

Meet The Neighbors: Downtown's Breakfast Spots

Downtown Albany has been serving up breakfast from the start. From hotels feeding weary travelers at the turn of the century to 50s diners and now an eclectic variety of morning options, our restaurants and cafes offer traditional, gluten-free, Southern and German breakfast selections in addition to the morning options at our three coffee cafes highlighted in the April newsletter.



Brick & Mortar Cafe
222 1st Ave. W • (541) 905-0462
Mon-Fri 8-2, Sat & Sun 8-3

When you think of breakfast downtown, Brick & Mortar Cafe comes to mind. This breakfast and lunch spot is the creation of Lane Brown and daytime counterpart to his Vault 244 Bistro located just a few doors away.

Here you will find breakfast favorites like chicken & waffles, omelets, benedicts and Mortar style hash browns all served seven days a week.

Their full bar features brunch favorites like their signature Mimosa Flight and BMC Bloody Mary.



Homegrown Oregon Foods
212 1st Ave. E • (541) 971-7174
Mon-Sat 7 am - 5 pm

Shawna and Chris Dugger, owners of Homegrown Oregon Foods, started their 100% gluten-free kitchen on 3rd Ave. inside Marrakesh Salon in 2016. In January 2020, they moved to 1st Ave. and added sit-down service and breakfast. Starting July 11, breakfast will be expanded starting at 7 am.

Here healthy foods don't sacrifice flavor. Favorites include their Breakfast

Hashtag Bowl, Breakfast Tacos, PNW Scramble, and ChilaQuilles.



Little Wuesten Cafe
113 Ellsworth St. SW • (541) 926-3988
Wed-Mon 8 am-3 pm

Liz Bobe opened Little Wuesten Café in January 2017 after years of vending pretzels and German baked goods at mid-valley farmer's markets.

With a bakery case full of cinnamon rolls, gluten-free muffins and cakes plus shelves of German breads, it's a natural that choice of fresh-baked breads highlight their breakfast entrees. Pretzel Breakfast Sandwiches are a great option for those in a hurry.



Loafer's Station
222 Washington St. SW • (541) 926-8183
Breakfast: Sat 7-11, Sun 8-1

Are you looking for a traditional weekend breakfast spot? Loafer's Station is another great option, offering fireside dining on cool days and patio dining in the warm seasons.

Dan Violette took the reins at Loafers in Jan 2020. Known for lunch and dinner on their large outdoor patio, break-

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fast was added on Saturday and Sunday in December 2021. Chef Cory Ramirez joined the team to delight customers with options like French toast, eggs benedict, steak and eggs and Denver omelets.



Jo Jo Mac's
300 2nd Ave. SW, # 112 • (541) 350-5023
Wed-Fri 9am-2pm, Sat & Sun 8am-2pm

Joining the Downtown food scene in December 2021, Jo Jo Mac's serves up breakfast and lunch with a southern flair.

Look for weekly specials and regular menu items including Southern Beignets, Sweet Cream Pancakes, Banana Fosters French Toast, Cheesy Shrimp & Grits and Blackened Shrimp Benedict.

Jo Jo Mac's shares the kitchen and dining room of Casetta di Pasta at Two Rivers Market.

So head to Downtown Albany. Your breakfast is waiting!

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Downtown Events - July 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

Saturdays - Albany Alley

Each week head to Albany Alley to grab a table and enjoy an open-air meal under the umbrellas. Visit our Downtown's 25 restaurants, cafes, bakeries and Albany Farmers' Market to find a great selection of take-out options. Open Saturdays 9 am-10 pm plus on 1st Friday in Historic Downtown Albany from 4-10 pm.

Friday, July 1 - 1st Friday in Historic Downtown Albany

Bring your friends Downtown for some 1st Friday fun! Look for sales, tasting, music and other fun. Visit Albany Alley to enjoy a take-out meal or snack under the lights (4-10 pm). Watch Facebook for more info. See [article page 1](#).

Thurs.-Sat., July 7-9 - Crazy Days

Merchants will set out their merchandise on the sidewalks throughout Downtown, offering them at crazy reduced prices! Shoppers come back all three days for crazy deals and crazy delicious food at our Downtown eateries! See [story page 1](#)

Thursdays, July 7-August 11 - River Rhythms

Head to Monteith Park on Thursday evenings for some great music this summer. The 2022 season kicks off on July 7 with Sheena Easton. No concert July 14. On July 21, Blue Oyster Cult will rock the house. On July 28, Ruthie Foster takes the stage. August 4 features ARRIVAL from Sweden with The Music of ABBA. On August 11, Eddie Montgomery of Montgomery Gentry wraps up the season. Monteith Riverpark. For details visit www.riverrhythms.org or call (541) 917-7777.

Mondays, July 11- August 1 - Summer Sounds

Spend your Monday evenings Downtown at Summer Sounds. The 2022 lineup is July 11 - The Bylines (Jazz, Big Band), July 18 - Tylor & The Train Robbers (Country), July 25 - CJ Mickens (All genres) and August 1 - LaRhonda Steele (Blues, Soul). Monteith Riverpark. Visit their Facebook page for more information or call (541) 917-7777

Wed., July 13 - History Bites: Headstone Preservation at Riverside Cemetery

Historic Preservation Northwest will discuss headstone preservation at Riverside Cemetery. 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.

Fridays, July 22-Aug 12 - Movies at Monteith

Outdoor movies in the park have become today's version of the drive-in movie. Grab a blanket and set up your spot for the evening. Starting at 7 pm, enjoy dinner and treats from our local restaurant booths plus ice cream and sodas from local Scout troops. Themed activities for the kids start at 7 pm. The movie starts at dusk. See [story page 1](#).

Saturday, July 30 - Historic Interior Summer Home Tour

Every year, selected homeowners in Albany's historic districts open up their homes for a public tour. 11 am-5 pm. www.albanyvisitors.com. See [story page 4](#)

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



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Parking Update

1st Avenue Merge Zones

Parking on 1st Avenue can sometimes be a bit confusing. The parking format is traditional parallel parking, but the spaces are shorter and there is a merge zone in between each pair of spaces. The spaces are defined by markings on the pavement as well as white squares on the sidewalk.

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

Our July parking winner is...

Nicole Markel

City of Albany -Parks & Recreation

Summer Historic Home Tour Set for July 30

Come and get a peek inside some of Albany's historic homes and buildings Saturday, July 30, on the 2022 Summer Interior Tour of Historic Homes, the first interior summer tour since 2019.

Since then, the Summer Tours have been exterior events, with homeowners decorating their porches and yards and some offering photos and video of their interiors, and many of the activities associated with the event had been curtailed because of Covid 19 restrictions.

Not this time. The tour will be held from 11 am to 5 pm, and several homes, a downtown loft and other historic buildings will be open for visitors. Don't forget to stop off at the Albany Regional Museum for some light refreshments as you take the tour, the 43rd consecutive year the event has been held.

This tour is self-guided; you can visit the homes in any order. Some of the homes are within walking distance of each other or you can drive your car.

Tickets will be available online at monteithhouse.org from Monday, July 11 until noon on Friday, July 29, and may be picked up the day of the tour. A lim-

ited number will be available on the day of the tour beginning at 10 am at the Albany Visitors Association, 110 3rd Ave. SE, for cash/check only. The cost is \$15 per person. Well-behaved children under 12 are admitted free with a paid adult. Proceeds benefit the Monteith House Museum.



Participating historic homes and buildings throughout the Monteith, Hackleman and Downtown Commercial Districts will open their doors to tour participants. Meet the owners and learn about the architecture, the original occupants and the ins and outs of restoring historic structures. Please respect the homeowners' wishes regarding any social distancing or mask requirements.

And as long as you're in Downtown Albany, do a bit of shopping. Find unique gifts in antique and specialty stores. Indulge in a rich coffee and pastry, a cold brew and burger or a farm-fresh dinner in one of the many eateries and bistros Downtown.

For more information about Albany's Historic Interior Tours and other Albany events and attractions contact the Albany Visitors Association, (541) 928-0911, or go to albanyvisitors.com.



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Visitors Enjoy Outdoor Dining on Summer Days at Albany Alley

As we ease into the sunny summer season and rainy days are mostly behind us, Albany Downtown Association has been able to open Albany Alley on a regular bases.

Visitors and locals are encouraged to pick up take-out from our 25+ Downtown restaurants, coffee houses, bakeries and cafes to enjoy under the umbrellas by day or under the lights in the evenings. Albany Farmers' Market patrons find it the perfect spot to enjoy fresh berries, crepes and pizza.

Located at 230 Ellsworth St. SW next to the iconic Downtown Red Caboose, Albany Alley offers outdoor dining tables and a soft seating area. Athlete/parent volunteer teams from Albany Christian School and West Albany High School Wrestling handle the setup and takedown.

Albany Alley is open Saturdays from 9 am - 10 pm plus on 1st Friday in Historic Downtown Albany from 4 pm - 10 pm.

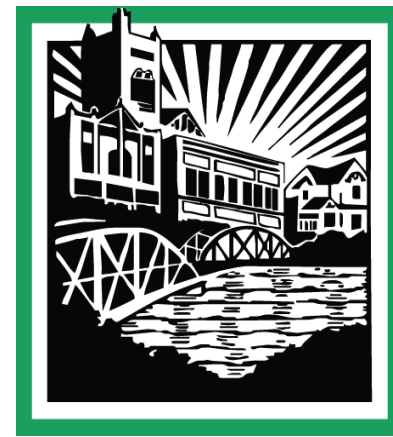


It's Time to Volunteer for Movies at Monteith

There's still time to volunteer at Movies at Monteith. Spend just 20 minutes helping us set up the giant screen then settle in to watch an all-time favorite movie under the stars.

It takes 6 to 8 people about 20 minutes to set up or take down the giant inflatable screen. Volunteers are needed at 7 pm then there's lots of time to enjoy food and the movie before helping again after the show (around 10:30 or 11 pm depending on movie length).

We also need a few people to help with lawn signs, banners, the speakers, a few tables and chairs and trash pick up.



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Movies at Monteith Lineup Celebrates Our 40th Year

Can you believe The Albany Downtown Association is celebrating our 40th birthday? To help commemorate this milestone, Movies at Monteith will feature four movies from 1982 and we've found some great ones!



Here are the ADA's two movie selections:

- The Dark Crystal
- Star Trek: Wrath of Kahn

People's Choice will be two of the following:

- Annie (family musical)
- Poltergeist (horror)
- Tootsie (comedy)
- Tron (sci-fi)

People's Choice voting continues through Friday, July 8th at <https://forms.gle/Jaf3iQ2wvYnNZrC46>. Watch Facebook and Instagram for the winners.

Although we wanted to play E.T., licens- ing isn't available for summer 2022.

Our show dates are Fridays July 22 and 29 and August 5 and 12. The lineup will be posted on social media and our website after the voting ends. Food and fun start at 7 pm. The movies start at dusk.

Enjoy dinner, treats, candy and popcorn



from our local restaurant booths like Casetta di Pasta, Little Wuesten Café and The Pix ... plus ice cream and sodas from local Scout troops.

Check out our pre-show activities for the kids which also start at 7 pm.

For an added tie-in to Downtown, movie attendees are invited to bring receipts from Downtown businesses and restaurants to enter a drawing for a Downtown Gift Bundle and DVD of that night's movie. Food booth purchases are also eligible for drawing tickets, so come hungry!

A big shout-out to our title sponsor No Dinx, and sponsors The Pix Theatre and Albany Parks & Recreation. Thank you to our local media partners: KRKT/KLOO, HOPE Radio, KGAL/KSHO and EfficTV.

See you at the movies!

2022 Title Sponsor



Downtown Crazy Dazes starts July 7th

Albany Downtown Association may be 40 years old, but that's young compared to Crazy Daze, Downtown Albany's oldest event at 124 years. Originally called Bargain Days in 1898, the name was changed to Crazy Daze after WWII.

This year's fun starts on Thursday, July 7, and continues through the weekend. Traditionally a three-day event, some stores are open on Sundays and will continue their Crazy Daze sales an extra day. Merchandise changes daily so make sure to come Downtown all four days.

Each year shopkeepers set out their merchandise on the sidewalks in Downtown, offering items at crazy reduced prices. Enjoy outdoor music on Friday evening and a live band in the street on Saturday afternoon at the "Christmas in July" a Toy Run event hosted by the Albany Eagles.

Follow the Downtown Association website and Facebook page for participating locations and more details about this year's Crazy Daze.

So, grab your sunscreen or a hat and stroll our sidewalks for crazy deals and crazy delicious food at our fabulous Downtown eateries!