

Meet the Neighbors: Simple Pleasures & Pastimes

As we move into fall we often think of friends, family and simple pleasures like hobbies and our pets. Here are a few Downtown businesses that can help you enjoy your favorite pastimes.

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

Sewing and garment making is also a traditional pastime. With garment fabrics curated from around the world, Brigitte's Place Fine Fabrics is the perfect spot to create your special look.

"We hold summer and after-school classes for children as well as adult classes and weekend sewing retreats," said Brigitte de Valois, owner.

Urban Ag Supply
456 2nd Ave SW - (541) 497-2988

Gardening and house plants are among life's simple pleasures. Urban Ag Supply is the perfect spot find new house plants, food and fun containers.

Cooking and food are popular pastimes. Urban Ag Supply stocks a nice



Urban Ag Supply

section of Oregon chocolates, teas, salts, seasonings, sauces and even makes mushrooms grow kits.

Father-son team Patrick and Nick Chonaiew, run the shop which is open seven days a week!

The Quilt Loft
405 1st Ave W - (541) 928-7242

Quilting is a pastime with hundreds of years of history, yet techniques and fabric selections also make it fun and new.



The Quilt Loft

"We stock over 2000 fabrics at The Quilt Loft," said Owner Karen Rogers. "We love working with those starting out as well as experienced quilters."

The Quilt Loft also offers kits, patterns and longarm work to finish your quilt.

The Frame House
434 1st Ave W - (541) 928-7676

For both aspiring artists and seasoned professionals, The Frame House offers a nice selection of art supplies, including watercolor and oil paints, brushes and paper.



Observer's Books & Rocks

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110 3rd Ave. SE - (541) 248-3535

Moving to Downtown in May 2024, Observer's Rocks & Books features opportunities for a mix of pastimes.

"We have something for everyone!" shared Shawnea Crowl, owner. "We are a safe and magical place to be who you are."

Their many rooms showcase new and used books, crystals, fossils, tapestries, tarot, jewelry, incense, herbs and locally made jewelry and arts & crafts, plus they have a kid book and reading room.

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

Making jewelry is a great way to enjoy your downtime. Sherry Spearit and Terry Hess will welcome you to Spearit Beads and their mind-boggling selection of beads.

From tiny seed beads to statement pieces, you'll find anything and everything in hundreds of little bins and on the walls. They also stock jewelry-making supplies and finished jewelry.

Sniffany's Pet Boutique
222 W 1st Ave W - (541) 248-3722

Enjoying time with furry friends is a favorite pastime of many people. Sniffany's Pet Boutique offers everything your dog or cat may need for a fun, healthy life. They stock a wide variety of food, treats and collars.



Sunny - Sniffany's Pet Boutique

Beyond the necessities, owners Angie & Joe Scavone carry fun items like holiday plush toys, themed iced cookies, cake mixes and dog wine. Sniffany's is open seven days a week.



Volunteer Spotlight: Jessica Pankratz

Jessica Pankratz is the type of volunteer every nonprofit dreams of.

Jessica chaired Mixology Madness for several years before COVID. She returned this year to relaunch this ADA fundraiser for the first time since the pandemic. Jessica led the Outreach committee in redesigning the event to include a live bartender competition.

Without missing a beat, Jessica then guided the Outreach Committee in hosting the Craft Brew Smackdown for the first time. Her nine years of experience running the event for Rotary, determination and countless hours contributed to a highly successful event.

Over the years, Jessica has served the ADA in various roles, including on the Board of Directors, the Organization Committee, and now the Outreach Committee.

Thank you, Jessica—you are truly indispensable.



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

Our September parking winner is...

Cyndi Reed
Sweet Reds Bistro

Downtown Events - September / Oct

Saturdays through 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

Wednesday, Sept 4 - September Sensory Friendly Morning

The Carousel for their monthly sensory-friendly ride! To provide a more accepting and comfortable setting for individuals on the autism spectrum or with sensory sensitivities and their families, they will slow the carousel down to a jog and turn off the organ music. It's their hope to provide a fun and inviting space for everyone. So put on your blue and join. 11 am-1:30 pm. Historic Carousel & Museum, 501 1st Ave W.

Friday, Sept 6 - 1st Friday in Historic Downtown Albany: Art & Artists

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, Sept 6 - Gallery Calapooia Artist Reception

Gallery Calapooia featured artist this month is Melissa Babcock Saylor. The artist reception is 6-8 pm. The show will display from August 27-September 28. For more info, call (541) 971-5701 or visit www.gallerycalapooia.com.

Saturday, Sept 7 - Antiques in the Streets & Classic Car Show

Shop for amazing treasures from over 50 street vendors and at the Albany Antique Mall sidewalk sale. Then, tour over 100+ amazing cars. When you get hungry, have lunch at one of Downtown Albany's fabulous restaurants or go organic and visit the Albany Farmers' Market, all within walking distance! All proceeds benefit the Albany Firefighter Community Assistance Fund. 8 am-4 pm. Presented by Albany Antique Mall. See story Page 1

Saturday, Sept 7 - The Albany Beer "Run"

The Corvallis Lions Club is proud to host the annual 0.3K Albany Beer "Run" fundraiser. Besides being great fun for those who may be in decent shape and don't take themselves too seriously, it's an ideal confidence builder for those of us not quite up to doing 5- or 10-K events. Advance Registration of \$30, covers the event entry, an Albany Beer "Run" commemorative Tee-Shirt (only when pre-registered by September 1), a medal and an oval sticker for your car and two beer tickets for beer in the beer garden (must be 21 or over of course. Please bring valid ID and cash.) This 0.3K is dog-friendly for friendly dogs on leashes! This year's event benefits Safe Haven Humane Society! For more information, visit www.omroadrace.org. See story Page 1

Saturday, Sept 7 - L.G.S. 50th Anniversary & Re-opening Celebration

Linn Genealogical Society celebrating their 50th Anniversary and the reopening of the Society's Genealogy Library. The public is invited. All Society members are invited to join for the 50th anniversary group photograph. The event will be held from 1-3 pm at the Albany Regional Museum, 136 Lyon Street SW.

Sunday, Sept 15 - Downtown Hanging Flower Basket Takedown Day

It's the end of summer and volunteers are needed to take down baskets and others to empty them. This is a great opportunity for groups, clubs and businesses to give back to our community. Learn about volunteering at: <https://tinyurl.com/DowntownVolunteer>

Sept 20-Oct 12 - ACT presents Evil Dead The Musical

Evil Dead The Musical takes all the elements of the cult classic films The Evil Dead and Evil Dead 2 and combines them for one of the craziest, funniest and bloodiest theatrical experiences of all time. Performances are September 20, 21, 27, 28 and 29(m) and October 4, 5, 6(m), 10, 11 and 12. Evening performances start at 7:30 pm. Matinees start at 2:30 pm. The box office opens 45 minutes before performances. Tickets are available at www.albanycivic.org. See story Page 4

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Wednesday, Oct 9 - History Bites: National Curious Events Day

October 9th 2024 is National Curious Events Day. Albany Regional Museum presenter Bill Maddy will help celebrate this special day by sharing a few of his favorite curious, weird, unusual and humorous Albany history stories. 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

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



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Monteith House Museum Sets Ghostly Events

In October, the Monteith House Museum will offer three different ghostly experiences. Get ready for a scare!

Ghost Walk:
Friday & Saturday, October 11 & 12

As summer wanes, the chill of autumn begins to creep in, and with it, the whispers of Monteith's haunted past awaken. There are two spine-tingling nights of ghostly adventure! Mark your calendars and invite your bravest friends for an evening of frightful exercise.

Your spectral guide will lead you on a Ghost Walk through the shadowy corners of the Monteith Historic District and the Historic Business District in Downtown Albany, sharing eerie tales of the town's haunted history.

The tour concludes with an exclusive candlelit tour of the Monteith House, Albany's oldest and most haunted home. Feel the chill as you walk through rooms that have witnessed centuries of eerie events.

Ticket presales will be available for Monteith Historical Society members starting Sunday, Sept. 1. Public sales begin on Saturday, Sept. 7. Prices are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children under 12.

The walking portion of the tour covers approximately one mile and will proceed rain or shine, so please wear comfortable walking shoes and dress appropriately for the weather.

Reserve your spot and prepare for a Night of Fright!

Fall Events sell out fast, so we're bringing you this page of fun options early this year!

Trolley of Terror:
Fridays & Saturdays, Oct 18, 19, 25 & 26

Board the trolley to ride in style as a guide recounts terrifying tales of unexplainable encounters in the Downtown Albany area of more than 25 locations.

After the trolley tour, you will be invited inside the Monteith House to hear some of the more chilling ghostly tales that have been experienced within its walls. The tour is approximately 1 hour and 15 minutes)

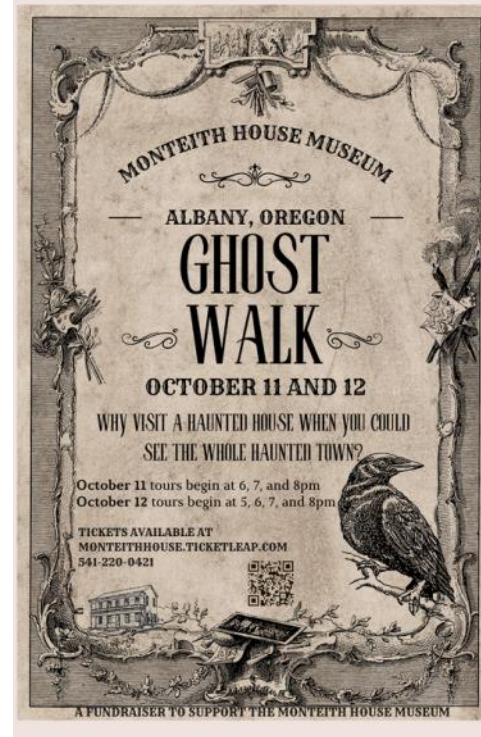
VIP Paranormal Experience:
Saturdays, October 19 & 26

Perhaps you are of stouter heart than others and crave the opportunity to experience your own paranormal encounter. This VIP Experience is for you!

Each night, a group of 10 brave visitors will take part in a paranormal investigation in the Monteith House and gain experience using a variety of ghost-hunting equipment. This experience lasts approximately 2 hours and 30 minutes.

These events are fundraisers to help support the Monteith Historical Society's mission to continue to preserve Albany's first frame house and its collection of pioneer artifacts, as well as provide educational opportunities for the public.

Tickets are available on their website monteithhouse.ticketleap.com. For more info, call (541) 220-0421 or email info@monteithhistoricalsociety.org.



Evil Dead The Musical Opens Friday, Sept. 20

Director Johanna Spencer and Albany Civic Theater are bringing a bit of evil fun to the stage in Downtown Albany this fall when the curtain goes up for Evil Dead on Friday, September 20.



Evil Dead The Musical takes all the elements of the cult classic films *The Evil Dead* and *Evil Dead 2* and combines them for one of the craziest, funniest and bloodiest theatrical experiences of all time.

Five college students go to an abandoned cabin in the woods and accidentally unleash an evil force that turns them all into demons. It's all up to Ash (a housewares employee, turned demon-killing hero), and his trusty chainsaw to save the day. Blood flies. Limbs are dismembered. Demons tell bad jokes... and all to music.

The songs in the show are completely off the wall as well. Titles like *All the Men in My Life Keep Getting Killed by Kandarian Demons* and *What the F**k was That?* have had audiences rolling in their seats, and screaming for more and more blood.

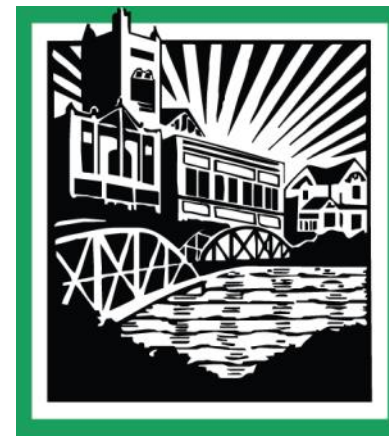
You don't need to be a fan of *Evil Dead* to love this show. You don't need to be a fan of horror to love this show. You don't even need to be a fan of musicals to love this show. As long as you like having fun, this show is for you. Is it

scary? No! Is it gory? No. This is a pure comedy start to finish. It has fun with the horror genre, and in doing so appeals to a wider audience than you could ever imagine. Plus, it's the only show with a "Splatter Zone"—a section of the audience that gets covered in fake blood. And with this combination of blood, jokes, cheesy effects and really awesome musical numbers, *Evil Dead The Musical* is unlike any live show you've ever seen.

Note: *Evil Dead The Musical* contains violence and gore, adult language and profanity and sexual themes and content.

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The box office opens 45 minutes before performances. Tickets are available at www.albanycivic.org.



DOWNTOWN ALBANY

September 2024

Antiques in the Streets & Classic Car Show is Saturday, Sept 7

The Antiques in the Streets & Classic Car Show is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 7, in Historic Downtown Albany. Hosted by Albany Antique Mall, the event will run from 8 am to 4 pm between 1st and 4th Avenues SW.

"Last year we had over 150 cars participate," said Sharon Anderson, owner of Albany Antique Mall. "Browse incredible finds from over 50 street vendors from all over the northwest and at the Albany Antique Mall sidewalk sale."

Local businesses will sponsor more than 35 unique awards, to be presented at 3 pm. The first 150 registrants will receive a dash plaque and a goodie bag at check-in.

"We are excited to announce that all proceeds from this year's show will be donated to the Albany Firefighter Community Assistance Fund," added Sharon.



Albany Beer "Run" Set For Saturday, Sept 14

The annual 0.3K Albany Beer "Run" is set for Sat., September 14 starting at the Calapooia Brewery at 140 NE Hill St. and ending at Deluxe Brewery at 635 NE Water Ave. The beer garden opens at 11 am, the race starts at noon!



Dedicated to the below-average athlete and weekend warrior in all of us, the Albany Beer "Run" features a delicious Calapooia and Deluxe beer before and after. Enjoy a mid-race donut station, food, and fun at this pet-friendly and family-friendly event!

Pre-registration is \$30 (includes a medal, shirt and two craft beers) with proceeds benefiting SafeHaven Humane Society. Day-of registration is \$35.

The registration deadline to ensure that you will receive an event t-shirt, featuring the new logo is Sun., September 1st!

Sponsored by the Corvallis Lions. Enjoy this fundraiser with your friendly two and four-legged best friends!

See more information and register at www.omroadrace.org/albany-beer-run.

The event is located in the heart of Downtown Albany with 30 fantastic restaurants and eateries and the Farmer's Market, all within walking distance.

For more details about this popular annual event or to learn how to participate, call Sharon at (541) 704-0109 or visit www.albanyantiquemall.com.

Fall Volunteers Needed

Hanging Baskets - Sun., Sept 15
On Sunday, September 15 we will say goodbye to summer and take down our hanging baskets. Grab your gloves and meet at the Two River Parking Lot at 9 am. We need 4 teams of 3 volunteers to remove the baskets and bring them to Two Rivers Market, plus 5-6 volunteers to remove the plants from the pots. We'll be finished by noon and enjoy some treats.

Downtown Clean-Up - Sun., Oct 13
On Sunday, October 13 join us to pull summer weeds and clean up downtown. Meet at the ADA office at 9 am for clean-up assignments.

To volunteer, please sign up at <https://tinyurl.com/DowntownVolunteer> or call (541) 928-2469.