

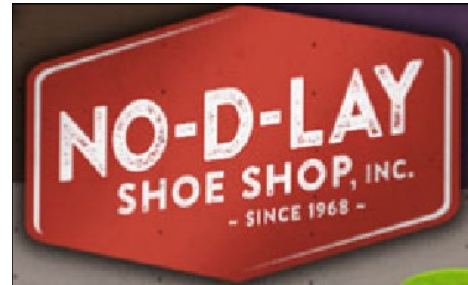
# Meet The Neighbors: More “Historic” Businesses

Downtown Albany is full of longstanding businesses. We are continuing last month's article featuring two more businesses that have served our community for over 50 years.

## No-D-Lay Shoe Shop - 54 years

339 2nd Ave. SW - Est. 1968

No-D-Lay Shoe Shop started as a family-run shoe repair shop in 1968. Dick and Dianne Rud operated the shop in its current 2nd Avenue location for 38 years serving the needs of Albany workers and families.



Adam Rud began as a young boy fixing shoes in his parent's shoe repair shop. He later worked in the insurance industry inspecting commercial businesses.

In 2002, Dick Rud was ready to sell, so Adam and wife, April, bought No-D-Lay continuing repairs. About six months later they added shoe sales, specializing in work boots and shoes including Red Wing Shoes.

Adam's years of experience in repairing shoes gave him an edge in understanding how shoes perform in different con-

ditions as well as how they fit various feet. Adam's experiences inspecting industrial environments allowed him to better understand what is needed from a shoe to perform in various work settings.

In 2010, the Ruds sold the shoe repair division which first moved next door as Olde Towne Shoe Repair and later relocated outside of Downtown.

Later, Adam developed a mobile shoe trailer to bring the store to industrial customers for on-site footwear needs.

Hiking and walking shoes for men and women were added to provide customers recreational footwear options. Disc golf equipment and Hydro Flask® are now included in their offerings.

## AAsum-Dufour Funeral Home - 60 years

805 Ellsworth St. SW - Est 1962

AAsum Funeral Home was founded in 1962 by Tom & Bonnie AAsum. They purchased the land where the current building is located and began construction on a new and modern facility.

It was the first funeral home in the state to offer a Hospitality Room for families to use following the services, for coffee or meals. Tom & Bonnie's desire was to provide the families of Albany outstanding funeral service in their time of need. Their goal was to treat every family with compassion and sincerity as if they were a member of their own family.



Tom AAsum

In 2005, James and Kristal Dufour purchased the funeral home and renamed it AAsum-Dufour Funeral Home. The Dufours continue the tradition of outstanding funeral service that the AAsum's established.

Also in 2005, The Peace Court Fountains, located in front of the building, were finished. The fountains provide families with a tranquil and reflective entrance to the facility, as well as a place to gather before or after services. In 2010, the Dufours added an onsite crematory to better serve cremation families.

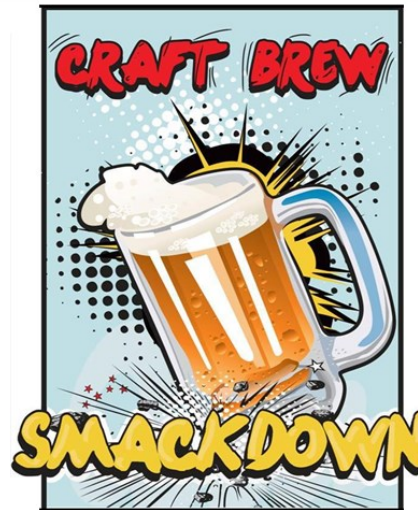
## Director's Corner

It's wonder to finally see sunny skies and the beautiful Downtown hanging baskets in place for the summer.

I just returned from the Main Street Now! Conference in Richmond, Virginia. It was great meeting my counterparts from across the country and hearing speakers with new and energizing ideas. I'll be sharing many of them in the next few months.

Albany Downtown Association will mark the start of our 40th year on June 14th. Watch for fun activities and commemorative posts and stories to share our accomplishments.

~ Lise



## Craft Brew Smackdown Moves to August Date

The Craft Brew Smackdown is back and has moved to an August date. The event is hosted by Greater Albany Rotary Club and Albany Downtown Association.

"We selected the August 19 date to allow more flexibility for breweries to participate," said Jessica Pankratz, event chair. "It will also be the first brewfest of the year."

For more information on the event, visit [www.craftbrewsmackdown.com](http://www.craftbrewsmackdown.com).



## Numbered Spaces are Reserved

Many ParkWise lots are a mix of Customer and Employee parking spaces. There are signs at the entry and within the lots. The spots with numbers are reserved for the person or business who leases the space. Lease spaces are reserved weekdays from 9 am-4 pm. These spaces are open to anyone in the evenings and weekends.

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

Our June parking winner is...

*Josh Crawford*  
The Squeaky Cork

## Downtown Events - June 2022

### Saturdays - Albany Farmers' Market

Each week head to the Albany Farmers' Market for fresh local produce, meats, baked goods, seafood, plants, flowers and more. Hours: 9 am-1 pm in the Albany City Hall parking lot (corner of 4th & Ellsworth). [www.locallygrown.com](http://www.locallygrown.com)

### Friday, June 3 - 1st Friday in Historic Downtown Albany

Bring your friends Downtown for some 1st Friday fun! Look for sales, tasting, music and other fun. Watch Facebook for more info. See [article page 1](#).

### Fri., June 3 - Fri., June 24 - Student Art Exhibit

For the final month of The Crow's Foot Gallery, there will be a student art exhibit. Gallery hours are Tues-Fri 1-6 pm, Sat 10 am-2 pm. 243 3rd Ave SW. For more information, call (503) 949-5356 or visit [www.thecrowsfootgallery.com](http://www.thecrowsfootgallery.com).

### June 3-25 - Albany Civic Theater presents Neil Simon's The Dinner Party

Performances are June 3, 4, 10, 11, 12(m), 17, 18, 19(m), 23, 24, 25. Evening performances are at 7:30 pm. Sunday matinees at 2:30 pm. For tickets, call the Albany Civic Theater box office at (541) 928-4603 or visit [www.albanycivic.org](http://www.albanycivic.org). See [article page 4](#).

### Sat., June 4 - Foxy's Animal Party at the Carousel

The Historic Carousel & Museum invites you to welcome Foxy to the carousel family! Cake and celebrations at 11:00 am. For details visit, [www.albanycarousel.com](http://www.albanycarousel.com).

### Wed., June 8 - History Bites: "The Lost Films" of the U.S. Bureau of Mines in Albany

Join us on June 8th at noon to hear from local author Tai Stith on the historic significance of the Albany Research Center (U.S. Bureau of Mines). No charge for this event, donations encouraged. Light refreshments available. This monthly event is hosted by Albany Regional Museum. 12-1 pm. For more details, call (541) 967-7122 or visit [www.armuseum.com](http://www.armuseum.com).

For info on these and other events, visit [AlbanyDowntown.com](http://AlbanyDowntown.com)

## Main Street Grant will Help Fund OER Station Renovations

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best conveyed the ability to stimulate private investment and local economic development, best fit within the community's long-range plan for downtown vitality, and community need," stated Kuri Gill, Oregon Heritage grants and outreach coordinator.

The grant program was created during the 2015 legislative session and placed with the Oregon State Historic Preservation Office. The legislation established a permanent fund for the Oregon Main Street Revitalization Grant, and provided an initial infusion of funds from the sale of lottery bonds. The legislature included the Oregon Main Street Revitalization Grant in the lottery bond package approved in 2021. An additional grant round will occur in 2023. The funds must be used to award grants to participating

Oregon Main Street Network organizations to acquire, rehabilitate or construct buildings to facilitate community revitalization.

"The need to save this iconic gateway property and lift the Hackleman Historic District is key," said Grato. "We believe the tremendous community support is what made the difference."

From supportive media columns and unsolicited comments from online readers to letters of support from businesses, residents and community partners including Linn Commissioner Roger Nyquist and Mayor Alex Johnson II, over 50 individuals worked on the selection, grant writing and provided support.

To follow the project's progress, visit our website, [www.albanydowntown.com](http://www.albanydowntown.com), or follow us on Facebook.



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# Downtown Albany is the Place to Celebrate Dads

Father's Day is Sunday, June 19 and Downtown Albany is the perfect place to shop for Dads and enjoy a special day together.

Many Downtown shops will showcase Father's Day gift ideas on June 3 during 1st Friday in Historic Downtown Albany.

The Natty Dresser is hosting a Dads' Day themed 1st Friday Beer Bash with live music by DRTR, beer from Deluxe Brewery, as well as in store specials, and a Father's Day raffle basket.

In June, Natural Sprinkles Co. is show-



casing signature buttercream cookies in ties, suns and sunglasses for Father's Day! The cookie is blue raspberry and there will be a limited supply of maple bacon cupcakes. They will also offer gift box sets in Father's Day Bow Tie and Grill & Chill in royal icing.

Take dad for a spin at Albany Carousel and Museum on Father's Day. All Dads ride the carousel free from 11 am to 4 pm.

Enjoy family time with a movie and popcorn at The Pix Theatre with double legroom. Jurassic World Domination plays at 12 pm, 3:30 pm and 7 pm. Make sure to buy your tickets in advance.

For unique family fun, consider booking the Enigma Escape Experience or Splat Box. Painting at Surefire or games at Citadel Oasis are other fun family ideas.

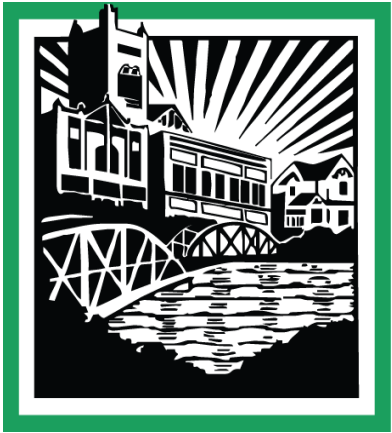
For a stress-free meal, leave it to the Downtown restaurants to cook up something special. For breakfast or brunch visit Brick & Mortar Cafe, Jo Jo Mac's,



Loafer's Station or Little Wuesten Cafe. On Sunday evening, pick from food and beverages at Calapooia Brewing Company, Citadel Oasis, Gamberetti's, The Garage, Jinda Thai and Taqueria Alonzo.

While you're Downtown, fill a special growler at No Rails Ale House or Deluxe Brewing.

For more ideas, keep an eye on the Albany Downtown Association's Facebook page.



# DOWNTOWN ALBANY

June 2022

## Albany Downtown Assoc. awarded \$200K Grant

Albany Downtown Association is pleased to announce we have been named as a recipient of a \$200,000 Oregon Main Street Grant for Sybaris Bistro's Oregon Electric Railway (OER) Station project.

"We are so appreciative of this award," said Lise Grato, ADA Executive Director. "This couldn't be a more deserving project, and we know Matt and Janel Bennett will do a wonderful job revitalizing the station."

The project will save a deteriorating historic landmark, bring the OER Station back to its former glory as a gateway to the heart of Downtown Albany and serve as an inspiration to further revitalization in the Hackleman Historic District.



Photo by Camron Settlemier

Plans will include stabilizing brick walls, making roof repairs and addressing other key issues. An important upgrade is making the building ADA accessible. The pro-

ject will follow and meet the criteria of the U.S. Secretary of the Interior's standards, and the OER Station will ultimately become the new home of Sybaris Bistro.

Oregon Heritage, a division of Oregon Parks and Recreation Department, announced today the award of 28 matching grants worth \$5,000,000 to Oregon Main Street Network organizations across the state for building projects that encourage economic revitalization. Projects range from façade improvement to basic facilities and housing with awards ranging from \$23,850-\$200,000.

"The department funded applications that

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# Summer Passport Program Kicks Off June 11

The Albany Summer Passport Program is back. This summer, kids are invited to get off the couch and explore 32 locations all over Albany to learn more about our great town.

The kick-off event is on Saturday, June 11 from 11 am – 2 pm at Monteith Riverpark, 611 489 NW Water Ave. Kids can pick up their free passports, have their passport photo taken, ride the trolley and participate in fun activities.

All summer long, they can visit participating locations and collect stamps to have fun. They might even win prizes at the end of summer event on Sunday, August 20.

Passports are also available June 13 - Aug 10 at the Albany Visitors Association at 110 3rd Ave SE.

2022 Downtown locations include:

- Albany Antique Mall
- Albany Area Chamber of Commerce
- Albany Downtown Association
- Albany Farmers' Market
- Albany Historic Carousel & Museum
- Albany Regional Museum
- Albany Visitors Association
- Brick Circuit
- Brigitte's Place Fine Fabrics
- Citadel Oasis
- Downtown Carnegie Library

- Gallery Calapooia
- Little Wuesten Café
- Margin Coffee Roasters
- Monteith House Museum
- Natural Sprinkles Co.
- The Pix Theatre
- Spearit Beads
- The Frame House
- Urban Ag Supply

The Albany Summer Passport Program is a collaborative effort between Albany Visitors Association, Albany Regional Museum, Albany Downtown Association, the Monteith House Museum, and the Historic Carousel & Museum, in partnership with Albany's organizations and businesses.

## Bon Appetit: Neil Simon's The Dinner Party Opens June 3

Albany Civic Theater presents Neil Simon's The Dinner Party, a comedy where the action revolves around a French dinner party that is hilariously chaotic.

Six people, who do not know one another, have been invited to dine in a fancy Parisian restaurant. There is an air of mystery in this comedic play, because the diners do not know why they have been brought together. As it turns out, the dinner is about their damaged relationships and whether or not they can reconcile.



For more details on the program, please visit [www.albanyvisitors.com](http://www.albanyvisitors.com) or call AVA at (541) 928-0911.

This 1999 comedy about marriage and divorce is the 31st play by Neil Simon and is directed by: Shauna Kiefiuk

Performances are June 3, 4, 10, 11, 12 (m), 17, 18, 19(m), 23, 24, 25. Evening performances are at 7:30 pm. Sunday matinees at 2:30 pm.

For tickets, call the Albany Civic Theater box office at (541) 928-4603 or visit [www.albanycivic.org](http://www.albanycivic.org). Tickets may be purchased at the box office 45 minutes before showtime.

## June's 1st Friday to Kick Off "Summer Vacation" on June 3

1st Fridays in Historic Downtown Albany invites you to check out the fun on the 1st Friday of every month. Look for extended hours, promotions and specials, live music, food & drinks, prizes and more!

Summer's coming in hot and we are celebrating all things "Summer Vacation" for this month's 1st Fridays in Historic Downtown Albany event on June 3rd.

We are giving away an amazing gift basket, donated by Stephanie Gutierrez, Realtor with Keller Williams Realty, so make sure to wear your favorite vacation or tourist attire and post a photo at your favorite Downtown business using #albany1stfridays before midnight on Friday, June 3rd. A winner will be announced on Saturday, June 4th.

June highlights:

- **Albany Alley:** Grab a treat to-go at one of Downtown Albany's 25+ restaurants, cafes and bistros to enjoy under the night sky and café lights. 230 Ellsworth, next to the Downtown Red Caboose.
- **Albany Historic Carousel & Museum:** Celebrate with root beer floats, Rainbow Ribbon Jellyfish kids' craft, gift shop specials, beach photo stand.

\$5 includes unlimited rides. 5:30-8 pm.

- **Citadel Oasis:** First Friday Craft Fair. Check out a selection of local hand-crafted items, refreshments. 3-7 pm.
- **The Crow's Foot Gallery:** Student Art Exhibit debut. 1-8 pm.
- **1st Hand Seconds:** Lady's Night featuring music, food by Loafer's Station, wine from Springhill Cellars. 6-8 pm.
- **Gallery Calapooia:** Artist reception for featured artist, Linda Herd. 6-8 pm.

- **The Natty Dresser:** live music by DRTR, pretzels from Little Wuesten Café, tastes by Sinister Distillery and Deluxe Brewery, specials. 5-7 pm.

Businesses are invited to join the 1st Fridays committee meetings to help plan future month's activities. Call (541) 928-2469 for meeting information. Hosted by 1st Fridays in Historic Downtown Albany in partnership with the Albany Downtown Association.

