



DOWNTOWN ALBANY

August 2025

2025 Excellence in Downtown Revitalization Awards Set for Aug. 25

On Monday, August 25, neighbors, colleagues and local partners will gather for the Albany Downtown Association's 9th Annual Excellence in Downtown Revitalization Awards.

Event attendees will enjoy a curated array of small plates catered by Loafers Station plus local wine and beer and sparkling water while we celebrate downtown businesses and individuals. The celebration is from 5 to 7 pm at The Venetian, 241 First Ave. W. The event will be held downstairs and is accessible.

As in previous years, ADA members were invited to nominate individuals and businesses in many categories. To be eligible, businesses and events must be located within the Downtown Main Street or Economic Improvement districts.

Here are the 2025 eligible nominees, listed alphabetically:

- Albany Visitors Association
- Albany Wine Walk (2025)
- Annual Flower Baskets
- Antiques in the Streets & Classic Car Show (2024)
- Emma's Downtown
- Grazing Oregon
- Historic Carousel & Museum
- Jonuts
- Jordan Jewelers
- K Teriyaki
- La Belle Boutique
- Linn County Veterans Day Parade (2024)
- Loafers Station
- No Dinx
- Peach & Pear
- Pono Bowl Co.
- 'Tango Moon' Dancing Bunnies Sculpture
- 401 2nd Ave SW Building
- Sugarheroes Candy Bar
- Sybaris Bistro
- Urban Ag Supply
- Urban on 1st



2024 Business of the Year, Merrime Bridal

Many of the ADA's local winners move on to the 2025 Oregon Main Street Excellence in Downtown Revitalization Awards, which will be presented on Wednesday, October 8, during the Oregon Main Street Conference in Historic Downtown Albany.

This free event is open to our members, volunteers, downtown building owners and community partners. Space is limited. RSVP is requested by Monday, August 11. Visit tinyurl.com/2025ExcellenceAwards, email director@albanydowntown.com or call (541) 928-2469.

Carnival at the Carousel is August 16

Join the fun as the Albany Historic Carousel & Museum celebrates eight years of magic with its 8th Annual Carnival at the Carousel on Saturday, August 16 from 10 am to 3 pm.

This lively community event features traditional carnival games, whimsical characters, specialty food vendors, face painting, creative photo booths and a crowd-favorite cakewalk. Game tickets are just 25 cents each, with most games costing only two tickets to play.

Pick up a Family Fun Pack—including 60 game tickets and four ride tokens—at the Carousel Gift Shop for the presale price of only \$18, a savings of \$2.

Make sure to take a spin on the carousel and check out the gift shop.



Albany Summer Passport winners can stop by the Albany Visitors Association booth to pick up their prizes.

The Albany Historic Carousel is located at 503 1st Ave W. For details, visit albanycarousel.com.

Meet the Neighbors: Downtown Entertainment

Downtown Albany offers a variety of entertainment for a fun evening out.

1st Friday in Historic Downtown Albany

Throughout Downtown Albany
Varies by the business. Many are 5-7 pm

Each month, businesses stay open late for 1st Friday in Historic Downtown Albany. Look for specials, refreshments and live entertainment.

Albany Civic Theater

111 First Ave. W. • (541) 928-4603

Ticketed performances at 2:30 pm and 7:30 pm

Albany Civic Theater is an all-volunteer, nonprofit community theater "that entertains and enriches audiences through a variety of productions that enhance the cultural life of our community."

From comedies and musicals to dramas and historic themes, ACT offers a wide selection of high-quality performances. For schedules and tickets, visit albanycivic.org.

The Albany Pix Theatre

231 2nd Ave. SW • (541) 926-PIXX

Open 7 days. Showtimes vary.

The Pix is Albany's favorite spot for first-run films in a fun, friendly atmosphere. Owners Rod and Denise Bigner offer affordable tickets, amazing legroom and top-notch concessions. Enjoy popcorn with real butter, homemade frozen banana, cheeseburger, El Jefe sandwich, pesto quesadilla, soda, ICEEs, Nespresso, beer, cider or wine — whether you're watching a movie or



The Pix Theatre

just stopping by the café during show hours. For current showtimes and tickets, visit albanypix.com.

Calapooia Brewing

140 Hill St. NE • (541) 928-1931

Sun-Thu 11:30 am-9 pm, Fri & Sat 'til 10 pm

Known for live entertainment and great pub food, husband and wife co-owners Caitlin Prueitt and Chris Neumann continue the Calapooia tradition. Enjoy live music on most Friday evenings then



Calapooia Brewing



The Garage

come back for Sunday Blues Jam, Monday Board Game Night, Tuesday Trivia and Wednesday Craft Club.

Deluxe Brewing

635 Water Ave NE • (541) 928-7699

Mon-Fri 3-9 pm, Sat 12-9 pm, Sun 12-8 pm

Specializing in easy-drinking lagers and ales, Deluxe Brewing hosts Bingo on Sundays and a Karaoke Competition on the second Thursday of each month. Their table shuffleboards are lots of fun and a rare find.

The Garage

229 3rd Ave SW • (541) 704-0312

Sun-Thu 11:30-9 pm, Fri & Sat 'til 11 pm.

Head to The Garage on Wednesday evenings for Music Bingo. Grab some friends and go play bingo with a musical twist. Awesome music, free to play, good food and drink plus prizes.

Stop in to meet new General Manager Tim Rush and enjoy their full bar and new menu. Look for more info on their new website, thegarage.pub

No Rails Ale House

115 1st Ave. E. • (541) 497-2137

Tues-Thu & Sun 3-9 pm, Fri & Sat 'til 10 pm

No Rails Ale House owner James Van Deusen offers guests 50 taps of craft beer and cider plus 500+ selections in the bottle shop.

Check out Tuesday Night Trivia where teams of up to 6 test their knowledge, have some fun and, of course, beer.



No Rails Ale House



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Volunteer Spotlight Andon Martin

Andon Martin is always ready to lend a hand or raise his hand to volunteer. His style is thoughtful and insightful with a fun twist of humor.

He is currently the Design Committee Chair, championing projects like the Downtown hanging flower baskets, street tree lights, Holiday Snowflakes and is active on the 2025 Operation Christmas Tree subcommittee.

Andon also serves on the ADA Board of Directors and Economic Vitality Committee plus the Excellence Awards in Downtown Albany subcommittee.

Thank you, Andon, for the abundance of time and energy you generously give to support Downtown Albany.



The first new block of Water Avenue between Washington and Ferry is open. The road is now one way heading East and are no parking spaces.

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

Our August parking winner is...

Blain Daily

Daily Energy Nutrition Store

Downtown Events - Aug / Early Sept

Through Aug 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, visit albanyvisitors.com or call (541) 928-0911.

Thursdays, through Aug 14 - River Rhythms

The River Rhythms concert series lineup includes five talented acts. Brought to you by Albany Parks & Recreation. For info, visit rивerrhythms.org.

Fridays, through Aug 29 - Hopped Up Cruise-In

Deluxe Brewing continues its summer Hopped Up Cruise-In series Friday nights in August. Enjoy an evening of classic cars, pub-style food and handcrafted drinks in a welcoming, family-friendly, and pet-friendly setting. 6-8 pm. For details, visit deluxebrewing.com.

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.

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.

Friday, Aug 1 - 1st Friday in Historic Downtown Albany - Arts & Artists

Bring your friends Downtown for some 1st Friday fun! From the carvers and painters at the Albany Carousel and artists at Gallery Calapooia to musicians at Calapooia Brewing and The Natty Dresser, Downtown Albany is the home to many forms of art and the talented people who create it. Look for sales, tastings, treats, music, artist reception, a special event at the Carousel and other fun. For more information, visit the ADA website albanydowntown.com/events.

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.

Fri, Aug 1 & through Aug 31 - Art Exhibit and Reception 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, Aug 1 & through Aug 30 - Gallery Calapooia Exhibit and Reception

This month features the work of Carol Houk and Steve Terhune. The artist reception is on 1st Friday, August 1 from 6-8 pm. Exhibit continues through August 23. For more info, call (541) 971-5701 or visit gallerycalapooia.com.

Saturdays, Aug 2-23 - August Arts at Carnegie Library

The Albany Public Library Foundation is sponsoring August Arts. Families are invited to enjoy a month of creative, hands-on events. August 2: The Musical Instrument Petting Zoo, 11 am-12:30 pm. August 9: Fun with Watercolors, 11 am-12:30 pm. August 16: Small Sculptures, 11 am-12:30 pm. August 23: Albany Youth Orchestra Performance, 11 am-12 pm. Free. All ages are welcome. All materials are provided. Albany Public Library - Carnegie Branch, 302 SW Ferry. Questions? Contact John Byrne at 4jbwork@gmail.com.

Wednesday, August 13 - History Bites: An Oregon Town and a School

Albany Regional Museum presents Cindy Thomas from the Settlemier House will present on the history of Woodburn, Oregon and the significance of the Settlemier House. 12-1 pm. Free, but admission to exhibits is fee-based. Light refreshments provided. armuseum.com.

Fri-Sat, August 15-23 - ACT presents "Disney's Shrek JR."

Albany Civic Theater's Youth Program presents Disney's Shrek JR., a musical based on the Broadway adaptation of the beloved 2001 animated children's movie. Performances: August 15, 16 (m), 16, 22 (m), 22 and 23. Eves 7:30 pm, Matinee 2:30 pm. The show is about an hour in duration. For tickets and info, visit albanycivic.org. See story page 4

Friday, Sept 5 - 1st Friday in Historic Downtown Albany - Team Spirit

Bring your friends Downtown for some 1st Friday fun! Look for sales, tastings, treats, music, artist reception, a special event at the Carousel and other fun. For more info, visit the ADA website albanydowntown.com/events.

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ACT Youth Camp Performances of Shrek JR. Open Aug 15

By Liberty Preston

West Albany High School Intern

The fairytale world of Disney's Shrek The Musical JR. has reached Albany Civic Theater's stage this month with the ACT Youth Summer Camp directed by Rebecca Douglas.

Talented young actors from the Albany area, ages 8-18, auditioned in June for roles in the show and a spot in the three-week long summer camp. Days at camp consist of rehearsing songs, practicing choreography, lunchtime trips to the nearby Monteith Park and learning about the art of theater from experienced volunteer staff.

In 2024, ACT's Youth Program was awarded an Albany Arts Appreciation award for their impact on the community. Thanks to the recent Oregon Main Street Revitalization Grant that ACT received in partnership with the Downtown Association, repairs and improvements to the newly acquired attached building have begun. This space will serve as an additional rehearsal area as well as providing more room for the youth program to grow.

Disney's Shrek JR. is based on the Broadway adaptation of the beloved 2001 animated children's movie. One day, an ogre named Shrek finds his swamp filled with fairytale misfits who

have been evicted from their homes by the large-ambitioned (but short statured) ruler Lord Farquaad. Shrek must set off on a journey with a talkative donkey to rescue the beautiful Princess Fiona from her tower and finally reclaim his swamp. Shrek runs into dragons and gingerbread men on his journey, but he also finds friendship, acceptance and maybe even true love.

Performances will be on August 15th, 16th (m), 16th, 22nd (m), 22nd, and 23rd and run for about an hour. Matinees are at 2:30 pm and evening performances are at 7:30 pm. To purchase in-person or livestream tickets, go to albanycivic.org.



Disney's The Little Mermaid JR - 2024



Photos by Kisi Leffler

Craft Brew Smackdown Features 20+ Local Brews on Aug. 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.

For just \$20, attendees receive 10 tasting tickets, a commemorative event glass 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 fundraiser for the ADA and the Greater Albany Rotary Club, supporting projects that make our community stronger.

Tickets are on sale now! Visit craft-brewsmackdown.com or call ADA at (541) 928-2469 for more information.



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.

Operation Christmas Tree Gains Supporters

We are excited by the community support of Operation Christmas Tree, a community project to spread holiday cheer. Since its launch on July 1, many individuals and businesses have joined the mission signing up for business sponsorships and colorful "ornaments" that will hang through the streets.

You can support Operation Christmas Tree by sponsoring an ornament with your family name or business logo hanging on a Downtown light pole during the holidays! The cost is just \$100 or \$120 with a logo. The ornaments will hang Downtown throughout the holiday season. In the New Year, the ornaments are yours to keep.

The vision of the Albany Downtown

Association and community partners is to bring a beautifully decorated tree to Albany this holiday season.

For info, visit albanydowntown.com/tree.

