

# DOWNTOWN ALBANY

June 2024

# **Greyhound Tavern Completes Main Street Grant Project**

In only 10 months, Greyhound Tavern was taken from an architect's concept to a thriving business, making a derelict building a Downtown destination.

As promised, owners Michelle & Kody Roth and Tyler Porter have brought life to the space with concerts, country line dancing, family karaoke, themed dance parties and vintage arcade games.



### 6th Annual Pride is Set for Saturday, June 22

Albany Pride is back for its 7th annual celebration of love, diversity and acceptance on Saturday, June 22, from 9:30 am - 4 pm at the Linn County Courthouse, 300 4th Ave. SW in Downtown Albany

Kicking off at 9:30 am, the rally will feature a multi-faith invocation, land acknowledgment and inspirational speakers The annual march follows the rally.

Attendees can explore the all-ages festival which includes a drag show, talent show, informational and vendor booths, and the 1st Annual 'Juneteenth at Pride.'



Greyhound Tavern offers patrons woodfired pizza, fresh salads, tasty appetizers and an extensive selection of beverages.

The once blighted area is now welcoming to those strolling by with custom doors that allow the space to extend to the sidewalk.

It was just a year ago that the Albany Downtown Association announced the exciting news that we had been awarded two 2023 Oregon Main Street Revitalization Grants of \$200,000 to partner with the Greyhound Tavern as well as one for the Briggs Building with a threeyear deadline for completion.

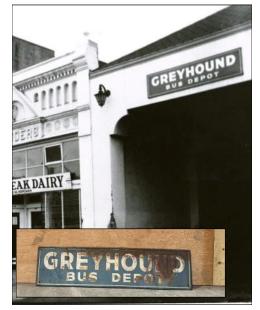
We received the final documents and the "go" from Oregon Heritage on June 30, 2023. Greyhound officially opened on April 27 with a T-Swift Party.



The festival site is adjacent to City Hall and the Linn County Court House on 4th Ave. between Ellsworth and Ferry St. and Broadalbin Street between 2nd and 4th Aves. The event is smoke and alcohol-free.

The 2024 Albany Pride T-shirt was designed and donated by No Dinx! This year's shirt proceeds will be donated to Ophelia's Place to support their Queer Space Group. Shirts are available at the event or presale at <u>https://bit.ly/24pridetee</u>.

For more information, please visit the Albany Pride social media accounts <u>@albanyorpride</u>.



The interior has many nods to the original building including a 1930s Greyhound Bus Depot sign.

The Greyhound Tavern partnership project is one of three made possible by OMS Revitalization grants from Oregon Heritage, a division of Oregon Parks.

### Craft Brew Smackdown Returns 1st Friday, Aug. 2

The 10th Craft Brew Smackdown is set for 1st Friday on August 2 in Downtown Albany. Sample beverages from 20+ breweries, cider houses, wineries and distilleries at Downtown businesses.

For \$20 you will receive 10 tasting tickets, an event glass, a map of the locations and a beer passport for your chance to win a prize. Pre-sale tickets will go on sale in mid-June.

The event is a fundraiser for the Albany Downtown Association and the Greater Albany Rotary Club. For more information, contact ADA at (541) 928-2469 or visit our website, <u>www.albanydowntown.com</u>.

# Meet the Neighbors: Summery Mocktails

Are you looking for something fun to toast the day, but alcohol isn't on your menu? Many Downtown restaurants and distilleries have fun mocktail options for celebrations large and small!

#### Calapooia Brewing

(541) 928-1931 210 Hill St. NE

Celebrate summer with Calapooia's chilly mocktail slushy. Flavors rotate weekly. They also have their newly released Dappled Tonic water in cans and on tap, alongside the pub favorite house-made root beer.

#### **Deluxe Brewing**

635 Water Ave. NE (541) 928-7699

Enjoy house-made ginger beer, handcrafted sodas and a selection of mocktails including Don't Call Me Shirley! They are featuring a Strawberry Rhubarb Lemonade in June.



**Dappled Tonic** 

#### **Grazing Oregon Charcuteries** 115 Ellsworth St. SW (541) 791-7105

#### "Dry" Libations menu

- Haru Strawberry
- Mango Lassi
- Rosemary's Rouge
- Live, Lav, Love
- Sparkling Verdejo Wine
- Midnight Sun
- Aegean Sea



#### Greyhound Tavern

220 2nd Ave. SW

(458) 253-4049

#### "Mocktails" menu

- Lavender Limeade
- Berry Bomb
- Strawberry Mint Lemonade



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The Squeaky Cork 136 1st Ave. W

(541) 981-2140

Transport yourself to the cool Oregon forests with a thirst-quenching Huckleberry Mocktail Mule.

#### Sweet Red Bistro

208 2nd Ave. W

(541) 704-0510

#### "Zero Proof" menu

- Peachtini Peach, Mango, Lemon & Sugar with Sugar Rim ... Up
- Seasonal Spritz Seasonal Flavors, Citrus & Soda Water ... Rocks
- Not-So-Moscow Mule Berry, Citrus & Sugar Virgin Mule ... Rocks
- Calabrian Mockarita Lime, Lemon, Cinnamon & Calabrian Peppers with Lava Salt Rim ... Rocks
- Nonspringa Mango, Lime, Coconut, Chili Oil & Condensed Milk ... Up

#### Wine Crush

329 2nd Ave. SW

(541) 730-3332

Perfect for summery nights, Sin-gria is our Sangria sin vino (without wine).

- Traditional Sin-gria apple, grape and orange juice.
- Mango Peach Sin-gria orange juice, peach juice and mango nectar.





## **Volunteer Spotlight:** Julie Jackson

Many of the iconic downtown traditions we love today might not exist without the creativity and dedication of Julie Jackson. From our hanging flower baskets and Movies by Moonlight to holiday snowflakes and the Downtown Twice around Christmas Parade, we can thank Julie for starting programs that continue to brighten our lives.

Julie first volunteered at the Albany Downtown Association while working at the Albany Visitors Association in the late '90s. From 2000-2007, she served as ADA's Executive Director. Julie made the ADA more visible moving us to a ground floor location and facilitated passing the first EID as a continued funding source.

Julie currently serves as Secretary on ADA's Board of Directors and is co-chair of the Promotion Committee. Her ideas and energy continue to make Downtown an even better place to Eat Shop Play.

Thank you, Julie, for making Downtown Albany the place we all love.

Photo courtesy of Kristi Crawford Photography



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

Our June parking winner is...



No-D-Lay Shoes

# **Downtown Events - June / July**

#### Saturdays thru November - 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

#### Friday, June 7 - 1st Friday in Historic Downtown Albany - Summer Vacation

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 at www.albanydowntown.com/events.

#### Friday, June 7 - Gallery Calapooia Artist Reception

Gallery Calapooia featured artists this month are glass artists, Steve Terhune and Carol Houk. The artist reception is 6-8 pm. For more info. call (541) 971-5701 or visit www.gallerycalapooia.com.

#### Saturday, June 8 - Monteith House Living History Activities

Step into 1850 on the second Saturday of each month at the Historic Monteith House. Exciting activities like woodworking, pioneer doll making and so many other familyfriendly 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

#### Saturday, June 8 - Historic People and Places: Hackleman District Walking Tour

Members of Friends of Historic Albany (FOHA) will be discussing historically significant residents and structures during a one-hour walking tour through a portion of the Hackleman Historic District. The tour begins at 2:30 pm in front of the former Oregon Electric Railroad Depot, 133 5th Ave. SE. www.friendsofhistoricalbany.wordpress.com.

#### Wednesday, June 12 - History Bites: Peacock Family Car

Albany Regional Museum presents speaker, Michael Henich, who will share his journey of restoring the famous 1915 Model T Ford touring car that once belonged to the Peacock Family. Visitors will also get a chance to see the car in person in the ARM parking lot following the presentation! History Bites is free to attend. Admission to exhibits is now fee-based, but always free for members! 12-1 pm. Light refreshments provided. www.armuseum.com

#### June 14-29 - ACT presents: Bullshot Crummond

A comedy in two acts, Bullshot Crummond is a parody of low-budget 30s detective movies that typifies British heroism at its dumbest. The box office opens 45 minutes before performances. Tickets are available at www.albanycivic.org. See story page 4

#### Saturday, June 15 - Sticky Bear Storytime at the Albany Carnegie Library

Experience a magical storytime read-along with local authors, Gabriel & Kelly Shields, who co-wrote the whimsical new children's book The Knighting of Sir Sticky Von Bear. During this special event, you and your children have the chance to follow along with Sticky through his wonderful adventures, sing silly songs, interact with Sticky himself, purchase your exclusive signed copy of the book, and so much more. Recommended for ages 3-6. 10:30-11:30 am. Carnegie Library, 302 Ferry St. SW. For more info, call (541) 917-7580 or visit www.library.albanyoregon.gov.

#### Sunday, June 16 - Father's Day in Downtown Albany

Head downtown to check out our 20+ shops and 30+ food spots with great options for Dad throughout Historic Downtown Albany. Many specials will be shared on our social media.

#### Saturday, June 22 - 2024 Albany Summer Passport Program

Discover new places, visit some of your favorite locations, learn about Albany and enter raffles to win prizes in the 2024 Albany Summer Passport Program! See story page 4.

#### Saturday, June 22 - Albany Pride Rally and March

7th annual Albany Pride Rally and March celebration of love, diversity and acceptance 9:30 am - 4:30 pm, Linn County Courthouse, 300 4th Ave. SW. See story page 1.

#### Saturday, June 22 - Dam Right Drag Night at Calapooia Brewing

Dam Right Drag Night presents ICONIC: A Drag Showcase. Join Dam Right Drag Night after Albany Pride for a drag showcase celebrating LGBTQ+ icons from past and present! Featuring incredible performers from the Willamette Valley, this show is sure to make you feel like you're seeing rainbows. Sponsored by Element Graphics and High Tide Smoke Shop. Doors open at 7:30, show begins at 8:30. \$10 cash cover at the door. This show is for 18+! ID is required to enter. Calapooia Brewing, 140 Hill St. NE.

#### Friday, July 5 - 1st Friday in Historic Downtown Albany: Red, White & Blue

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

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

# **River Rhythms, Summer Sounds Return to Monteith Park**

With the Monteith Riverpark on schedule to be open in July, Albany's two summer concert series will return to Downtown in July and August 2024.

Each year, thousands of people gather to experience evenings filled with diverse music, entertainment and fun under the stars of the evening sky along the banks of the Calapooia and Willamette Rivers. Community members and visitors spread their blankets, pull up a chair and take time out of their busy lives to enjoy a night out with family and friends.



### **Bullshot Crummond Opens June 14 at ACT**

Now in its 73rd season, Albany Civic Theater presents Bullshot Crummond opening on Friday, June 14.

A comedy in two acts, this parody of low-budget 30s detective movies typifies British heroism at its dumbest.

Teutonic villain Otto Von Brunno and his evil mistress Lenya crash their plane in the English countryside and kidnap Professor Fenton, who has discovered a formula for making synthetic diamonds. Bullshot Crummond is called to the rescue by the professor's daughter Rosemary.

Bullshot Crummond was written by Ron House, Alan Shearman, Diz White, John Neville Andrews and Derek Cunningham. Directed by Erik A Esrael.

Show dates are June 14, 15, 16(m), 20, 21, 22, 23(m), 27, 28 and 29. Evening performances start at 7:30 pm. The matinees start at 2:30 pm.

Adult tickets are \$17. Discount tickets, available for Juniors under 18, Seniors 60+, US Military and Veterans and holders of Oregon Trail Cards, are \$14.

Tickets are available online or at the box office, starting 45 minutes before

On Monday evenings, Summer Sounds brings a enjoyable mix of local and regional talent to the stage for a relaxed evening of entertainment.

#### Summer Sounds 2024

- July 8: Brewers Grade Country
- July 15: The Steele Family Band Blues & Jazz
- July 22: Tyler Stenson & the Black-Winged Birds - Counting Crows Tribute Band
- July 29: Michelle Lambert Eclectic Violin

On Thursday evenings, River Rhythms returns for its 40th season delivering national talent to Albany!

#### River Rhythms 2024

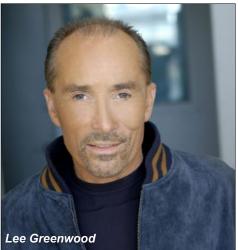
- July 4: Lee Greenwood with fireworks after the concert
- July 11: Super Diamond
- July 18: No Concert
- July 25: Tower of Power
- August 1: Thompson Square
- August 8: Girl Named Tom

All concerts are held in Monteith Riverpark, 489 Water Ave. NW, near 1st & Calapooia and just steps away from Albany's Historic Carousel and Museum.

curtain time, and Wednesdays 12-4 pm. Box Office tickets are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Albany Civic Theater is located at 111 First Ave. W. in Downtown Albany. To learn more, call (541) 928-4603 or visit their website, www.albanycivic.org.





Chairs and blankets are allowed to be placed in the park after 7 am on concert days. There is no blanket-only seating area. Standard-height chairs are allowed.

A donation of \$1 per person is encouraged. Seating can be limited. Plan to get there early to save your spot, then enjoy a picnic or patronize one of our Downtown restaurants before the show. The music starts at 7 pm.

On River Rhythm nights, look for more fun! Albany's vintage trolley provides free rides to the park from a number of stops around Albany. There are food vendors and a beer garden. Children of all ages have hands-on opportunities to discover their creativity through preconcert art projects.

For more information about the events, visit their websites <u>www.riverrhythms.org</u> and <u>www.albanysummersounds.org</u>, or call the city of Albany Parks and Recreation Department at (541) 917-7777.

#### Summer Passport Program Kicks Off Saturday, June 22

The 2024 Albany Summer Passport Program kicks off Saturday, June 22. Kids are invited to discover new places, visit some favorite locations, learn about Albany and enter raffles to win prizes.

Pick up passports at the Albany Visitors Association's office and Albany Pride booth. The program is geared toward elementaryaged children, but their siblings, parents and grandparents are welcome to come along.

The program is free and offered through a partnership of the AVA, Albany Downtown Association, Albany Regional Museum, Historic Carousel & Museum and Monteith Historical Society. For info call (514) 928-0911 or www.albanyvisitors.com.