

Downtown Unwrapped Features Fun Holiday Windows

Over 16 playful, beautiful, simple and elaborate holiday windows were unveiled during the Downtown Unwrapped and Holiday Open House on Nov. 2.

Shoppers and visitors were invited to stroll our sidewalks, visit participating



businesses, enjoy treats and vote for their favorite window. "Unwrapped" specials were offered at Downtown restaurants, cafes and taprooms

Voting continued on "1st Friday in Historic Downtown Albany" and throughout the weekend, with hundreds of votes cast.

Public Choice Awards:

- 1st Place: The Natty Dresser
- 2nd place: The Squeaky Cork
- 3rd Place: Emma Downtown

Mayor's Choice Awards:

- 1st Place: The Natty Dresser
- 2nd Place: Weathered Together Market
- 3rd Place: Reds Boutique.

Thank you Mayor Alex Johnson II for helping us celebrate the holiday spirit of our wonderful Downtown businesses.

The winner of the door prize drawing was Julie Mendenhall. She receives a \$25 gift card to the store with her favorite window, Emma Downtown.



Please come check out all the amazing holiday windows in Downtown Albany!

For a list of windows, pick up a 2023 Downtown Unwrapped brochure at the Albany Downtown Association or visit our [Facebook event](#).



Holiday Fun at the Monteith House

Sleigh Bells Sing! - Hop aboard the Monteith Historical Society's festive trolley for caroling through the Monteith Historic District and Downtown Albany! 45 minute tour followed by cider and cookies in the Monteith House. Fridays and Saturdays, Dec. 8, 9, 15, 16 from 5-9 pm.

Children's Pioneer Christmas Party - What better way for your child to get into the Christmas spirit than by decking the halls of the Monteith House? The annual Children's Pioneer Christmas Party is Sunday, Dec. 3 in conjunction with the Downtown Twice Around Christmas Parade. Children will sing carols, make a pioneer Christmas ornament, decorate the Christmas tree in the parlor, and enjoy gingerbread cookies and apple cider. The activities are geared towards children in 1st-5th grade. 2-4:45 pm. Minimum age 6 year.

Tickets are available at <https://monteithhouse.ticketleap.com>. For info visit, www.monteithhouse.org.



DOWNTOWN ALBANY

December 2023

Downtown Twice Around Parade is Sunday, Dec 3

The 23rd Downtown Twice Around Christmas Parade is set for Sunday, December 3, starting at 5 pm.

From the Albany Trolley and vintage trucks to floats and Caesar the No Drama Llama, our parade entries have something for everyone. Of course, Santa will be riding Albany's Antique Fire Truck.

The parade route is from 1st & Broadalbin west to the Carousel, left on Calapooia, left on 2nd, left on Broadalbin and back to 1st. Then we go around again! There will be no cars parked on the route.

After the parade, attendees and participants will stroll down the block to the Community Tree Lighting Ceremony in the Two Rivers Market lot, with holiday music by Glenn's Mobile DJ.

The South Albany High School Choir will perform carols, then Mayor Alex Johnson II and a special guest will light the tree with Santa's help.

1st Friday, Dec 1 - It's a Sweater Party

Put on your most festive Christmas sweater (ugly or not) and head Downtown for our annual 1st Friday Sweater Party and an evening full of holiday dining, shopping and fun!



Photo by Kristi Crawford

Enjoy dinner and shopping before the event. Many Downtown cafes will be open for coffee & hot cocoa, including The Albany Pix Theatre, Jo Jo Macs, The Brim Coffee Co., and Margin Coffee Roasters.

Due to logistics, there will not be horse-drawn wagon rides after the parade.

On Friday, December 1, shops and restaurants around Downtown will have specials, promotions and extended hours.

Many Downtown businesses will invite you to enjoy live music, sample beverages and nibble on holiday treats as you shop. And our Downtown restaurants might have a special surprise.

Enjoy holiday music by Glenn's Mobile DJ as you stroll the sidewalks and take in the trees twinkling with lights and the Downtown snowflakes. Ride the Albany Trolley and join in the caroling fun with West Albany High School students.

Albany Downtown Association is proud to sponsor December's 1st Friday. Join us each month for good times & fun themes.

This year's Douglas Fir is over 40 feet tall and was donated by Weyerhaeuser and delivered by Ram Trucking on November 27. It was lifted into place and secured by three Pacific Power trucks. The tree was then decorated by the City of Albany's Street Team with lights and ornaments provided by the Albany Downtown Association's Design Committee. ADA's festive tree surround was painted by local artist Billy Lanham.

Albany Downtown Association's Promotion Committee organizes both the parade and tree lighting events. Find more info on Facebook and Instagram and at www.albanydowntown.com.



Annual Christmas Parlour Tour set for Sunday, Dec 10

Enjoy the sights and sounds of an old-fashioned holiday celebration in Historic Downtown Albany on the 44th Annual Christmas Parlour Tour.

The tour, set for 2 to 7 pm on Sunday, December 10, offers a peek inside homes and other buildings decorated for the Christmas season.



"Long Nights Moon" by Camron Settlemier

Step inside six of our most intriguing historic homes, along with the Monteith house and other historic buildings, and travel back through time.

Visit the homes in any order you choose, either by walking or driving.

Tickets are now on sale at www.monteithhouse.org. The cost is \$15. Ticket sales will be available online through Saturday, Dec. 9.

To receive your wristband, copy of the tour map and tour information, bring your Eventbrite e-ticket to the Albany Visitors Association office, 110 3rd Ave. SE, beginning at 1 pm on tour day.

Tickets can also be purchased the day of the tour at the AVA starting at 1 pm, for cash or check only.

Albany's Annual Interior Tours are coordinated by Albany's Historic Interior Home Tour Committee with the help of the Albany Visitors Association and sponsored by the Monteith Historical Society.

For more information, contact the Albany Visitors Association at (541) 928-0911 or go to www.albanyvisitors.com