



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.



Shop Small All Season Long in Downtown Albany

When you Shop Small in Downtown Albany, you will find wonderful options for holiday gift giving - toys, jewelry, apparel, art, décor, plants, stocking stuffers and more. Many shops have extended holiday hours.

1st Hand Seconds Unique Boutique
411 2nd Ave. SW (541) 928-6909
Gently loved ladies clothing and accessories

AK Carpet & More
140 1st Ave. E (541) 928-0755
Carpet, tile, LVP, hardwood, countertops

Albany Historic Carousel Gift Shop
503 1st Ave. W (541) 497-2934
Clothing, jewelry, plush, puzzles, souvenirs

Albany Regional Museum Book Corner
136 Lyon St. S (541) 967-7122
Selection of local and regional history books

The Flower Tree
305 Washington St. SW (541) 928-1223
Full service florist. Plants, gifts, wire service

Brigitte's Place Fine Fabrics
325 1st Ave. W (541) 979-3121
Fashion fabrics, notions, sewing classes



Chic-ee Chic-ee Bridal Boutique
411 2nd Ave. SW (541) 928-6909
Discount wedding dresses and accessories

The Country Roost
113 3rd Ave. SW (541) 760-1941
Refurbished furniture, home decor, clothing

Cronies Vintage & Antique Emporium
211 2nd Ave. SW (541) 760-1941
Antiques, collectables, jewelry, pottery, fine art

Daily Energy Nutrition
130 Ferry St. SW (541) 791-5193
Vitamins, supplements, snacks, beverages

Emma Downtown
422 1st Ave. W (541) 926-1717
Women's clothing, shoes, baby, gifts, décor

The Frame House
434 1st Ave. W (541) 928-7676
Custom framing, stock frames, art supplies

Gallery Calapooia
222 1st Ave. W #100 (541) 971-5701
Local artist co-op, art, jewelry, cards, gifts

Jack N Jill Children's Resale
236 Lyon St. SE (541) 928-5437
Children's clothing, furniture, strollers, toys

Jordan Jewelers
202 1st Ave. W (541) 926-1907
Custom designs, fine jewelry, gifts

Merrime Bridal
211 1st Ave. W Ste. 101 (541) 791-7083
Bridal, special occasion, prom, jewelry, candles

Monteith House Gift Shop
581 2nd Ave. SW (541) 220-0421
Historic toys, books and gifts



The Natty Dresser
124 Broadalbin St. SW (541) 248-3561
Men's clothing, hats, shoes, tux rentals

No-D-Lay Shoe Shop
339 2nd Ave. SW (541) 928-7651
Boots, shoes, gear, disc golf, Hydro Flask

No Dinx
139 1st Ave. E (541) 967-8494
Custom design, apparel, vehicle wraps, embroidery

The Quilt Loft
405 1st Ave. W (541) 928-7242
Fabric, Longarm quilting, laser cut kits

The Pix Theatre
321 2nd Ave. SW (541) 926-7499
Truffles, t-shirts, magnets, cards

Reds Boutique
222 1st Ave. W (712) 520-0160
Women's clothing, accessories, jewelry

Rooted Boutique (406) 461-3194
250 Broadalbin St SW #111
Plants, accessories, clothes, classes, books

Sawmill Unfinished Furniture
224 Lyon St. SE (541) 928-6338
Unfinished & finished furniture, mattresses

Sid Stevens Jewelers
140 1st Ave. W (541) 967-8140
Custom designs, fine jewelry, diamonds

Sniffany's Pet Boutique
222 1st Ave. W (541) 248-3722
Pet supplies, raw food, treats, toys, tag engraving

Spearit Beads & Co.
415 1st Ave. W (541) 791-4313
Beads, chains, custom jewelry, gifts

Stay Awhile Vintage Mercantile
425 1st Ave. W (541) 981-2373
Antiques, collectables, toys, jewelry

Stoked 2 Sk8
250 Broadalbin St. SW #103 (541) 248-1593
Skateboards, parts, apparel, footwear

Urban Ag Supply
456 2nd Ave. SW (541) 497-2988
Organic garden materials, houseplants, gifts

Weathered Together Market
301 1st Ave. W (541) 791-7659
Gifts, homegoods, clothing, jewelry, snacks



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Volunteer Spotlight: Hannah Darling

Hannah Darling started volunteering with the Albany Downtown Association in 2017. She and her family first helped with the Design Committee's hanging baskets program, then she joined the Promotion Committee, often accompanied by her younger daughter, Isla.

Active with Movies at Monteith and other Promotion Committee events, Hannah stepped into the role of Promotion Committee Chair in 2019. She was elected to ADA's Board of Directors in 2018 and has served as Vice President and President. She chairs the 1st Friday subcommittee and champions our Excellence in Downtown Awards event.

Hannah was recognized as ADA's Volunteer of the Year in 2022 and went on to receive statewide recognition as Oregon Main Street's 2022 Excellence on Main Volunteer of the Year.

This time of year, Hannah's energy turns to the Downtown Twice Around Parade as our Parade Manager, coordinating applications and staging entries for a magical parade experience.

Thank you, Hannah, for all you do!



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

Our December parking winner is...

George Evans

C.H.A.N.C.E

Downtown Events - December

Through Sunday, Dec. 3 - Festival of Wreaths Auction

Albany Historic Carousel & Museum invites you to "attend" their Annual Festival of Wreaths Auction. Stay in, curl up with some cocoa – or wine – and bid online. Bidding closes December 3 at 7 pm. View pictures and descriptions of each item online or stop by the Carousel through Friday from 11 am-4 pm to view the auction items in person. Learn more at www.albanycarousel.com.

Friday, Dec. 1 - 1st Friday in Historic Downtown Albany: Sweater Party

Bring your friends Downtown for some 1st Friday fun! Ride the Albany Trolley and join WAHS singers in caroling. Look for sales, tastings, music, a special event at the Carousel and other fun. For more info, visit www.albanydowntown.com/events. See story page 1.

Friday, Dec. 1 - Gallery Calapooia: 1st Friday Artist Reception

November's featured artists are Anna Harris and Dhannon Ross. Their rabbit-themed art will be showcased up front at the gallery and in the featured artist window from Nov. 28 - Dec. 30. Reception is from 6-8 pm. For info, visit gallerycalapooia.com.

Dec. 1-16 - ACT presents: Peter and the Starcatcher

Albany Civic Theater presents Peter and the Starcatcher. A young orphan and his mates are shipped off from Victorian England to a distant island ruled by the evil King Zarboff. They know nothing of the mysterious trunk in the captain's cabin, which contains a precious, otherworldly cargo. At sea, the boys are discovered by a precocious young girl named Molly, a Starcatcher-in-training who realizes that the trunk's precious cargo is starstuff, a celestial substance so powerful that it must never fall into the wrong hands. When the ship is taken over by pirates the journey quickly becomes a thrilling adventure. Directed by: Mirinda Keeling. Dec. 1, 2, 3 (m), 8, 9, 10(m), 14, 15, 16. Eves 7:30 pm, Matinee 2:30 pm. For info, visit www.albanycivic.org.

Sat & Sun, Dec. 2, 3, 9, 10, 16, 17, 23, 24 - Santa at the Carousel

For a special memory this year, visit with Santa at Albany Historic Carousel and Museum. 11 am – 4 pm. Dec. 24 until 2 pm. www.albanycarousel.com.

Saturday, Dec. 2 - Dam Right Drag Night presents: Snow Ball

A night of icy hot drag, burlesque, and performing art! Calapooia Brewing. Doors open at 7:30 pm, show at 8:30 pm, 21+, \$10 cash cover at the door. www.calapooiabrewing.com

Sunday, Dec. 3 - 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 held in conjunction with the Albany Twice Around Christmas Parade. See story page 4.

Sunday, Dec. 3 - Downtown Twice Around Parade and Community Tree Lighting

Join us for the 24th Albany Twice Around Christmas Parade at 5 pm followed by the Community Tree Lighting (rain or shine). See story page 1.

Saturday, Dec. 9 - Albany Holiday Farmers' Market

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.org.

Fri & Sat, Dec. 8, 9, 15, 16 - Sleigh Bells Sing!

Hop aboard the Monteith Historical Society's festive trolley for caroling through the Monteith Historic District and Downtown Albany! See story page 4

Sunday, Dec. 10 - Christmas Parlour Tour

This year's interior tour will feature homes and historic buildings decorated for the holidays. Hosted by the Monteith Historical Society. See story page 4

Wednesday, Dec. 13 - History Bites: Native American Medicine

The Albany Regional Museum will host Dr. David Fitchett, speaking about how native American medicine is being used in current medical practices. 12- 1 pm. History Bites is a free event, to explore the new exhibits is a separate fee. Light refreshments are available. For info, visit www.armuseum.com.

Saturday, Dec. 16 - Two Rivers Market Holiday Show

Come shop with 30 local vendors in Downtown Albany in the Two Rivers Market! This will be a magical day including Santa, cookies, ornament decorating, another passport experience, a grand prize worth over \$1,000, raffles, giveaways, and much more! 10 am - 7 pm. Christmas in the Market by Rooted Boutique.

Sunday, Dec 24 - Whitespires Christmas Eve Program

Join the Whitespires Church in Historic Downtown Albany for a traditional Christmas Eve sing-along, 7-8 pm. 510 5th Avenue SW.

Friday, Jan. 5 - 1st Friday in Historic Downtown Albany - Happy New Year !!!

Bring your friends Downtown for some 1st Friday fun! Look for sales, tasting, music, a special event at the Carousel and other fun. For more info, visit the ADA website www.albanydowntown.com/events or the 1st Friday Facebook page.

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

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](#).

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.

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



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.

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



"Long Nights Moon" by Camron Settlemier