

Meet the Neighbors: Downtown Legacy Businesses

Downtown Albany is what it is today thanks to many legacy businesses. The entrepreneurial spirit and dedication of these families is inspiring. This is the fourth in a series of articles to share our legacy businesses with you.

Albany Farmers' Market - 47 years

4th & Ellsworth (City Hall Parking Lot)

For 47 years, the Albany Farmers' Market has been a Saturday staple in



Yvonne Stoffer and Rebecca Landis

Downtown Albany, offering fresh, local food and a strong sense of community. Founded in 1978, it holds the distinction of being the oldest continuously operating farmers' market in Oregon.

The market's early development and long-term success can be credited in large part to market director Rebecca Landis. A longtime champion of local food systems, she's the longest serv-

ing market manager in Oregon – this is her 31st season!

Under Rebecca's leadership, AFM became a dependable outlet for small farms and food producers across the Willamette Valley. Landis and the 10-member Corvallis-Albany Farmers' Markets board establish high standards for vendor quality, consistency, and authenticity — ensuring that everything sold is grown or made by the vendor within the region.

Beyond connecting neighbors with fresh food, the market plays a vital role in supporting food access and equity. It accepts SNAP/EBT benefits and offers a Double Up Food Bucks program, matching SNAP dollars for fruits and vegetables to stretch grocery budgets and promote healthy eating. The market also partners with the Oregon Farm Direct Nutrition Program to support seniors and WIC participants.

Longtime site manager Yvonne Stoffer makes sure AFM is more than a place to shop — it's a place to gather. With live music and kids' activities, it brings energy to Downtown and provides a platform for education, wellness and community connection. AFM continues to foster relationships between farmers and families and build a stronger, more resilient local food system.

As the market nears its 50th year, it continues to be a proud part of Downtown Albany's legacy — rooted in tradition, growing with purpose.

Davis Glass - 50 years

230 2nd Ave SE - (541) 926-1962

Founded in 1975, Davis Glass continues to proudly serve Albany and the surrounding communities. This family-owned and operated business was started by Ken and Mary Jeanne Davis, who moved to Oregon after graduating from the University of Washington. They found the perfect community to grow both their family and their business.



Geoff and Jenny Davis

As Davis Glass expanded, their children Geoff and Jenny joined the business. Geoff ultimately chose Davis Glass as his career path; this past January marked 30 years excelling in the Glazing trade. Although Jenny moved out of the area after graduating from OSU, she returned to Albany in 2010 to rejoin the family business. Geoff and Jenny carry on their parents' tradition of exceptional service and strong community values.

Davis Glass offers a full range of residential and commercial services such as window and glass replacement, custom shower enclosures and mirrors, storefront entrances, custom glass fabrication, and commercial door hardware sales and service among so much more.

Their commitment to Albany extends far beyond their daily work. Davis Glass proudly sponsors the annual Ken Davis Golf Classic, benefiting the Mid-Willamette Family YMCA where Geoff serves on the Board of Directors. The Davis family has also directed donations and time to local organizations such as the Albany Boys & Girls Club, Special Olympics and the Linn County Youth Livestock Auction.

As they approach their 50th anniversary in November, the team at Davis Glass remains focused on the future while honoring their past.



In Memory of Russell W. Tripp

This month, we honor a man whose contributions to Downtown Albany are immeasurable: Russell W. Tripp.

Russ helped pave the way for Albany's success, serving as mayor from 1965 to 1970. In the early 1980s, a plan was needed for Downtown's future. The decision was made to create the Albany Downtown Association, officially established on June 14, 1982. Russ was also a strong supporter of the Monteith Society and the Albany Regional Museum.

When COVID-19 threatened ADA's funding in 2020, Russ stepped up as a top-tier Flower Basket Sponsor, a contribution that continues through his trust today.

He maintained an office above Vault 244 and was a dedicated patron of Downtown shops and restaurants. Known for his extensive hat collection, many of which came from The Natty Dresser. Russ was a familiar sight on weekday mornings, enjoying coffee and cookies with friends at Big Town Hero, his red convertible parked out front.

Even in passing, Russ showed his support for Downtown, requesting that donations be made to ADA in lieu of flowers.

Russ, your inspiration, your smiles and your hats will be deeply missed.



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

Our June parking winner is...

George Evans
C.H.A.N.C.E.

Downtown Events - June / Early July

Saturdays, through Nov 22 - 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). locallygrown.org.

Saturdays, through Nov 15 - Albany Artisan Faire Market

A new Downtown opportunity featuring unique locally crafted goods. Hours: 9 am-1 pm Broadalbin St SW & 4th Ave SW, next to the Albany Farmers' Market. The Artisan Faire Market is seeking local artisans who handcraft their own items. Those interested in becoming a vendor can contact Stephen Poole via email at scdmpoole@peak.org.

Friday, June 6 and thru June 30 - Art Exhibit at City Hall

The Albany Arts Commission presents the work of LBCC Watercolor Guild in the City Hall gallery. View the exhibit during regular City Hall hours, 8 am-5 pm all month. Artists reception will be held Friday, June 6. Free and open to the public.

Fri, June 6 & thru June 28 - Gallery Calapooia Exhibit and 1st Friday Reception

This month features the work of Dick Powell. The artist reception is on 1st Friday, June 6 from 6-8 pm. Exhibit continues through June 28. For more info, call (541) 971-5701 or visit gallerycalapooia.com.

Friday, June 6 - 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, our Facebook page or visit the ADA website albanydowntown.com/events.

Wednesday, June 11 - History Bites - Sons and Daughters of Oregon Pioneers

President of Sons and Daughters of Oregon Pioneers, Chris Meinike, will present on the history of SDOP, its importance in preserving Oregon's history and its ongoing activities. Light refreshments. 12-1 pm. Admission to exhibits is now fee-based, but always free for members! Albany Regional Museum, 136 SE Lyon St S. For more info, visit armuseum.com.

Friday, June 13 - Friday the 13th Ghost Walk Monteith House

SOLD OUT. Watch for upcoming events at monteithhouse.org. For more information call (541) 220-0421 or email info@monteithhouse.org.

Fri-Sat, June 13-28 - ACT presents "Dial 'M' for Murder"

Albany Civic Theater presents "Dial 'M' for Murder," a psychological thriller that unravels an elegant mystery about an ex-tennis star who plots to kill his wealthy wife. Tony Wendice, who married his wife Margot for her money, now plans to murder her for the same reason. Tony arranges the perfect murder: He hires a scoundrel he once knew into strangling Margot, and arranges a brilliant alibi for himself. The night of the planned attack, in a thrilling surprise twist, the plan goes awry. Performances: June 13, 14, 20, 21, 22(m), 26, 27 and 28. Eves 7:30 pm, Matinee 2:30 pm. For tickets and info, visit albanycivic.org.

Saturday, June 14 - Through The Garden Gate Annual Tour 2025

The 24th Annual Albany Garden Tour features local gardens curated by passionate home gardeners. OSU Linn County Master Gardener Association is hosting its annual garden tour 10 am - 4 PM \$20. Tickets are available at Albany Visitors Association, 122 SW Ferry St. SW and online linnmastergardeners.com. See story page 4.

Sunday, June 15 - 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. See story page 4

Saturday, June 21 - 2025 Albany Summer Passport Program Kick Off

Discover new places, visit some of your favorite locations, learn about Albany and enter to win prizes in the Albany Visitors Association's Albany Summer Passport Program! Albany Carousel 11 am-1 pm or weekdays at the AVA office See story page 4.

Friday, July 4 - 1st Friday in Historic Downtown Albany

CANCELLED for the holiday. The next 1st Friday will be on August 1.

Thurs-Sat, July 10-12 - Crazy Daze

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

Thursdays, July 10 - Aug 14 - River Rhythms

The River Rhythms concert series lineup includes five talented acts. No concert July 18. Brought to you by Albany Parks & Recreation. For info, visit riverrhythms.org.

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



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Albany Summer Passport Program starts June 21

It's time for some summer fun! Albany's 14th annual Summer Passport Program kicks off Saturday, June 21.

Families are invited to the kickoff event at the Albany Historic Carousel & Museum, 503 First Ave. W, from 11 am to 1 pm to register, with the option for kids to have their "passport photo" taken.

Participants may also register at the Albany Visitors Association, 122 Ferry St. SW, on weekdays throughout the program, which runs through Friday, Aug. 8. Weekly prize drawings will be held, and grand prize winners will be announced at the Carnival at the Carousel on Saturday, Aug. 16.

This year's theme, "I Spy," invites children to explore Albany by visiting local businesses and attractions, where they'll "spy" a pre-selected item at each location. When they find the item, they'll let a staff member know and receive a stamp in their passport.

The program is free and geared toward



24th Annual Albany Garden Tour is June 14

The annual Albany Garden Tour, "Through the Garden Gate," is set for Saturday, June 14, from 10 am to 4 pm in Albany's residential historic districts.

For 24 years, Linn County Master Gardeners have hosted this tour of selected Albany gardens. This year's tour features six beautiful and varied gardens. During the self-guided tour, attendees can explore gardens overflowing with lush plantings and dozens of inspiring design ideas. Master Gardener volunteers will be on hand to greet guests, and there will be opportunities to speak with homeowners about their gardens.

Tickets are \$20 and are available at Albany Visitors Association, 122 SW Ferry St. SW or online at linnmastergardeners.com.

elementary-aged children, though siblings, parents, grandparents and caregivers are all encouraged to participate. Each location is listed on a map inside the passport, and participating sites display an "I Spy" passport poster in the window to welcome young explorers.

The Passport Program is presented in partnership with the Albany Visitors Association, Albany Downtown Association, Albany Regional Museum, Albany Historic Carousel & Museum and the Monteith Historical Society.

For more info, stop by the AVA office, email info@albanyvisitors.com, visit albanyvisitors.com or call (541) 928-0911.



Spend Father's Day in Downtown Albany

Father's Day is Sunday, June 15, and Downtown Albany is a great destination to find memorable gifts and enjoy quality time with Dad.

Many Downtown shops will feature Father's Day gift ideas during 1st Friday in Historic Downtown Albany on June 6.

The Natty Dresser is stocked with a variety of items any dad would appreciate, including watches, bourbon chocolates, cologne, desk accessories, leather bags, apparel and hats.

Spend some family time catching a movie at The Pix Theatre, known for its extra legroom and classic charm. "How to Train Your Dragon" will show at 12:30, 3:45 and 7 pm. Advance tickets are recommended to avoid sellouts.

For something out of the ordinary, test Dad's skill at the Enigma Escape Experience or get messy at Splatter Box. Reach for the brass ring on the Albany Carousel and tour the carving studio for a behind-the-scenes look.

Skip the stress of cooking by enjoying a meal at one of Downtown's welcoming restaurants. For breakfast or brunch, check out Brick & Mortar Café, Jo Jo Mac's, Margin Coffee Roasters or Pono Bowl Co. For dinner, choose from Calapooia Brewing Company, The Garage, Jinda Thai, Taqueria Alonzo, The Depot or Vito's Trattoria.

Satisfy Dad's sweet tooth with a treat from Sugar J's Ice Cream Workshop, Hasty Freez, Jonuts, The Pix Theatre Café, the Carousel Café or Sidekicks Gourmet Desserts & Espresso.



And if Dad enjoys craft beverages, don't forget to fill a growler at No Rails Ale House or Deluxe Brewing.

Follow the Albany Downtown Association on Facebook for more Father's Day inspiration.

Craft Brew Smackdown set for Friday, August 8

The 11th Craft Brew Smackdown is set for Friday, August 8 in Downtown Albany. Sample beverages from 20+ breweries, cider houses, wineries and distilleries at Downtown businesses.

For \$20, attendees receive 10 tasting tickets, an event glass, a map of the locations and an event passport — gather stamps for your chance to win a prize. There are great appetizers at each stop. Online pre-sale tickets include two extra tastes

The event is a fundraiser for the Albany Downtown Association and the Greater Albany Rotary Club. For more info, visit craftbrewsmackdown.com or call ADA at (541) 928-2469.



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June 2025

Albany Downtown Association Celebrates 43 Years!

The Albany Downtown Association will celebrate its 43rd anniversary on June 14. From our humble beginnings in 1982, ADA has grown into a top-tier Main Street organization.

Following the Main Street Four-Point Approach, ADA is led by four hardworking committees, Design, Economic Vitality, Promotion and Outreach; a dedicated board of directors; many volunteers, and a small but mighty staff.

Following our mission of historic preservation and economic development, ADA applied for Oregon Main Street Revitalization Grants in 2022 and 2023. Three grants, totaling \$600,000 in building revitalization funding, were matched by more than \$800,000 in private investment for a total of \$1.4 million. The 2025 grant will be announced June 10; if awarded, it would bring our total OMS Revitalization Grant funding to more than \$1 million over the past four years.

Since 2017, ADA has held Excellence in Downtown Albany Awards to honor the people and businesses that invest their time, money and influence into making our downtown a vibrant place to live, work and do business.

Crazy Daze "Christmas in July" is July 10-12

You don't want to miss Crazy Daze, Thursday through Saturday, July 10-12. It's Downtown Albany's oldest event! First held in 1898, the event was originally called Bargain Days. This year's theme is Christmas in July.

Merchants set out their goods along the sidewalks throughout Downtown, offering them at crazy reduce prices. More merchandise is added daily, so plan to come all three days. Enjoy live music in the street on Saturday afternoon.

Grab your sunscreen or a hat and stroll our sidewalks for crazy deals at our

Albany has also earned statewide recognition through the Oregon Main Street Excellence in Downtown Awards. Winners include Broadalbin Promenade (2011), AVA & ADA Partnership (2011), Jerry & Linda Anderson (2013), The Natty Dresser (2015, 2022), The Pix Theatre (2017), Historic Albany Carousel (2017), Christina Larson (2018), Albany Civic Theater (2019), Margin Coffee (2019), 206-1/2 Hotel (2019), Oscar Hult (2020), B-Still Lofts (2020), Drive-Up Downtown (2020), Homegrown Oregon Foods (2021), Hannah Darling (2022), Stephanie Gutierrez (2023) and Sybaris Bistro (2023).

ADA will host the 2025 OMS conference October 8-10 in Downtown Albany, which include an awards presentation, educational sessions and tours.

With the help of generous sponsors, ADA enhances our downtown atmosphere with vibrant hanging baskets in the summer and twinkling street tree lights during the darker months.

From monthly 1st Friday events and the Crazy Daze sidewalk sale to Downtown Trick or Treat, Downtown Unwrapped, Small Business Saturday, Community

shops and delicious food at our fabulous Downtown eateries!



Tree Lighting and the Twice Around Christmas Parade, our Promotion Committee keeps busy creating experiences for visitors and locals alike.

Our Economic Vitality Committee hosts Building and Business Owner Mixers and Downtown Connections education events throughout the year.

ADA is funded through multiple sources: an Economic Improvement District supported by downtown property owners, a city Main Street contract funded by transient lodging tax, as well as memberships, fundraisers, sponsors and donors.

The popular Mother's Day Flower Signs, a fundraiser by our Design Committee supports the hanging basket program. A similar effort is planned later this year for the Community Christmas Tree.

Our Outreach Committee hosts two annual fundraiser events: Mixology Madness, a cocktail competition and tasting event in March, and Craft Brew Smackdown, coming August 8 in partnership with Greater Albany Rotary Club.

We invite you to join us as a volunteer or committee member to help make Downtown Albany even better in the years to come. To learn more visit albanydowntown.com or call (541) 905-2908