

Meet The Neighbors: Downtown Winter Ideas

by Madison Ward

Winter is here! Looking for something fun to do while indoors and staying warm? Here are some great Downtown options.

The Pix Theatre

Have you visited The Pix since its recent renovation? The Pix has been a staple of Downtown Albany since 2006. Owners Rod & Denise Bigner just upgraded the homey theater to a new level. The lobby still has their extensive menu, signature dining area and movie paraphernalia to see before the movie showing. But now, the Pix's theater room has new and comfier seats with trays to hold your delicious food along with a fantastic sound system for a more immersive movie experience.



Check their social media for show information then select your seats online at www.albanypix.com and head to the theater at 321 2nd Ave. SW.

Urban Ag Supply

Are your plants at home ready for the winter? Or, want some more green in your home as it gets harder to go out-

side? Urban Ag Supply is the place for you to go. They have been supplying plant and green care to Albany since July 2018. Father and son owners Patrick and Nick Chonaiew are always very welcoming and able to answer your plant questions.



Not only is there a selection of locally made pots and soil, but there is a variety of other plant needs. Looking for a specific plant? You will probably find it there. Air plants, hanging plants, low light or high light, you name it. Urban Ag also has a variety of books to learn about garden plants, house plants and more. Supporting the community is at the core of Urban Ag with various lip balms, honeys, sauces, rubs and other locally made products also sold there.

Urban Ag Supply is open 7 days a week and can be reached at (541) 497-2988. Visit them at 456 2nd Ave SW.

Surefire Design

Looking for a fun indoor activity to do this winter? Surefire Design is the place to visit. They offer various pottery shapes like mushrooms, plates,

cups, and more for you to custom paint. After you are done painting, they will kiln fire and glaze it. Then in a few days, you get to take home your newly created masterpiece!

Jenny Darling opened her business in 2000. You might recognize it from the various painted pieces seen from the studio windows. Surefire offers a peaceful place to paint your shape and the team would love to help answer your questions about colors and pottery. For your crafty fix this winter, visit Surefire Design.

Stop by 201 SW 2nd Ave and check them out. They are open 7 days a week. Their number is (541) 928-7339.



Ba's Vietnamese Comfort Food

Want a fun and tasty place to visit this winter? Ba's Vietnamese Comfort Food is a great place to go. The owners are Karen and Seth Carey and they opened Ba's in 2019 and have been widely enjoyed by Albany since. They offer a wide variety of Vietnamese food and drinks like various Pho, noodle salads, teas and more!

Not only can you dine inside their restaurant and enjoy its comfy atmosphere, but you could choose to pick up or try their seasonal outdoor dining. Do you need vegan or vegetarian options? Ba's offers both, so no need to stress. For a delicious warm meal perfect for the cold weather, visit Ba's.

Visit Ba's at 117 1st Ave. E, Ste 104 or call (541) 791-7299.



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

Our January parking winner is...

Jake Zinn

Level 3 Salon + Spa

OMS Revitalization Grant Opportunity

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The OMS Revitalization Grant application must be submitted by the Albany Downtown Association on the member's behalf. Only one applicant will be submitted for Albany for the 2023 grant cycle.

To help the ADA grant committee in selecting the project most in keeping with the grant mission and highest likelihood of winning an award and to ensure that the interested Albany Downtown Association member is properly prepared for the Oregon Main Street Application process, we are again requiring a "pre-application."

Pre-applications will be reviewed and follow-up questions made by the Albany Downtown Association Grant Committee to make our final project selection. Once a project is selected, we will work together to complete the official SHPO grant application.



Downtown Events - January & February

Jan-mid-Feb - Albany Visitors Association Photo Contest

Annual AVA contest of photos featuring people, places and events in Albany and Linn County. See details at www.albanyvisitors.com.

Friday, Jan 6 - 1st Friday in Historic Downtown Albany

Bring your friends Downtown for some 1st Friday fun! Look for sales, fun and music. Visit the "1st Friday in Historic Downtown Albany" Facebook page for more information.

Friday, Jan 6 - 1st Friday at the Carousel

On the first Friday of every month, the carousel is open from 5:30-8 pm, and for just \$5 per person you get unlimited carousel rides, plus a fun activity family and more!

Feb 1-26 - Annual Big Show of Little Art

Gallery Calapooia presents the Big Show of Little Art, the Annual Community Open Exhibit of 8" x 8" artworks. The artist reception is Feb 3, 6-8 pm. For more info, call (541) 971-5701 or visit www.gallerycalapooia.com See story page 1

Friday, Feb 3 - 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. Visit the 1st Friday Facebook page for more information.

February Feb. 10, 11, 12(m), 16, 17, 18 - ACT presents Silent Sky

Written by Lauren Gunderson, Silent Sky is the true story of 19th-century astronomer Henrietta Leavitt explores a woman's place in society during a time of immense scientific discoveries, when women's ideas were dismissed until men claimed credit for them. Social progress, like scientific progress, can be hard to see when one is trapped among earthly complications; Henrietta Leavitt and her female peers believe in both, and their dedication changed the way we understand both the heavens and Earth. Directed by Rus Roberts. For more info and tickets, visit the Albany Civic Theater website at www.albanycivic.org.

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

The pre-application can be accessed at: <https://tinyurl.com/OMSGrantPreApp2023>

Grant Timeline:

- **December 5, 2022** - Albany Downtown Association Pre-Application open
- **Jan 9** - ADA Building & Business Owner Mixer. Staff available for Q&A.
- **Jan 22** - ADA Pre-Application deadline
- **Jan 27** - Application workshop. Statewide zoom event hosted by Oregon Heritage & Oregon Main Street. 8:30 am - 11:30 am. Open to all. [Registration](#) is required.
- **Feb 6** - Project winner announced and the collaboration to complete the full application begins
- **Feb 26** - Project partner application completed and due to reviewing committee
- **Mar 16** - Final touches on the grant application & submit to Oregon Main Street
- **May** - Award notification
- **Apr 30, 2026** - Project Completion and Final Reporting Deadline
- **TBD** - Project Impact Reports: At final report and one year later.

For more information about Oregon Heritage Grants and previous winning projects visit: <https://www.oregon.gov/oprd/OH/Pages/Grants.aspx>.

In 2015, legislation established a permanent fund for the grant and provided an initial \$2.5 million of funding as part of a larger lottery bond package. In the 2017 legislative session, an additional \$5 million was approved and was funded through the sale of the 2019 lottery bond package.



The 2021 bond sale was canceled due to the economic impact of COVID-19, but the Oregon legislature included Oregon Main Street Revitalization Grant in the bond packages slated for 2022 and 2023.

In 2022, the third grant cycle, SHPO awarded 28 matching grants worth \$5,000,000 to Oregon Main Street Network organizations across the state for building projects that encourage economic vitality. The projects brought in a total matching investment of \$6,083,421 to Oregon downtowns.

ADA's grant application committee looks forward to reading through the applications to find the best partner and project.

If you have questions on the pre-application, please reach out to Lise Grato, Executive Director, at (541) 928-2469 or director@albanydowntown.com or Stephanie Gutierrez, Economic Vitality Chair / ADA Board, at (541) 223-8131 or stephanie.g@kw.com. More information is also available at www.albanydowntown.com.



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Lights Highlight Twice Around Parade

The 22nd Downtown Twice Around Christmas Parade and Community Tree Lighting was a night of smiles and lights!

The December 4th attendance again topped previous years as folks gathered to enjoy a nice evening with just a short sprinkle toward the end of the parade.

With a record 41 entries, there was much to enjoy. From playful costumed characters and classic cars to the Albany historic fire truck and Chafin Farm's horse-drawn wagon this year's entries set a playful tone and a nod to the early days in Historic Downtown Albany. The entries also included dogs, horses, roller skaters, a limo and even a hot tub!

The honor of carrying the parade banner went to our 2022 Excellence in Downtown Award Business of the Year winner, Emma Downtown.



Congratulations to our parade winners:

- ◆ 1st Place - Powering the Spirit of Christmas - Pacific Power
- ◆ 2nd Place - Another Holiday VIP - Dustin Berry & Family
- ◆ 3rd Place - Santa's Sleigh - Dave Sears Family and Friends (19th year in the parade)



Our amazing judges were three of our ADA 2022 Excellence in Downtown Award winners: Stoked 2 Sk8, owners Diane & Josh Slamp, The Squeaky Cork owners Kristi & Josh Crawford and Margin Coffee Roasters owners Marila & Gabe Anderson.

Following the parade, thousands gathered at the Community Christmas Tree to celebrate the season, joined South Albany High School in singing carols, played in the Albany Visitors Association's "snow" and cheered on the tree lighting. Mayor Alex Johnson II and Santa lit the tree with the help of a local youth and many fun character from Party Perfection Oregon, while listening to music courtesy of Glenn's Mobil DJ.



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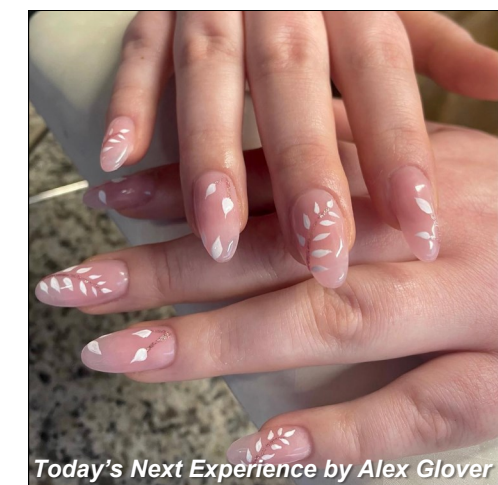


Downtown Salons and Studios Offer Pampering for the New Year

The New Year is traditionally a time to assess our goals and set new ones. Setting time to feel good about ourselves is important and a relaxing treatment or a new look can be a great way to treat yourself.

These 12 member businesses offer dozens of options:

BodyworX Physical & Healing Wellness
425 2nd Ave. SW (503) 999-8004
Nutritional muscle testing & myofascial release



Today's Next Experience by Alex Glover

Embrace Kindness Bodywork
220 Ellsworth St. SW (541) 714-5550
Deep tissue, Swedish & hot stone massage., cupping

Island Style Cryo & Beauty
337 1st Ave. W (541) 791-6060
Facials, waxing, skin care, nail care, body sculpting

La Belle Boutique
337 1st Ave. W (541) 924-0953
Hair, nails, color, perms, weddings

Level 3 Salon & Spa
317 1st Ave. W, #101 (541) 905-4158
6,000-square-foot full-service salon and day spa

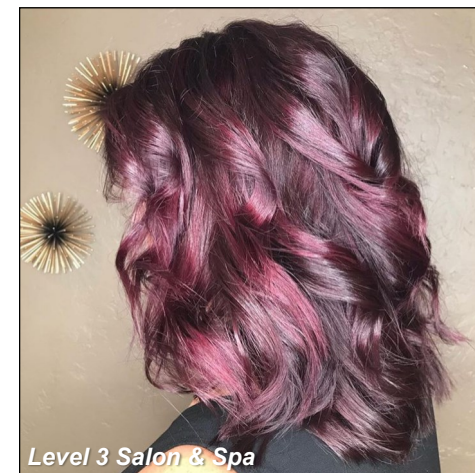
Luna Soul Esthetics
121 Broadalbin St. SW (520) 256-1705
Lash, skin and brow services

Lyon's Den Hair Studio
122 Ellsworth St. SW (541) 791-1360
Men, women & kid's cuts, color, perms, weddings

MesmerEyes
327 1st Ave. W (541) 619-4931
Lash extensions, microblading, lip blushing, skin care

No Filter Medical Aesthetics
121 Broadalbin St. SW (541) 272-7742
Botox & lip/facial filler, concierge & events

Permanent Beauty by Kylie
121 Broadalbin St. SW (541) 619- 6328
Fine line tattoos, permanent makeup, microblading

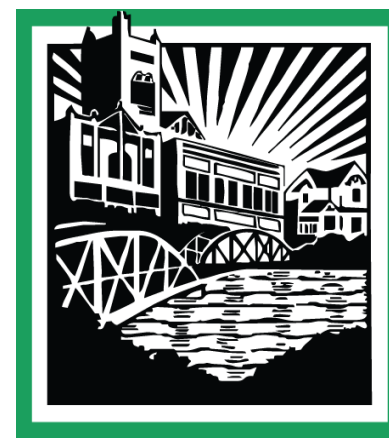


Level 3 Salon & Spa

Pure Beauty Aesthetics
121 Broadalbin St. SW (541) 908-2501
HydraFacial, chemical peels, microneedling, lashes

Today's Next Experience
250 Broadalbin St. SW (541) 967-8663
Hair, nails, barber, extensions, make up, waxing

For more information, visit their social media pages, individual listings on the Albany Downtown Association website www.albanydowntown.com or call (541) 928-2469.



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January 2023

Revitalization Grant Opportunity Returns for 2023

We are very excited to share that the Albany Downtown Association has launched our pre-application process to find a member project as our submission for the 2023 Oregon Main Street Revitalization Grant!

Like last year, this statewide grant is open for downtown revitalization efforts in communities participating in the Oregon Main Street Network including Historic Downtown Albany.



Albany Downtown Association's project to restore the Oregon Electric Railway Station, and move Sybaris Bistro was among 28 projects selected in 2022. We hope to find a competitive project and be awarded a grant for Downtown Albany again this year.

The Oregon Main Street Revitalization Grant is a competitive grant offered by the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) for up to \$200,000. Matching funds of at least 30% of the award is required. Matching funds can be in the form of cash, in-kind donations, and/or volunteer time.

The Revitalization Grant funds may be used to acquire, rehabilitate and construct buildings on properties. Funded projects must facilitate community revitalization that will lead to private investment, job creation or retention, establishing or expanding viable businesses or creating a stronger tax base. Projects may include façade improvement, accessibility enhancement, basic utilities, second floor renovations and more.

Albany's OER Station project fills a well-defined need and met so many of the criteria including strong public outpouring, partner

support and the city's endorsement. Having a strong historic vision, skilled team and the ability to complete the project following all Secretary of the Interior Standards on time are also key.

Working capital is also needed as the grant is on a reimbursement basis, typically quarterly.

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Gallery Calapooia "Big Show of Little Art" Call for Artists

Annually, the members of Gallery Calapooia invite the community to come show their art. The criteria is pretty simple - anyone can show, any medium can be shown. The major thing is that the work

must not be larger than 8 inches by 8 inches for flat work and 8 x 8 x 8 inches for three-dimensional work.

"All are welcome to participate: new artists who are showing their work for the first time, veteran artists who have been showing their work for years, and artists of all ages, the young and the old," said Pat Spark, Gallery Calapooia artist and spokesperson.

The 8 x 8 exhibit celebrates the community and community arts. All artwork must be for sale and cannot have been shown in previous Gallery Calapooia exhibits.

All wall art must be exactly 8 x 8. Canvases and other supplies are available at The Frame House, 434 W 1st Ave. W.

Entries are due Sunday, Jan. 22. Artwork must be hand-delivered with an entry form to Gallery Calapooia at 222 1st Ave. W in Downtown Albany between 10 am-6 pm.

Entry forms can be found at the Gallery, The Frame House or online. There is a limit of one entry per artist.

"The space for the exhibition is small and we will endeavor to accept as many artists' works as we can. We have room for approximately 110 entries depending on the number of 2D and 3D entries," added Linda.

The artists' reception will be Friday, Feb. 3 from 6-8 pm at Gallery Calapooia. The exhibit runs Jan. 31-Feb. 25.

For info, call (541) 971-5701, visit the Gallery or go to www.gallerycalapooia.com.

