



DOWNTOWN ALBANY

December 2024

1st Friday Sweater Party offers Caroling & Trolley Rides

Grab your most festive Christmas sweater—ugly or not—and head to Downtown Albany for the annual 1st Friday Sweater Party on Friday, Dec. 6.

The evening promises a mix of holiday shopping, dining and fun!



Downtown shops and restaurants will offer special promotions, discounts and extended hours. Many businesses will feature live music, complimentary beverages and holiday treats as you shop. Plus, local restaurants may have some surprise specials in store.

Enjoy festive tunes by Glenn's Mobile DJ as you stroll through Downtown, taking in the twinkling lights and snowflakes adorning the streets.

Hop on the Albany Trolley for a fun ride that stops all around Downtown, and join in caroling with West Albany High School students.

Join us each month for a night of good times and themed festivities!



Twice Around Parade set for Sunday, Dec 1

The 24th Annual Downtown Twice Around Christmas Parade will take place on Sunday, Dec. 1, starting at 5 pm.

Santa will make a grand appearance, riding on Albany's Antique Fire Truck.



The parade route is 1st Avenue to Carrouse to 2nd Avenue and Broadalbin, looping back to 1st then repeating for a second lap. No cars will be allowed to park along the route.

After the parade, participants and spectators gather for the Community Tree Lighting Ceremony at the Two Rivers lot. Glenn's Mobile DJ will provide holiday music, and the South Albany High School Choir will lead caroling. Mayor Alex Johnson II and Santa will light the tree. Then everyone can enjoy free carriage rides courtesy of Burcham's Metals.

Annual Christmas Parlour Tour is Sunday, Dec 8

During the 45th Annual Christmas Parlour Tour, enjoy the sights and sounds of a traditional holiday celebration in Historic Downtown Albany.

The tour will be held from 2 to 7 pm on Sunday, Dec. 8, and provides a glimpse inside homes and other buildings beautifully decorated for the season.

Explore some of Albany's historic homes, the Monteith House, and other charming buildings, all showcasing the spirit of Christmas. You can visit the locations in

any order, whether by walking, driving or aboard the Albany Trolley.

Tickets are available now for \$15 at www.monteithhouse.org. Online ticket sales will end Saturday, Dec. 7.

To pick up your wristband, tour map, and other information, bring your Eventbrite e-ticket to the Albany Visitors Association office at 110 3rd Ave. SE starting at 1 pm on tour day.

Tickets can also be purchased at the AVA the day of the tour, starting at 1 pm (cash or check only).

The Christmas Parlour Tour is organized by the Albany Historic Interior Home Tour Committee, in collaboration with the Albany Visitors Association, and sponsored by the Monteith Historical Society.

For more details, contact the Albany Visitors Association at (541) 928-0911 or visit www.albanyvisitors.com.



Shop Local in Downtown Albany All Season Long

'Tis the season for family gatherings and the anticipation of unwrapping surprises. Our locally owned Downtown businesses are great places to find special gifts!

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

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

Cronies Vintage & Antique Emporium

211 2nd Ave. SW (541) 760-1941
Antiques, collectables, jewelry, pottery, fine art



Urban on 1st

Daily Energy Nutrition

130 Ferry St. SW (541) 791-5193
Healthy stocking stuffers, 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

La Belle Boutique

337 1st Ave. W (541) 924-0953
Mini Gift Shop, Tabletop Accessories, Décor

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, gifts, tux rentals

No-D-Lay Shoe Shop

339 2nd Ave. SW (541) 928-7651
Boots, shoes, disc golf, Hydro Flask

No Dinx

139 1st Ave. E (541) 967-8494
PNW apparel & gifts designed & printed locally



Sniffany's Pet Boutique

Peach & Pear

124 Ellsworth St. SW
Antiques, clothing and lifestyle goods

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

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

Sugarheroes Candy Bar

117 3rd Ave. SW (541) 777-0724
Classic candy, bottled soda, toys, & gifts

Urban Ag Supply

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

Urban on 1st

313 1st Ave. NW (541) 405-3038
Hand-selected gently used clothing & décor

Weathered Together Market

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



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Volunteer Spotlight Santa Claus

This holiday season, we wish to give a shout-out to Santa—a magical man who donates his time to bring smiles to the young and young at heart!

Each December, our favorite jolly visitor takes time to visit Downtown Albany.

On December 1, Santa will ride atop the Vintage Albany Fire Truck in the Downtown Twice Around Parade starting at 5 pm then greet the kids and help Mayor Alex Johnson II light the Community Tree!

On December 7, Santa is coming for a visit at the Carousel, arriving by train at 11 am. He will make regular visits to the carousel throughout the month.

Thank you, St. Nick, for spending the season in Downtown Albany!!



ParkWise ambassadors Byron and Robert will be assisting visitors in navigating the busy streets before and during the Downtown Twice Around Parade on Sunday.

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

Our December parking winner is...

Juana Bacio

City of Albany

Downtown Events - December

through Dec 21 - ACT presents White Christmas

Veterans Bob Wallace and Phil Davis have a successful song-and-dance act after World War II. With romance in mind, the two follow a duo of beautiful singing sisters enroute to their Christmas show at a Vermont lodge, which just happens to be owned by Bob and Phil's former army commander. With a dazzling score featuring well-known standards including Blue Skies, I Love A Piano, How Deep Is the Ocean and the perennial title song, White Christmas is an uplifting, wholesome musical that will delight audiences of all ages. Remaining performances are Dec. 1(m), 6, 7, 8(m), 12, 13, 14, 15(m), 20, 21, 2024. Evening performances start at 7:30 pm. Matinees at 2:30 pm. The Albany Civic Theater box office opens 45 min. before curtain. Info and tickets at www.albanycivic.org.

Sunday, Dec 1 - Albany Toy Run

The Run starts at 11 am at Walmart with Santa Claus, riding on an Albany Fire Department truck and escorting the donations to Deluxe Brewing where they will unload the donated toys and enjoy a festive reception. All motorcycles and classic cars are encouraged to participate. Between 11 am and 4 pm, children and their families are invited to visit Deluxe Brewing, where they can meet Santa and his elves who will help the children choose a gift for Christmas. If you have a child with special needs who is not able to attend, please contact Beth Walker at (541) 730-1042. New, unwrapped toys, for children of all ages are needed for donation. Event hosted by Deluxe Brewing, 635 Water Ave NE, Ste B.

Sunday, Dec 1 - 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 offers front porch viewing of the Albany Twice Around Christmas Parade. See story page 4.

Sunday, Dec 1 - Downtown Twice Around Parade & Community Tree Lighting

A favorite family tradition starting at 5 pm. See story page 4

Friday, Dec 6 - 1st Friday in Historic Downtown Albany: Sweater Party

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, Dec 6 - Gallery Calapooia Artist Reception

Gallery Calapooia featured artists this month are John Mikkelson and Marjorie Kinch. The artist reception is 6-8 pm. The show will be displayed from Nov 23-Dec 28. For more info, call (541) 971-5701 or visit www.gallerycalapooia.com.

Friday, Dec 6 - First Friday Art Show at City Hall

The Albany Arts Commission is proud to present the art of Fabric Artist Linda Robb and artists from the Quilt Loft. The artists' reception is 5-6:30 pm at City Hall. Enjoy light refreshments provided by the commission. Free and open to the public. The show will continue through December during the regular City Hall hours, 8 am-5 pm.

Sunday, Dec 8 - 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 11 - History Bites - Cumberland Community Events Center

Albany Regional Museum brings you this opportunity to learn about the Cumberland's fascinating past, which led to its listing on the National Register of Historic Places, what is currently being done to repurpose the historical building and the vision for its future as a community events center. Presented by historian Liz Rapp and board members Emma Eaton and Joel Orton. History Bites is free to attend. 12-1 pm. Light refreshments provided. www.armuseum.com.

Fri & Sat, Dec 13, 14, 20 & 21 - Sleigh Bells Sing Christmas Caroling

Christmas Caroling with the Monteith House. Hop aboard the Chafin Farms' horse-drawn wagon and let's spice up the season with a dash of Christmas Cheer all while supporting the Monteith House Museum and Chafin Farms! Jingle all the way through the Monteith Historic District in downtown Albany. After serenading the neighborhood with joyous Christmas spirit, cozy up in the Monteith House and savor some hot apple cider and cookies. For Info & tickets, visit www.monteithhouse.org.

Sat-Thurs, Dec 14-Jan 2 - Downtown Holidays Poster Hunt

Families are invited to spend the winter break Downtown hunting for posters featuring 40 holidays from throughout the year. From Christmas and Hanukkah to Juneteenth and Labor Day, participant will learn a little and have chance to win a prize. www.albanydowntown.com/events

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.

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

Downtown Unwrapped Features Fun Holiday Windows

Over 16 festive holiday windows, ranging from playful to elegant, were unveiled during the Downtown Unwrapped and Holiday Open House on Nov. 2.

Shoppers and visitors strolled the sidewalks and visited participating businesses enjoying treats while voting for their favorite window. Special "Unwrapped" deals were available at downtown restaurants, cafes and taprooms.

Voting continued through the "1st Friday in Historic Downtown Albany" event and throughout the weekend, with hundreds of votes cast.

2024 Award Winners:

- 1st Place: Emma Downtown
- 2nd Place: The Natty Dresser
- 3rd Place: tied
 - La Belle Boutique
 - Sugarheroes Candy Bar



Stacy Cole won the door prize drawing, receiving a \$25 gift card to her favorite window, La Belle Boutique.

Be sure to check out all the festive holi-

day windows in Downtown Albany! For a list of participating windows, pick up a 2024 Downtown Unwrapped brochure at the Albany Downtown Association or visit our website or Facebook event.



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. 13, 14, 20, 21, from 5-9 pm.

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 Sunday, Dec. 1, in conjunction with the Downtown Twice Around Christmas Parade. Children will sing carols, make a pioneer Christmas ornament, decorate the Christmas tree in the parlor, and enjoy gingerbread cookies and apple cider. The activities are geared toward children in 1st-5th grade. 2-4:45 pm. Minimum age 6 years.

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

Community Tree Arrives Downtown

When locals and visitors watch the Twice Around Parade and join in singing carols at the Community Tree Lighting, most are unaware of how the natural tree becomes part of the event.

It begins in the summer when Forester Sierra Barfield searches the Weyerhaeuser Snow Peak Tree Farm near Sweet Home for suitable trees.

In November, she tracks the harvest locations and identifies potential candidates. It could be a high-altitude Noble Fir or, if snow is present in the hills, a Douglas Fir from lower down the mountain.

On the Monday morning, six days before the tree lighting, Sierra and her

team meet the "buncher" which cuts the tree and lays it on the truck.

This year's Douglas Fir lost a few branches during harvest and transport, but volunteers reattached several after delivery.

Each year the tree is donated by Weyerhaeuser and transported by Ram Trucking. Pacific Power expertly lifts it into place. Then, Public Works adds lights and ornaments provided by the Albany Downtown Association. Due to the tree's wispy branches, only limited, lightweight decorations can be added.

This year's tree would make Charlie Brown smile. We just wish we could add Linus's blue blanket.