- First Burger
- Gamberetti's - Italian
- The Garage
- Homegrown Oregon Foods
- Jo Jo Mac's - Southern Cuisine
- Little Western Café - German



- Loafer's Station
- Margin Coffee Roasters
- Natural Sprinkles - Bakery
- Novak's - Hungarian
- The Squeaky Cork - Scottish
- Sweet Red Bistro
- Sybaris Bistro
- Taqueria Alonzo - Mexican
- Toki Teriyaki - Korean
- The Vault 244 Bistro

Check our website and Facebook event for the specials at each restaurant. For more information, call (541) 928-2469 or visit www.albanydowntown.com.

ADA Volunteers Make Downtown Great All Year Long

The Albany Downtown Association counts on our amazing volunteers to make our historic Downtown an amazing place to Eat-Shop-Play!



Some join us to fill Easter eggs, hang our amazing Downtown flower baskets, make Downtown look good at our clean-up events, set up Movies at Monteith, put up posters, bag Halloween candy, and make kids smile at the Downtown Twice Around Christmas Parade.

Others volunteer year-round serving on our four Main Street committees: Design, Economic Vitality, Organization and Promotion.

We have a dedicated board of directors who make it their mission to lead the Albany Downtown Association.

Our full-time Executive Director and part-time administrative assistant support the volunteers and Main Street projects.

Upcoming Volunteer Events

- **Downtown Spring Clean-Up** Saturday, April 9, 9 am-noon. Bring your sunscreen & garden tools! All ages, unlimited spots. RSVP to (541) 928-2469. Hosted by Design Committee
- **Downtown Flower Basket Hanging Day**. Sunday, May 15, 9 am-noon. We need ladders, pick-up trucks and a mix of strong & tall people. Teens & Adults, 17 spots. RSVP to (541) 928-2469. Hosted by Design Committee.

ADA Main Street Committees

Most meet monthly. We are always looking for new committee members. Call or email for details.

- Design Committee - Making Downtown look great. 1st Thursday 8:30-9:30 am (placeholder - 3rd Thursday 8:30-9:30 am), ADA Boardroom.
- Economic Vitality Committee - Helping businesses grow and locate in Downtown Albany. 1st Wednesday 12-1 pm

(placeholder - 3rd Wednesday 12-1 pm), Taqueria Alonzo.

- Promotion Committee - Sharing our Main Street mission and bringing people Downtown. 1st Monday 12-1 pm (placeholder - 3rd Monday 12-1 pm), ADA Boardroom.
- Organization Committee - Fundraising, grants & Main Street initiatives. Currently working on ADA's strategic plan. Meeting times are project-based.

We love our volunteers and will be celebrating them during National Volunteer Week 2022, April 17-23.

We invite you to get involved. Drop in, call (541) 928-2469 or visit our website, www.albanydowntown.com.



Downtown Easter Hunt Fun Starts April 1

It's time for the Downtown Easter "Egg" Hunt from April 1-17 - a fun activity for the whole family with a little candy for all and a chance to win Easter Baskets!



Start the fun at home by coloring your Easter "Egg" Hunt entry form. Entry forms are available on our website and at the Albany Downtown Association office.

Then come Downtown and search for colorful Easter "Eggs" on business and restaurant windows. As you stroll the sidewalks, record the eggs you find. Make it an afternoon adventure or do a little hunting each time you visit Downtown Albany.

Drop off your entry at the ADA office by Easter Sunday, April 17, to be entered in our random drawing to win one of three Easter baskets featuring a gift certificate from a Downtown family restaurant, Downtown Dollar, movie ticket, Brick Circuit surprise, Carousel ride and treats! The winners will be announced on Easter Monday!

To receive a candy-filled Easter egg, drop off your entry in person at our office, 126 Ferry St. SW, Mondays-Fridays, April 4-15 from 9 am - 5 pm ... a few lucky kiddos might even find a Carousel ride token hidden in their egg.



Mother's Day Flowers are Back!

Celebrate mom by sponsoring a Mother's Day flower sign in Downtown Albany. Signs will hang on Lyon and Ellsworth streets from May 1-15 and go on sale Saturday, April 9 at 12 noon at <https://albany-downtown-association.square.site>.

Proceeds benefit ADA's Design Committee projects. For more info call, (541) 928-2469 or visit www.albanydowntown.com.