

Meet the Neighbors: European Favorites

As leaves turn golden and temperatures cool, it's the perfect time for traditional European meals meant to warm the bones and soul. Downtown Albany is the perfect destination to cozy up and enjoy a hearty fall meal.

Novak's - Hungarian
208 2nd Ave. SW • (541) 967-9488
Thu-Fri 11:30a-7:30p



Karen and Matilda Novak welcome you to their family's restaurant. Started by Mama and Papa in 1984, they carried on the tradition. The restaurant features Old World atmosphere and hospitality.

Their limited menu features a variety of Hungarian classics like Chicken Paprikas, Papa's Choice, spätzle and more. Their Grand Buffet features salads, entrees, sides and desserts.



Recently the sisters have added cooking classes where they share their family recipes and finished meals with attendees who can be as hands on (or not) as they like.

Known for their baking, enjoy home-made bread and desserts. Their signature Chocolate Box is available on special occasions while Langos, Hungarian fry bread, is always available.

Gamberetti's - Italian
211 1st Ave. W • (541) 497-2181
Mon-Th 11a-9p, Fri 11a-10p, Sat 12-10p, Sun 12-9p

In 2019, Treva and David Gambs opened a second location of their suc-



cessful restaurant selecting Downtown Albany. See their full story in our June 2019 Downtown Newsletter and [blog](#).

Enjoy classic Italian entrees, seafood, and appetizers in a casual bistro atmosphere. Pasta is made in-house and is accompanied by fresh and local ingredients. Select a Limoncello Drop or Italian Margarita to pair with your meal.



The Squeaky Cork - Scottish
136 1st Ave. W • (541) 981-2140
Wed-Sat 4-10 pm

Josh and Kristi Crawford, along with their family have created a Scottish Pub offering a cozy bar and restaurant with extensive sipping options and specialty cocktails.

They offer over 200 spirits to sip, flights of whisky, beer, wine and specialty cocktails like the Kilt Lifter and Huckleberry Mule.

Start your meal with a charcuterie board or house-made pickled eggs. Enjoy warming soups, sandwiches and salads.

Nightly you'll find Scottish favorites like Shepard's Pie and Sausages & Mash, plus on First Wednesdays they serve delicious corn beef and cabbage.

Finish your meal with desserts like Sticky Toffee Pudding and cheesecake.



Volunteers Needed

Downtown Clean-Up - Sun., Oct 9
On Sunday, October 9 join us to pull summer weeds, remove leaves, add bark dust and clean up Downtown. Meet the Design Committee at the ADA office at 9 am for clean-up assignments.

- Main Street Committees**
On-going opportunities to help make Downtown Albany a great place to Eat Shop Play include:
- Economic Vitality Committee
 - Design Committee
 - Outreach Committee
 - 1st Friday sub-committee
 - Promotion Committee

Please RSVP to volunteer by emailing director@albanydowntown.com or calling (541) 928-2469.



Fall Leaves and Parking

Fall leaves are beautiful, but can make it a little harder to see the parking lines and tick marks on streets and in parking lots. Please take an extra minute to make sure your car is in the space. TIP: On 1st Avenue, you will find white squares on most of the southside curbs to help drivers identify the front of the parking space.

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

Our October parking winner is...
Torrie Lemerand
Lyon's Den

Downtown Events - October

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

Saturday, Oct 1 - Meet the Downtown at Farmer's Market
Albany Downtown Association Board Members and staff will be at Albany Farmers Market looking for your suggestions to make Downtown Albany a great place to Eat Shop Play!

Saturday, Oct 1 - ACT presents Moon over Buffalo
Closing night for Albany Civic Theater's presentation of the hilarious Moon Over Buffalo. 7 pm. Tickets are available at www.albanycivic.org or at the box office 45 min before showtime.

Friday, Oct 7 - 1st Friday in Historic Downtown Albany
Bring your friends Downtown for some 1st Friday fun! For the first Friday of October, we are celebrating all things FALL! Join us for extended hours, food & drinks, promotions & sales, music, prizes, and much more! This month's prize is donated by People's Bank. Get an entry for every business you share, so take photos and tag them #albany1stfridays before midnight on Friday, October 7th. [See more on Facebook](#).

Sunday, Oct 9 - Downtown Fall Clean Up
Join us to tackle the leaves and clean up Downtown. *See story this page.*

Sunday, Oct 16 - Open Skate In the Street
The Stoked 2 SK8 second Open Skate In The Street will be held on Sunday, October 16th from 12-4 pm on Broadalbin St SW. For info, call (541) 248-1593. *See story on page 4.*

Thursday, Oct 20 - Chat With the Chiefs & Sherriff
Join the AFD and APD chiefs and the Sheriff in a casual format to ask questions, raise concerns and learn about developments within their departments. 5-7 pm. Margin Coffee Roasters, 206 2nd Ave SW. *See story on page 1.*

Oct 28 - Nov 12 - ACT presents Murder on the Orient Express
Albany Civic Theater presents this Agatha Christie classic. Performances: Oct. 28, 29, Nov. 3, 4, 5, 6(m), 10, 11, 12. Tickets online at www.albanycivic.org. *See story on page 4.*

Saturday, Oct 29 - Downtown Trick or Treat and Costume Contest
Traditional door-to-door trick-or-treating 11 am - 1 pm. The costume contest photo booths are at two locations with online voting. For info, visit ADA's website. *See story on page 1.*

Fall Events

November 3-5 - Downtown Unwrapped & Holiday Open House
November 8-14 - Veterans' Uniforms on Display
November 11 - Linn County Veterans Day Parade
November 26 - Small Business Saturday - Shop Small
December 4 - Downtown Twice Around Christmas Parade & Community Tree Lighting

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



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Ghost Walks, Ghost Hunts Join Monteith House Halloween Offerings

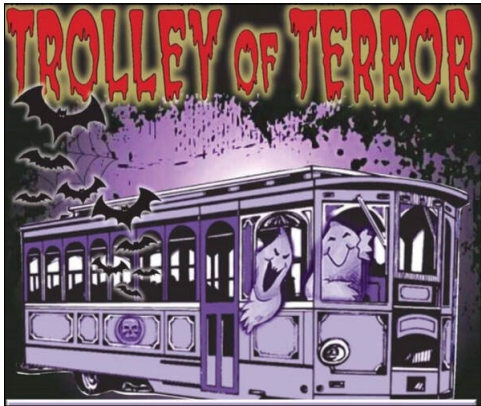
Why visit a Haunted House, when you can see the whole haunted town?

This October, scare up some chills and thrills when the Monteith House Museum's Trolley of Terror returns!

This year the Monteith House is offering three ways to experience a ghostly tour - Ghost Walks, Trolley of Terror and VIP Experience Ghost Hunt.

On the Ghost Walking Tour, a guide will escort you through the nighttime streets of Historic Downtown Albany and share the ghostly stories of several locations. Ghost Walking Tours are offered on Friday and Saturday, October 14 and 15 starting at 6 pm, 7 pm, 8 pm and 9 pm. Prices are Adults \$15, Children \$10.

Board the Trolley of Terror to ride in style as a guide recounts terrifying tales of unexplainable encounters throughout Historic Downtown Albany. Trolley



Tours are Fridays and Saturdays, October 21, 22, 28 and 29. Tours begin at 6 pm, 7 pm, 8 pm and 9 pm. Tickets are Adults \$20, Children \$15.

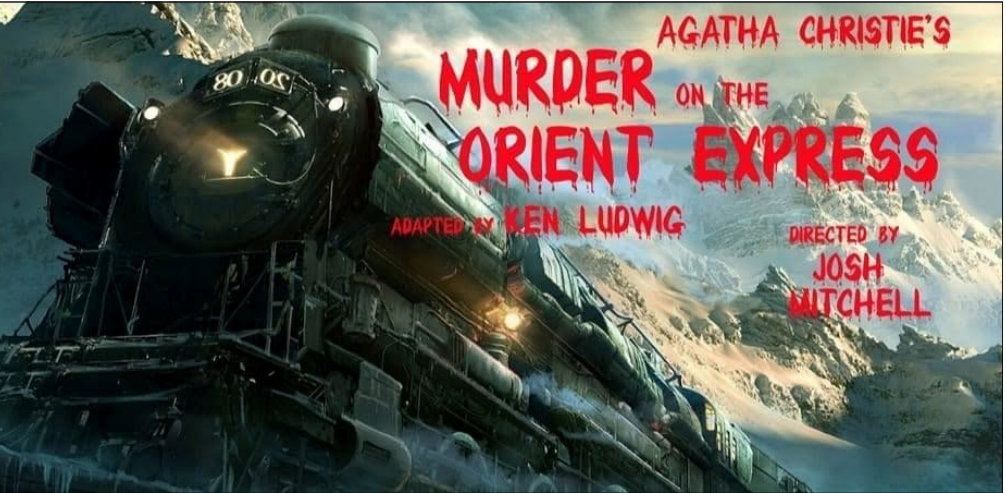
Both the Ghost Walking and Trolley of Terror finish with a tour of the 170-plus year-old Monteith House and chilling tales experienced within its historic walls.

Murder on the Orient Express Opens October 28

Albany Civic Theater is proud to present Agatha Christie's Murder on the Orient Express!

This tale of murder and mystery will take the stage Oct. 28 – Nov. 12 and is directed by Josh Mitchell.

Famous detective Hercule Poirot is called back from Istanbul to London on urgent business. While aboard the Orient Express, Poirot meets a host of peculiar characters: an aging Russian princess, her Swedish companion, a Hungarian countess, a Minnesota housewife, a Scottish colonel, an English governess, a French conductor, a disagreeable American businessman, and his anxious secretary. While aboard the train, the angry businessman, Samuel Ratchett, corners Poirot and demands Poirot investigate a series of ominous letters that have been sent to Ratchett, threatening his life.



If you are of stout heart and crave the opportunity for your own paranormal encounter, the VIP Experience is for you! A small group of visitors will take part in a late-night paranormal investigation in the Monteith House, gaining experience with a variety of ghost hunting equipment. (approximately 2 hours 30 minutes).

The VIP Experience Ghost Hunt is offered on Friday, Oct. 22 and Saturday, Oct. 29 from 10:30 pm to 1 am. This exclusive 2-1/2 hour event is \$50 per guest.

Tours sell out quickly, so it is recommended to buy your tickets as soon as possible.

Tickets for all tours are available online at <https://monteithhouse.ticketleap.com>. These events are a fundraiser to support the Monteith House Museum.

For info, visit www.monteithhouse.com.



Open Skate in the Street Set for October 16

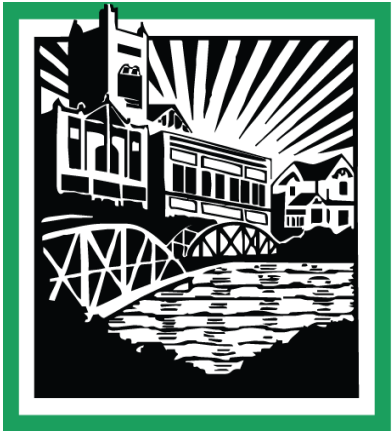
The Stoked 2 SK8 second Open Skate In The Street will be held on Sunday, October 16 from 12-4 pm.

Over 75 people of all ages attended the first event, which was held in August. Observers were amazed as skaters took to the air off ramps and grinding rails in the street!

The event will again be on Broadalbin St. SW between 2nd and 3rd Avenues. Participant waivers are available at www.stoked2sk8.com

Stoked 2 SK8 will be celebrating their one year anniversary during the event, so make sure to stop in the store at 250 Broadalbin St SW.

For more information, contact Stoked 2 Sk8 at (541) 248-1593.



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Downtown Trick or Treat Returns on October 29th

It's time to get ready for some family fun! Downtown Trick-or-Treat returns on Saturday, October 29th.

Back to normal, in-person trick-or-treating will be from 11 am to 1 pm. Dozens of merchants will be outside their doors handing out goodies to costumed Albany kids. The fun will extend from 1st to 3rd Avenues and Montgomery to Washington Streets.

Just look for the orange and black balloons at participating member businesses and restaurants.

The online costume contest was such a hit last year we are doing it again. To enter, little fairies and scary monsters just need to stop at one of the Xtreme Grafx photo stations in Downtown. Look for signs and balloons near the 1st Avenue parklet and the Two Rivers Market.

City of Albany Offers Meet-Ups in Downtown Albany

The City of Albany is holding two meet-ups in Downtown Albany during October where the public has the opportunity to visit with key city personnel.

Community Conversations
Tuesday October 11

This recurring event is an opportunity for community members to ask questions of City staff in an informal setting. This session will be located Downtown from 5-7 pm at The Garage, 229 3rd Ave SW.



Sheriff Michelle Duncan



Chief Shane Wooton



Chief Marcia Harnden

The photos will be sorted by category and posted on Facebook for a public vote.

Winners will be announced on Halloween on the Albany Downtown Association's Facebook page and website .

Contest categories/ages are Babies 0-2, Pre-K 3-5, Kids: 6-8, 9-11, 12-14, 15-18; Adults: age 19+ and Family/Group

The "family/group" category is open to all ages. Families, friends, teams, colleagues and others are all invited to enter. (Only family-friendly costumes, please).

The winner in each child categories will receive a Downtown kid meal, a ride on the Albany Carousel, a Pix Theatre ticket, Brick Circuit LEGO mini and Downtown Dollars. Runners up will win a ticket to The Pix Theatre. Adults win \$25 in



Downtown Dollars. The group prize will be a Downtown gift basket with fun items for the whole group to share.

Call (541) 928-2469 with any questions.

ADA Seeks Community Input on Downtown

The Albany Downtown Association needs your help discovering how we can best serve our Downtown customers, residents and businesses

We are currently completing a strategic planning process and need your feedback. Please scan the QR code below or go to www.albanydowntown.com/survey and take our survey before Oct. 15.

Everyone who completes the survey will automatically be entered into a drawing for \$100 to their favorite Downtown business.



Questions? Call (541) 928-2469.