



DOWNTOWN ALBANY

April 2024

Mixology Madness Fundraiser Returns Sunday, April 21

After a four-year recess, Mixology Madness returns on Sunday, April 21, and we have invited 10 local bartenders to join us and share a secret cocktail.

A fundraiser for the Albany Downtown Association, Mixology Madness is Albany's one-of-a-kind cocktail contest, where 100 attendees will sample and vote on a delicious assortment of creative cocktails by our local mixologists.

The event will be held in two parts. The first, 4-6 pm, is a blind tasting by our attendees and sponsor judges to determine which cocktail they like best. Contestants will be hidden behind a curtain, creating their secret potion for tastings. Then, votes will be cast and counted.

At 6:15 pm, the bartenders will step out from behind the curtain and be recognized for their creativity! The winners will be announced, and all of the bartenders will mix full servings of their competition cocktail until the end of the event at 8 pm.

Located at Sybaris Bistro, attendees will enjoy amazing appetizers and the chance to bid on awesome silent auction items!

The Sparkle Shot is sponsored by Sid Stevens Jewelers. For just \$25 per shot, you will receive a fun beverage and one of 47 CZs or maybe the 1/2 ct. diamond!

Thank you to our Title Sponsor Albany Carpet One, Platinum Sponsor Corvallis Contractor; Wristband Sponsor Jessica Pankratz - Connected Real Estate; Gold Sponsors La Belle Boutique and Accuity LLC.; Beer Sponsor Deluxe Brewing and Wine Sponsor Wine Crush.



For more details and to purchase your tickets, visit www.albanydowntown.com.

Downtown Restaurant Week is April 21-27

Downtown Albany Restaurant Week returns with more restaurants than ever! From Sunday, April 21, through Saturday, April 27, visit our 30 destinations offering a variety of specials all week!

New this year is a passport and prize drawing. Receive one chance at the drawing for each restaurant you patronize.

2024 Downtown Restaurants:

- Ba's Vietnamese Comfort Food
- Beloved Cheesecake
- Bodhi Bakery
- Brick & Mortar Café
- The Brim Coffee Co.
- Calapooia Brewing
- Camille's Bistro
- Carousel Café
- Deluxe Brewing Food Cart
- The Depot - Seafood
- The Garage - Pub Food
- Grazing Oregon
- Greyhound Tavern
- Homegrown Oregon Foods
- Jinda Thai
- Jo Jo Mac's - Southern Cuisine
- Jonuts - Donuts
- Loafer's Station - American
- The Mad Platter - East Coast
- Margin Coffee Roasters
- Natural Sprinkles Co. - Bakery
- Sidekicks Desserts & Espresso
- The Squeaky Cork - Scottish
- Sweet Red Bistro
- Sybaris Bistro
- Taqueria Alonzo - Mexican
- Toki Teriyaki - Korean
- Vault 244 Bistro | Lounge
- Vito's Trattoria - Italian
- Wine Crush

Brews, Trolley Highlight Taps & Caps on April 6

The 6th Annual Albany Taps & Caps is scheduled for Saturday, April 6, from 4-8 pm. A Downtown brewery and tap house crawl, the event is a fundraiser for Furniture Share, helping families in crisis, and Beds for Kids.

The 2024 locations are No Rails Ale House, The Garage, Calapooia Brewing Co. / Vivacity Spirits and Deluxe Brewing Co. / Sinister Distilling. Attendees are invited to ride the Albany Trolley or walk from location to location.

Tickets are \$25 and include four tastes (one at each taphouse brewery), snacks, appetizers and door prizes. The first 50 tickets sold include a souvenir glass growler.

Event tickets can be purchased online at www.furnitureshare.org or at The Garage on the event day.

See the Furniture Share and Albany Downtown Association Facebook pages and websites for more information.

Most of the restaurants are open for their normal hours. Reservations are highly recommended. For more info, visit www.albanydowntown.com.



Meet the Neighbors: Our Amazing Volunteers

The Albany Downtown Association counts on our amazing volunteers to make our historic Downtown a wonderful place to Eat-Shop-Play!

We love our volunteers and will be celebrating them April 21-27 during National Volunteer Week 2024. April is also National Volunteer Month and Global Volunteer Month!

Some volunteers join us to wrap lights on Downtown Street Trees, hang our amazing Downtown flower baskets, make Downtown look great at our clean-up events, set up Movies by Moonlight, hang posters, distribute the newsletter and help make kids smile at the Downtown Twice Around Christmas Parade.



Others volunteer year-round serving on our four Main Street committees: Design, Economic Vitality, Organization and Promotion.

We have a dedicated board of directors who make it their mission to lead the Albany Downtown Association. Our full-time Executive Director and administrative assistants support the volunteers and Main Street projects.

Upcoming Volunteer Events

Downtown Spring Clean-Up & Mother's Day Flower Sign Hanging. Sunday, April 28, 9 am-noon. Bring your sunscreen & garden tools! All ages, unlimited spots.

Downtown Flower Basket Hanging Day. Sunday, May 19, 9 am-noon. We need ladders, pick-up trucks and a mix of strong & tall people. Teens & Adults, 17 spots.

Hosted by Design Committee. To RSVP, please sign up online at tinyurl.com/DowntownVolunteer or call (541) 928-2469.

ADA Main Street Committees

We are always looking for new committee members to join the fun. Most meet monthly. Call or email for details.

- Design Committee - Making Downtown look great. 1st Thursday 8:30 to 9:30 am, ADA Boardroom.
- Economic Vitality Committee - Helping businesses grow and locate in Downtown Albany. 1st Wednesday 12 to 1 pm, ADA Boardroom



- Promotion Committee - Sharing our Main Street mission and bringing people Downtown. 2nd Monday 8:30 to 9:30 am, location varies.
- Organization Committee - Fundraising, grants & Main Street initiatives. 4th Tuesday, ADA Boardroom.
- 1st Friday Committee - 2nd Wednesday 9 to 10 am, location varies.

We invite you to get involved. Drop by our office at 126 Ferry St SW, email director@albanydowntown.com, phone (541) 928-2469 or visit our website, www.albanydowntown.com.



Diaper Drive Set

Albany Downtown Association is again reaching out to the public to participate in the Family Tree Relief Nursery Child Abuse Prevention Month Diaper Drive in April.

Diaper donation boxes will be arriving around the Downtown in early April and will be available for your donations through the end of the month.

We will add the list of 2024 Downtown Merchants who have volunteered to be drop-off sites on our website, www.albanydowntown.com.



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Volunteer Spotlight: Oscar Hult

Oscar Hult's years in Downtown can't be contained in a few words.

From his years at the Democrat-Herald Newspaper and being involved in local theater to being a building and business owner, Oscar has always been dedicated to Downtown Albany and preserving its history and buildings.

He has served on the City of Albany's Landmark Commission, as Executive Director and later president of the Albany Downtown Association, and on the board of the Monteith Society.

Oscar freely gives his time to help other business owners, encouraging them to move Downtown and building owners to tackle their renovation dilemmas.

Oscar was just recognized with a statewide Historic Preservation award!

Thank you, Oscar, for dedicating your time and knowledge to Downtown Albany.



Parking Update

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

Our April parking winner is...

Austin McDonough

Community Services Consortium

Downtown Events - April / May

April - Family Tree Relief Nursery Diaper Drive

The Diaper Drive is the entire month of April. Diaper donation boxes will be arriving in early April and will be available through the end of the month. *See story page 2*

Friday, Apr. 5 - 1st Friday in Historic Downtown Albany - Spring Fling

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. *See story page 4*

Friday, April 5 - Gallery Calapooia Artist Reception

Gallery Calapooia featured artists are Koka Filipovic and Bill Thompson. The artist reception is 6-8 pm. For more info, call (541) 971-5701 or visit www.gallerycalapooia.com.

Saturday, Apr. 6 - Albany Taps & Caps

The 6th Annual Albany Taps & Caps is from 4-8 pm. A Downtown brewery and tap house crawl, the event is a fundraiser for Furniture Share, helping families in crisis, and Beds for Kids. Attendees can walk or ride the Albany Trolley. *See story page 1*

Saturday, Apr. 13 - Monteith House Living History Activities

Step into 1850 with them on the second Saturday of each month at the Historic Monteith House. Exciting activities like woodworking, pioneer doll making and so many other family-friendly activities! Each time will be something new, and you'll learn a little more about this important piece of Albany's history. 12-2 pm. www.monteithhouse.org

Saturdays starting Apr. 20 - 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, Apr. 20 - Calapooia Brewing: Dam Right Drag Night

Come see some amazing drag and performance artists. Doors at 7:30 pm, show at 8:30 pm. This is a 21+ show. \$10 cash cover at door. Sponsor, High Tide Smoke Shop. Please contact damrightdragnight@gmail.com by April 12th for ADA accommodations.

Sunday, Apr. 21 - Skate in the Street

Stoked 2 Sk8 is hosting this year's first Skate in the Street event on Sunday, April 21 (weather permitting)! Follow their Instagram and Facebook page for details.

Sunday, Apr. 21 - Mixology Madness

Albany Downtown Association's fundraiser is back! Sample cocktails created by Downtown's favorite bartenders and vote for your favorite drink at the best cocktail party in town. Advance sale only. Tickets on sale now. *See story page 1.*

Sunday-Saturday, Apr. 21-27 - Downtown Restaurant Week

Enjoy specials at 30 Downtown restaurants, bistros, cafes, bakeries and more. Make sure to pick up a passport for a chance to win a prize. *See story page 1*

Sunday, Apr. 28 - Downtown Spring Clean Up / Mother's Day Sign Hanging

Bring your sunscreen & garden tools! All ages, unlimited spots. 9 am-noon. We also need volunteers to hang the Mother's Day Flower Signs. Hosted by Design Committee. Please sign up at tinyurl.com/DowntownVolunteer or (541) 928-2469.

Friday, May 3 - 1st Friday in Historic Downtown Albany: Wine Walk

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.

Friday, May 3 - Rotary Wine Walk

Mark your calendar for this favorite annual event hosted by the Rotary Club of Albany. Check their "Albany Downtown Wine Walk" Facebook page for details.

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

Downtown 1st Friday “Spring Fling” is April 5

Shake off winter and join us for a “Spring Fling” themed 1st Friday on April 5 in Downtown Albany. Make sure to check out these businesses:

- **1st Hand Seconds Unique Boutique:** Dollar Sale & Boutique is 20% off (5-7 pm)
- **Albany Arts Commission:** Join us for an artists’ reception at City Hall, 333 Broadalbin St. SW (5-6:30 pm)
- **Ba’s Vietnamese Comfort Food:** Drink Specials (11:30 am-3 pm, 5-8:30 pm)
- **Beloved Cheesecakes:** Offering free samples of our new seasonal cheesecake, Almond Joy, and hosting the candle company Schneider Pines! (5-8 pm)
- **Gallery Calapooia:** April featured artists Koka Filipovic and Bill Thompson. Reception, beverages and small bites. (6-8 pm)



- **High on the Hog:** BBQ Chicken - Sandwich with side \$12. Mac-n-Cheese \$14, Plate with 2 sides \$16. (11:30 am-7 pm)
- **Historic Carousel and Museum:** For just \$5 per person, you get unlimited Carousel rides, plus a fun activity or craft for the family, along with gift shop specials and a

great deal on a tasty treat at the Carousel Café! (5:30-8 pm)

- **La Belle Boutique:** Come meet Caesar the No Drama Llama and help us kick start a fundraising campaign to get them a new van! (5-7 pm)
- **Margin Coffee Roasters:** All cocktails \$2 off. Check out our Friday night eclectic food menu (4:30-8:30 pm)
- **The Natty Dresser:** 20% off straw hats and short-sleeved shirts. Gift with purchase. Live music and refreshments. (5-7 pm)
- **Sniffany’s Pet Boutique:** Highlighting our new spring specials on fresh toys, grooming supplies and treats, plus lots of fun new samples for your dogs and cats to try. Pets are always welcome in-store, on leash! (Open ‘til 7:30 pm).
- **The Squeaky Cork:** Rueben’s \$10.00 Tennents \$5.00 pints. (4-10 pm)
- **Sweet Red Bistro:** New Spring Cocktail list includes The Butterfly Effect, Pink Lady and more. (4-10ish pm)
- **Urban on 1st:** All of our summer wear is out - sandals, shorts, tank tops, swimsuits, etc. Swim tops and bottoms are mix & match for \$2 a piece. All one pieces and matching swim sets are \$5. (11 am-6 pm)
- **Vito’s Trattoria:** Choosing one lucky couple (platonic couples are considered too!) whose tab will be picked up by Vito’s! The couple is selected from those dining at Vito’s anytime after 5 pm!
- **Weathered Together Market:** Special sales, treats and a drawing for a gift card (11 am-7 pm)
- **Wine Crush:** April Showers bring May Cocktails! Come and join us for wine cocktails designed especially for those warm spring days ahead! (2-9 pm)



- **Urban Ag Supply:** 15% off all houseplants and a free ponytail palm with any purchase. While supply lasts! (4-8 pm)

For more information, call the Albany Downtown Association at (541) 928-2469 or visit our website www.albanydowntown.com



Mother’s Day Flowers Go On Sale April 6

This year, celebrate Mom by sponsoring a personalized Mother’s Day flower sign in Downtown Albany.

Signs include mom’s name, or nickname, and the names of the family members who are honoring her. The cost is \$40.

The signs go on sale on Saturday, April 6 at noon at <https://albany-downtown-association.square.site> and will hang on Lyon and Ellsworth streets from April 29 - May 18.

Signs can be picked up at the ADA office at 126 Ferry Street SW starting Wednesday, May 22, for mom’s continued enjoyment.

Proceeds benefit ADA’s Design Committee projects, including hanging baskets, parklets, snowflakes and more.

For more info, call (541) 928-2469 or visit www.albanydowntown.com.

First Commissioner’s Art Show Runs April 1-30

The Albany Arts Commission (AAC) will hold its first-ever commission members show from April 1-30.

On April 5, members of AAC will participate in Downtown’s 1st Friday event, hosting a reception at City Hall, 333 Broadalbin St. SW, from 5 to 6:30 pm.

This event is free and open to the public. Come meet your AAC active artist members, enjoy refreshments, view the variety of their work and learn more about AAC’s mission and goals to support the arts in our community.

The AAC has raised public funds to support ongoing artist receptions on 1st Friday for the rest of 2024.

