



# DOWNTOWN ALBANY

July 2025

## ADA Awarded OMS Revitalization Grant for ACT Project

We are excited to announce ADA was awarded an Oregon Main Street Revitalization Grant in the amount of \$400,000 to partner with Albany Civic Theater to rehabilitate the facades and complete specific interior repairs at the Rialto Theater and the McAlphin's Confectionery building. The project includes a match of \$279,626 in volunteer hours, in-kind donations and cash. Work will begin this month and be completed in early 2028.

Oregon Heritage, a division of Oregon Parks and Recreation Department, awarded 35 matching grants worth over \$10,600,000 to OMS Network organizations across the state. The program is funded by Lottery Bonds.



## Craft Brew Smackdown set for Friday, August 8

Explore Downtown Albany one sip at a time during the 11th Annual Craft Brew Smackdown on Friday, August 8. This evening tasting tour features craft brews, ciders, wines, spirits and more served up with local flair and good cheer.

Sample your way through 20+ breweries, cider houses, distilleries and wineries, all pouring at participating Downtown businesses. Each location pairs delicious sips with tasty appetizers, making this one of the most flavorful nights of the summer.



For just \$20, attendees receive 10 tasting tickets, a commemorative event glass, a location map, and a stamp passport—fill it out as you go for a chance to win prizes. Want even more? Buy your tickets online in advance and you'll get two bonus tastes on us!

The Craft Brew Smackdown is a fund-

raiser for the Albany Downtown Association and the Greater Albany Rotary Club, supporting projects that make our community stronger.

Tickets are on sale now! Visit [craftbrewsmackdown.com](https://craftbrewsmackdown.com) or call the Albany Downtown Association at (541) 928-2469 for more information.

## Operation Christmas Tree Launches on July 1

The Albany Downtown Association and community partners are on a mission to bring a beautiful new tree to Albany this holiday season. Operation Christmas Tree, a community project to spread Holiday Cheer, will launch Tuesday, July 1 with many options to be part of the joy including business sponsorships and colorful "ornaments" that will hang through the streets.

Learn more about Operation Christmas Tree on our website and stop by ADA's booth during Crazy Daze "Christmas in July" to get in the holiday spirit with a free snow cone!!

For info, visit [albanydowntown.com/tree](https://albanydowntown.com/tree).



Support Operation Christmas Tree by sponsoring an ornament with your family name or business logo hanging on a Downtown light pole during the holidays!

# Meet the Neighbors: Monday Dining Picks

Downtown Albany has lots to offer every day of the week. Want to visit on a Monday? Here are 18 restaurants and cafes ready to serve you!

## Brick & Mortar Café

222 1st Ave. W

Modern comfort food and a cozy diner vibe make Brick & Mortar a beloved spot for breakfast and lunch in the heart of downtown. From fluffy omelets and crepes to hearty burgers and the must-try Biscuit Sandwich, every bite feels like home.

## Calapooia Brewing/Vivacity Spirits

210 Hill St. NE

This lively brewpub and distillery offers craft beer, cocktails and casual bites in a relaxed setting with atrium dining, darts and live music. Burgers, sandwiches and the Calapooia Chili Beer are go-to favorites for a laid-back meal with friends.



Brick & Mortar Cafe

## Carousel Cafe

503 1st Ave. W

Take in the view of Albany's beloved carousel while sampling kid-friendly bites and nostalgic snacks. Grab a corn dog or mac and cheese, then top it off with a slushie, shake or old-fashioned ice cream float.

## Deluxe Brewing/Sinister

635 Water Ave. NE

Spacious and welcoming, Deluxe Brewing is a top spot to enjoy locally brewed lagers and small-batch spirits. Their tasting room features food truck fare and guest favorites like Wild Beaver Amber Lager and the award-winning New Albany Gin.

## The Depot

822 Lyon St. S

A longtime Albany staple, The Depot serves fish 'n chips, chowder and fried seafood in generous portions with a no-frills, all-flavor approach. Regulars rave about the Bonnie Shrimp Crunch Salad, fish tacos and Northwest oysters.

## The Garage

229 3rd Ave. SW

With 46 taps and plenty of events, The Garage is a go-to for pub fare, craft beverages and entertainment. Enjoy burgers, beer flights and rotating specials in a space that features trivia, sports and community hangouts.

## Grazing Oregon Charcuteries

115 Ellsworth SW

A forest-themed interior and locally



The Mad Platter Cafe

foraged ingredients set this charcuterie spot apart. Dishes like their signature Seared Salmon or tasty Wild Boar Ragu pair perfectly with their elevated wines and creative cocktails like the Ghost of the Forest Old Fashioned.

## Hasty Freez

655 Lyon St

A beloved drive-thru with retro charm, Hasty Freez offers old-school burgers, corn dogs, shakes and soft-serve ice cream. Standouts include the Burger Box, blackberry sundae and colorful slushy floats that keep locals and visitors coming back time after time.

## Jo Jo Mac's

300 2nd Ave. SW

Southern comfort shines at Jo Jo Mac's, where the menu is full of flavor and hospitality. From beignets and benedicts to gumbo and shrimp & grits, it's a crowd-pleasing spot for hearty breakfasts and bold bites.



Margin Coffee Roasters

## K Teriyaki

300 2nd Ave. SW

Serving bold Asian flavors in a casual setting, K Teriyaki is known for grilled meats, flavorful sauces, and generous portions. Customer favorites include bento boxes, combo platters, and savory seaweed salad with crisp tempura sides.



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## Volunteer Spotlight Caitlin Prueitt

Caitlin Prueitt is deeply invested in the vitality of Downtown Albany—not just through her leadership at Calapooia Brewing and Vivacity Fine Spirits, but also through her active role with the Albany Downtown Association.

She currently serves on the ADA Board of Directors, offering thoughtful insight and strong financial stewardship as Treasurer. Caitlin is also a member of the Outreach Committee, helping plan fundraisers like the popular Craft Brew Smackdown.

Through her businesses, Caitlin actively supports Downtown events such as 1st Friday, the Halloween Poster Hunt and the Easter Egg Hunt.

Thank you, Caitlin, for your creativity, leadership and unwavering support of Downtown Albany.

*Photo courtesy of Kristi Crawford Photography*



## Parking Update

A big shout out to Lepman Properties for the amazing cleanup of the planters in the Bank Lot.

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

Our July parking winner is...

**Maria Peter**

Weathered Together Market

## Downtown Events - July / Early Aug

### Through August 8 - 2025 Albany Summer Passport Program

Discover new places, visit some of your favorite locations, learn about Albany and enter to win prizes in the Albany Summer Passport Program! Program runs through Friday, Aug. 8. To sign up, stop by the Albany Visitors Association office. For info, stop in, email [info@albanyvisitors.com](mailto:info@albanyvisitors.com), visit [albanyvisitors.com](http://albanyvisitors.com) or call (541) 928-0911.

### 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](http://locallygrown.org).

### Saturdays, through Nov 15 - Albany Artisan Faire Market

Weekly market features unique, locally crafted goods. 9 am-1 pm at Broadalbin St SW & 4th Ave SW, next to the Albany Farmers' Market.

### Tuesday, July 1 - Sunday, August 31 - Art Exhibit at City Hall

The Albany Arts Commission presents the work of Albany Arts Circle in the City Hall Gallery. View the exhibit during regular City Hall hours, M-F 8 am-5 pm. Artists reception will be held on 1st Friday, August 1 from 5-7 pm. Free and open to the public.

### Fri, July 4 & thru July 26 - Gallery Calapooia Exhibit and Reception

This month features the work of Karen Miller and Dennis Johanson. The artist reception is on 1st Friday, July 4 from 6-8 pm. Exhibit continues through July 26. For more info, call (541) 971-5701 or visit [gallerycalapooia.com](http://gallerycalapooia.com).

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

**CANCELLED** for the 4th of July holiday. The next 1st Friday will be on August 1.

### Wednesday, July 9 - History Bites: The Land Remembers

Albany Regional Museum presents Corvallis photographer Rich Bergeman to talk about his project called "The Land Remembers," in which he spent two years searching for landscapes that were involved in the Rogue River Wars of Southern Oregon in the 1850s. 12-1 pm. Free, but admission to exhibits is fee-based. Light refreshments provided. [armuseum.com](http://armuseum.com).

### 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 to shop for crazy deals and enjoy crazy delicious food at our Downtown eateries! *See story page 4.*

### Thursdays, July 10 - Aug 14 - River Rhythms

The River Rhythms concert series lineup includes five talented acts. No concert July 17. Brought to you by Albany Parks & Recreation. For info, visit [riverrhythms.org](http://riverrhythms.org).

### Saturday, July 12 - Christmas in July Toy Drive

Deluxe Brewing and Sinister Distilling will host the Albany Toy Run's Christmas in July, a free, family-friendly event. Motorcycle riders, classic car drivers, and community members are invited to enjoy live music, a raffle, and a toy donation drive. 4 to 9 p.m.

### Sunday, July 13 - Giving a Hoot - Springhill & HWY20 and Downtown Cleanup

Volunteers grab your gloves, weed wacker and leaf blower, if you have them and join the Giving a Hoot volunteers to clean up Springhill & HWY20 and Downtown Albany along Lyon and Ellsworth! This location is open to youth volunteers 10+ accompanied by an adult. 8 - 11 am. Questions? Email [givingahoot2@gmail.com](mailto:givingahoot2@gmail.com).

### Fri-Sat, July 18-26 - ACT presents "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?"

Albany Civic Theater presents Edward Albee's "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?" a play that explores the complex and dysfunctional relationship between a middle-aged couple, George and Martha. They invite a younger couple, Nick and Honey, over for drinks, and as the night progresses, the interactions between the characters reveal deep-seated resentments, secrets, and illusions, leading to emotional and psychological turmoil. Performances: July 18, 19, 20 (m), 24, 25 and 26. Eves 7:30 pm, Matinee 2:30 pm. For tickets and info, visit [albanycivic.org](http://albanycivic.org).

### Saturday, July 26 - Albany Pride

This year, the Albany Pride Rally will be held at Monteith Park. Details will be posted on Facebook as they become available. [facebook.com/albanypride](https://facebook.com/albanypride).

### Friday, Aug 1 - 1st Friday at ARM: Oregon Trail of Tears

Join the Albany Regional Museum for a free opening reception for Nolan Streitberger's latest exhibition, "Oregon's Trail of Tears", featuring haunting landscape photography exploring the 1856 route forcefully marched by hundreds of indigenous men, women and children from Southern Oregon to a Reservation in the Mid-Willamette Valley 263 miles away. 5-7 pm. A special lecture by Nolan will begin at 5:30 pm. Free admission to exhibits during First Friday hours. [armuseum.com](http://armuseum.com).

For info on these and other events, visit [AlbanyDowntown.com](http://AlbanyDowntown.com)

# Crazy Daze set for July 10-12 with a Festive Twist

Mark your calendars for one of Downtown Albany's longest-running and most beloved summer traditions—Crazy Daze, happening Thursday through Saturday, July 10–12. First held in 1898 and originally known as *Bargain Days*, this lively sidewalk sale has been bringing big deals and community cheer to the heart of Albany for over a century.

This year's theme is "Christmas in July", bringing a festive flair to the summer shopping season. Downtown merchants will line the sidewalks with tables full of deeply discounted items—and the selection grows daily! From unique gifts to home goods, fashion and more, there's always something new to discover.

Make the most of your Crazy Daze experience by visiting all three days and there will be music in the air which adds to the street-fair vibe. And don't miss a cool and tasty bonus—stop by the Albany Downtown Association booth near the corner of 1st and Ferry for a free



Photo by Camron Settlemier

## 46th Summer Interior Home Tour is Sat., July 26

The 46th Summer Interior Tour of Historic Homes will be held Saturday, July 26 from 11 am to 5 pm.

Several lovely historic homes will be open for touring, as well as the Monteith House, Albany Regional Museum, The Albany Municipal Airport and other historic buildings. Attendees can stroll between stops, drive if they prefer or hop aboard the Albany Trolley or a festive horse-drawn wagon to add a little charm to the experience.

Tickets are \$15. Online sales begin July 1, at [MonteithHouse.org](http://MonteithHouse.org). Tickets will also be available for purchase the day of the event beginning at 10 am at the Albany Visitors Association.

Proceeds from the tour benefit the Monteith House Museum.

snow cone on Friday and Saturday from 11 am to 4 pm. It's our little way of saying thanks for shopping local and to launch **Operation Christmas Tree** for a fabulous new tree coming this holiday season!

As you stroll from sale to sale, take time to enjoy delicious eats from Downtown's cafes and restaurants, many offering Crazy Daze specials of their own. Whether you're here for the bargains, the music or the memories, Crazy Daze is the place to be...and on Saturday you might even see Santa!



Photo by Steve Storm Photography

So grab your sunscreen—or your favorite Santa hat—and join us for three days of fun, flavor and fantastic finds in Downtown Albany!

## Neighbors: 18 Tasty Monday Options

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### The Mad Platter Café

300 4th Ave. SW (basement)

This courthouse café is a hidden gem offering East Coast-style comfort food with big flavor. Subs, melts and wraps are menu staples, but locals especially love the hearty breakfast bagels with hot coffee and the Steak Bomb.

### Margin Coffee Roasters

206 2nd Ave. SW

A bright and friendly spot for coffee lovers, Margin Coffee serves house-roasted beans using third-wave methods. Enjoy espresso drinks, matcha lattes and cold brew alongside muffins, bagels, and sandwiches in a place we like to call "Albany's living room."

### The Pix Theatre Café

321 2nd Ave. SW

You don't need a movie ticket to enjoy the Pix Café's fun and affordable menu of sweet and savory treats. From popcorn and house made pie-in-a-mug to burgers, quesadillas and espresso drinks, it's a downtown snack stop with something for everyone. Serving beer and wine too!

### Pono Bowl Co.

237 2nd Ave. SE, #102

Bright, breezy, and full of flavor, Pono Bowl is your downtown stop for wholesome eats and superfood fuel. Treat yourself to an açai bowl, a loaded toast or a smoothie packed with island-inspired goodness.

### Sidekicks Gourmet Desserts & Espresso

832 Lyon St. S.

This cheerful corner café is a local go-to for espresso drinks, sweet treats, and satisfying lunches. Whether you're craving gourmet cake or Bonnie's famous Shrimp Crunch Salad, Sidekicks has something to brighten your day.

### Taqueria Alonzo

250 Broadalbin St. SW

Welcoming and casual, Taqueria Alonzo serves up authentic Mexican dishes bursting with flavor. Grab a Super Burrito, sip a horchata and enjoy generous portions that make this spot a downtown staple.

### Vault 244 Bistro & Lounge

244 1st Ave. W

Warm lighting, upscale ambiance and a menu full of local flavor make Vault 244 ideal for dinner with friends or a cozy night out. Creative plates and expertly crafted cocktails are what keep guests coming back.



### Vito's Trattoria

211 1st Ave. W

Classic Italian comfort meets Northwest freshness at Vito's, where every dish is made with care and quality ingredients. Favorites like the Chicken Picatta, Misto Mare Alfredo and a house-made Limoncello Drop never disappoint.

If you'd like to do some shopping before you dine, or walk off your meal, there are dozens of businesses open on Mondays ready to invite you in to check out their unique items and chat with their friendly owners and staff.