

Meet the Neighbors: Kid's Summer Fun

Downtown Albany isn't just for adults—it's a vibrant destination packed with family-friendly activities and shops waiting to be discovered! Here's a run-down of some fantastic options:

Albany Summer Passport
122 2nd Ave. SW - (541) 928-0911

Kids and their families can discover new places, visit some favorites, learn about Albany and enter raffles to win prizes! Sign up at the Albany Visitors Association.

Albany Carousel & Museum
503 1st Ave. W - (541) 497-2934

Take a whirl on Albany's hand crafted carousel and explore the carving and painting studios. Treat the family to ice cream and snacks at Carousel Café, and don't miss the Carousel Gift Shop for toys, puzzles, clothing and more.



Keep an eye out for their frequent events and consider renting their party rooms.

Brigitte's Place Fine Fabrics
325 1st Ave. W - (541) 979-3121

Join the fun with summer youth sewing and seasonal crafting classes at Brigitte's Place. They also offer engaging after-school programs.

Emma Downtown
422 1st Ave. W - (541) 926-1717

Find the perfect baby gift at Emma Downtown, featuring a delightful selection of toys, books and adorable outfits.

Enigma Escape Experience
431 1st Ave. W - (541) 368-0299

Embark on an exciting adventure with the family at Enigma Escape Experience. Strengthen teamwork and problem-solving skills while tackling thrilling puzzles together.

Jack N Jill Children's Resale
236 Lyon St. SE - (541) 928-5437

Discover a treasure trove of gently used baby and children's toys, clothing, and furniture at Jack N Jill Children's Resale.

Monteith Riverpark and Riverfront Community Center
489 Water Ave. NW - (541) 917-7760

Explore the new playground and splashpad at Monteith Riverpark, opening Thursday, July 4th. River Rhythms offers a free pre-concert children's craft area on Thursdays in July and early August. Albany Parks & Recreation pro-



Brigitte's Place

vides a variety of classes for kids and youth at the Riverfront Community Center. Party rentals are also available.

Spearit Beads & Co.
415 1st Ave. W - (541) 791-4313

Unleash your creativity at Spearit Beads with their extensive selection of jewelry-making supplies. Whether you're a beginner or a seasoned beader, they have something for everyone. Be sure to check out their classes, too.

Splatter Box
131 Montgomery St. NE - (541) 231-7922

Experience a messy good time with the whole family at Splatter Box. It's the ideal spot for birthdays or any occasion that calls for creative, hands-on fun.

Stoked 2 Sk8
250 Broadalbin St. SW #103 - (541) 248-1593

For kids passionate about skateboarding or those eager to learn, Stoked 2 Sk8 offers everything from gear and apparel to skate lessons and an indoor ramp for evening and Sunday sessions.

Surefire Design
201 2nd Ave SW - (541) 928-7339

Paint your own pottery at Surefire Design and create keepsakes your family will cherish. They've got mugs, plates, and more for your personal touch.

Downtown Albany is brimming with opportunities for family enjoyment—don't miss out on the excitement!



Downtown Award Nominations Open

We are reaching out to our members and the community for nominations for the 2024 Excellence in Downtown Albany Awards. To nominate go to, <https://tinyurl.com/2024DowntownAwards>



Volunteer Spotlight: Beth Walker

It's nearly impossible to walk Downtown without spotting Beth Walker helping neighboring business or volunteering.

Her infectious smile encourages others to join her in volunteering for Downtown events like Adopt-A-Block, Downtown Trick-or-Treat and Movies at Monteith.

Beth currently serves on ADA's Board of Directors and co-chairs the Promotion Committee. She is also a key volunteer for our fundraisers including Mixology Madness and Craft Brew Smackdown.

Thank you, Beth, for always going out of your way to help everyone you meet.

Photo courtesy of Kristi Crawford Photography



Construction on Water Avenue and the Plaza Street amenities are paused until after River Rhythms. There is no update on the Obie or Wells Fargo lot purchases.

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

Our July parking winner is...

Andrew Teal

Level 3 Salon & Spa

Downtown Events - July / August

Daily thru Friday, August 9 - 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! For info, visit the Albany Visitor Association's website, www.albanyvisitors.com or call (541) 928-0911.

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

Thursdays, July 4 - Aug 8 - River Rhythms

Back at Monteith Riverpark for 2024, the River Rhythms concert series lineup is:

- July 4 - Lee Greenwood (with fireworks after the concert)
- July 11 - Super Diamond
- July 25 - Tower of Power
- August 1 - Thompson Square
- August 8 - Girl Named Tom

Brought to you by Albany Parks & Recreation. For info, visit www.riverrhythms.org.

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.

Friday, July 5 - Gallery Calapooia Artist Reception

Gallery Calapooia featured artists this month are Shannon Ross and Anna Harris. The artist reception is 6-8 pm. For more info, call (541) 971-5701 or visit www.gallerycalapooia.com.

Monday, July 8 - Summer Sounds

Back at Monteith Riverpark for 2024, the Summer Sounds concert series lineup is:

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

Brought to you by Albany Parks & Recreation. For info, visit www.albanysummersounds.org

Wed., July 10 - History Bites: Through the Eyes of Albany Nurses

Albany Regional Museum presents Through the Eyes of Albany Nurses: The History of Caring for a Community. Continuing to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Albany General Hospital, Regina Leytem, RN, CPAN, and Kim Sass will team up to offer local stories to express the ever-changing nursing profession. Individuals from the 1850s to 2024 will be highlighted. Regina has been a nurse for nearly 50 years and currently works in the SAGH peri-operative care unit. Kim is a retired hospital employee and Albany history enthusiast. 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

Thurs.-Sat., July 11-13 - Crazy Daze

Merchants will set out their merchandise on the sidewalks throughout Downtown, offering them at crazy reduced prices! Shoppers come back all four days for crazy deals and crazy delicious food at our Downtown eateries! See story page 1.

Saturday, July 13 - Monteith House Living History Activities

Step into 1850 on the second Saturday of each month at the Historic Monteith House. Take part in 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

July 19 - August 3 - ACT presents: Spring Awakening

It's the 1890s in Germany and the adults are fully in charge. Teenagers fight to be heard and understand the complexities and big questions of gender and sexuality. Especially when the adults refuse to be honest. It is a celebration of rebellion and angst as we follow Wendla, Moritz, Melchior, and their friends through the complexities of the teenage experience. Book and Lyrics by: Steven Sater. Music by: Duncan Sheik. Directed by: Christy Anderson. Performances: Jul. 19, 20, 25, 26, 27, 28(m), Aug. 1, 2, 3, 2024 The box office opens 45 minutes before performances. Tickets are available at www.albanycivic.org.

Friday, Aug 2 - 1st Friday in Historic Downtown Albany

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



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Tickets on Sale for Craft Brew Smackdown Fri., 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.

This year there will be tastings on 1st, 2nd and 3rd Avenues from Baker to Washington Streets, plus stops on Ferry and Broadalbin Streets!

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 are on sale at www.craftbrewsmackdown.com. On event day, tickets are available at The Garage.



Historic Home Tours Set For Saturday, July 27

Enjoy some of Albany's wonderful homes and historic buildings – from the inside – on the 45th Summer Tour of Homes from 11 am to 5 pm Saturday, July 27.

Here are some of the highlights:

- Tour several privately owned historic homes and the Cumberland Church project.
- Catch the trolley at the Albany Visitors Association, 122 Ferry St. SW, or at one of the homes on the tour as it makes a stop. Drive, walk, or bike the tour on your own. The horse-drawn wagon will be available on a limited route.



Photo by Cathy Webb

New this year is an After Party from 6-10 pm at sponsor, The Squeaky Cork.

Thank you to our sponsors:

- Presenting sponsor: TNT Builders
- Swag Sponsor: No Dinx
- Passport Sponsor: Grazing Oregon Charcuteries



- Wristband Sponsors: Jessica Pankratz - Connected Real Estate Group
- Wine Sponsor: Brian Oare, Oare & Associates Realty

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, www.albanydowntown.com.

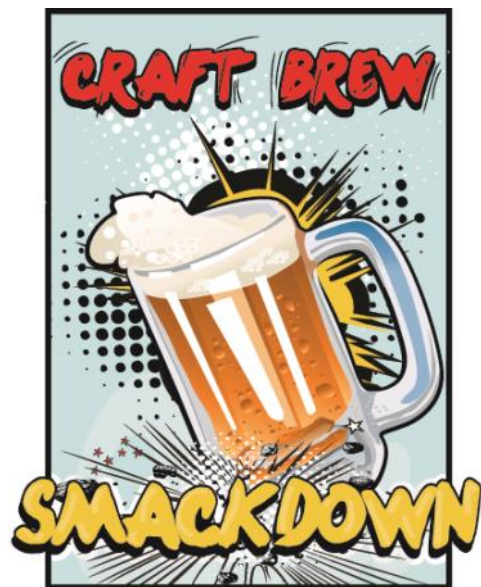
- Make stops at the Albany Regional Museum, the Monteith House Museum and some of Albany's historic churches, including United Presbyterian Church and Whitespires Church.
- Enjoy light refreshments, which will be provided at one of the homes on tour.

Albany's Interior Tour of Historic Homes was created by a group of friends and neighbors to share the past through the architecture of historic dwellings. They are coordinated by Albany's Historic Interior Home Tour Committee and sponsored by the Monteith Historical Society.

Admission is \$15 per person, and tickets can be purchased online at www.monteithhouse.org and albanyvisitors.com from July 1 until 5 pm on Friday, July 26. To receive a copy of the tour map and wristband, bring your e-ticket to the Albany Visitors Association office at 122 Ferry St. SW on the day of the tour. In-person ticket sales will also be available at the AVA office on the day of the tour.

Proceeds from Albany's Interior Tour of Historic Homes benefit the Monteith House Museum.

For more information, go to albanyvisitors.com, or call (541) 928-0911.



Downtown Assoc / Giving a Hoot Joint Downtown Summer Clean-Up Slated for Saturday, July 13

Grab some gloves and join the Albany Downtown Association's Design Committee to pull weeds, scrub signs, rake and remove leaves on Saturday, July 13, starting at 8 am and continuing until 11 am. Bring tools if you have some and don't forget your hat and sunscreen.

Our friends at Giving a Hoot will also be cleaning up downtown at the same time along Lyon and Ellsworth!

All ages are welcome. So that we can pre-assign projects, please RSVP by Friday, July 12, at 11 am.

To Volunteer, [CLICK HERE](#) or call Albany Downtown Association at (541) 928-2469 or email director@albanydowntown.com.



DOWNTOWN ALBANY

July 2024

Albany Downtown Crazy Daze slated for July 11-13

Crazy Daze, Downtown Albany's oldest event, has been held for 126 years. Originally called Bargain Days in 1898, the name was changed to Crazy Daze after WWII. It's been a crazy fun sidewalk sale and event ever since.



This year's fun starts on Thursday, July 11, and continues through the weekend. Merchandise changes daily, so make sure to come Downtown every day.

Each year, shopkeepers set out their merchandise on the sidewalks in Downtown, offering items at crazy reduced prices.

On Friday, an added highlight is the car show and live music at Albany Toy Run's "Christmas in July" event hosted by the Deluxe Brewing from 4-9 pm. Officially a three-day event, many stores open on Sundays will continue their Crazy Daze sales for a fourth day.

So, grab your sunscreen or a hat and stroll our sidewalks for crazy deals and crazy delicious food in a cozy café or under the umbrellas at our fabulous Downtown eateries!

Follow the Albany Downtown Association Instagram, Facebook and website for participating locations and more details about this year's Crazy Daze. www.albanydowntown.com



Movie by Moonlight set for Friday, August 2

Bring your "Honey, Honey" and act like a "Dancing Queen" when ADA's Promotion Committee screens Mamma Mia on Friday, August 2 in Downtown Albany.

The movie will be shown on the wall behind The Albany Eagles, where we

held Movies by Moonlight in 2023 and for 11 years before moving to the park. The sing-along will start 8:30 pm with the movie starting at dusk, 9 pm.

Attendees are encouraged to attend the Craft Brew Smackdown and enjoy dinner at one of our 25+ Downtown restaurants before the show.



Bring a receipt from a Downtown business or show your smackdown bracelet for a chance to win a DVD of the movie or another prize.

Follow our "Movies at Monteith" and ADA Facebook pages and website for updates, www.albanydowntown.com.



Monteith Riverpark, featuring an amazing stage, fun playground and refreshing splash pad, will officially open on Thursday, July 4th for the first night of River Rhythms.