

Meet The Neighbors: Kid Spots & Shops

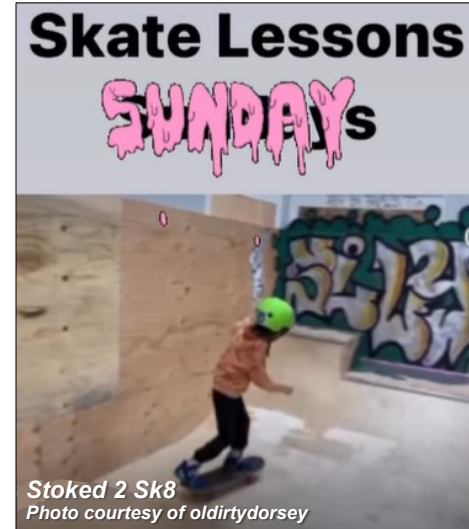
While many think of Downtown Albany as a grown-up destination, there are lots of family-friendly and kid-specific activities and shops to explore. Here are some fun options:

Albany Carousel & Museum
503 1st Ave. W - (541) 497-2934

Delight in a ride on Albany's hand-carved carousel. Enjoy ice cream, snacks and burgers at the Carousel Café. Check out the Carousel Gift Shop for puzzles, clothing, jewelry, plush and more. Party room and events.

Brick Circuit LEGO® and Toy Store
333 1st Ave. W - (541) 207-1336

Step into a kid's LEGO® paradise. Brick Circuit offers LEGO® kits, mini figures and building tables with bricks by the cup. Also, board games, STEM toys and



UGEARS® models. The party room is great for birthdays and gatherings.

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

Learn a life skill while having fun at one of the Brigitte's Place after-school and summer youth sewing and seasonal crafting classes.

Emma Downtown
422 1st Ave. W - (541) 926-1717

For the perfect baby gift, Emma Downtown has just what you're looking for. Blankets, books, toys, outfits and more.

Enigma Escape Experience
431 1st Ave. W - (541) 368-0299

Looking for a fun adventure for the whole family? Enigma is the perfect place for leadership, growth and bonding while solving amazing puzzles.

Jack N Jill Children's Resale
236 Lyon St. SE - (541) 928-5437

Jack N Jill offers a large selection of gently used baby and children's clothing nicely organized to make shopping a pleasure. You will also find a good selection of furniture, strollers, toys and décor.

Natural Sprinkles Bakery
202 2nd Ave. SW - (541) 704-0445

Kids love stopping in and moms too for natural cupcakes or tasty cookies. They bake using local ingredients and make their own sprinkles. Ask about food allergies and custom sprinkles.



Reds Boutique / Little Reds
222 1st Ave. W - (712) 520-0160

Step upstairs to Little Reds for a selection of baby and children's clothing and accessories. You'll find pretty flower girl dresses, fun holiday dresses and seasonal outfits for sizes NB-5T.

Riverfront Community Center
489 Water Ave. NW - (541) 917-7760

Albany Parks & Recreation offers a variety of classes for kids and youth. RCC is open during the Waterfront construction.

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

Featuring a large selection of jewelry making supplies, Spearit Beads offers everyone, from the novice beader to the professional beader, a plethora of choices for all your creative needs.

Splatter Box
131 Montgomery St. NE - (541) 231-7922

Splatter Box offers fun, messy, unique experiences for families and people of all ages to enjoy. The perfect place for a birthday and a messy good time.

Stoked 2 Sk8
250 Broadalbin St. SW #103 - (541) 248-1593

Whether your kids are avid skateboarders or considering their first ride, Stoked 2 Sk8 is your destination. They offer skateboards, components, grip tape, safety gear and apparel. Stoked 2 Sk8 also has an indoor ramp (evenings and Sundays) and skate lessons.

Surefire Design
201 2nd Ave SW - (541) 928-7339

Bring the family for a fun experience painting your own pottery and creating memories. Select from mugs, plates, characters, seasonal, tiles and more to add your personal look and flair. Surefire Designs is the perfect place to make gifts for loved ones.



Kentucky Derby at the Carousel is May 6

Big hats and bow ties! On Saturday, May 6, join Albany Historic Carousel and Museum for a delicious Southern fare buffet dinner, raffle prizes, Mint Juleps and bet on our carousel ponies!

For more information and tickets for the annual Kentucky Derby fundraiser visit, www.albanycarousel.com

Diaper Drive Set

Albany Downtown Association is once again reaching out to the public to participate in the Family Tree Relief Nursery Child Abuse Prevention Month Diaper Drive during April.

Diaper donation boxes will be arriving around the Downtown in early April and be available for your donations through the end of the month.

We will add the list of 2023 Downtown Merchants who have volunteered to be drop-off sites on our website, www.albanydowntown.com.



Construction fences were installed at Monteith Riverpark on March 20 closing the park and the parking lots. Parking for the Riverfront Community Center has been moved to the east of the building likely through November. See photo for details.

We hope parking in the Bank Lot and on the street adjacent to the building

Downtown Events - April - Early May

Thru April 9 - Downtown Easter "Egg" Hunt

Head to Downtown Albany and search for colorful paper Easter "Eggs" on windows throughout Downtown. The Downtown Easter "Egg" Hunt is a fun activity for the whole family with a little candy for all and a chance to win a Downtown Easter Basket! Visit our office or website for the entry form and details. www.albanydowntown.com.

April - Family Tree Relief Nursery Diaper Drive

The Diaper Drive is the entire month of April. Diaper donation boxes will be arriving in early April and be available for your donations all month. See [story this page](#).

Friday, April 7 - 1st Friday in Historic Downtown Albany

Join us for "Spring Fling" and mark your calendar for the monthly 1st Friday in Historic Downtown Albany. Look for sales, fun, music and a special event at the Carousel. For more info visit our website or the 1st Friday Facebook page.

April 7-8, 13-16, 20-23, 27-29 - ACT presents Something Rotten!

A very new musical, Something Rotten opens on April 7. For details and tickets, call the Albany Civic Theater box office at (541) 928-4603 or visit www.albanycivic.org.

Saturday, April 8 - Egg Hunt & Easter Bunny at The Carousel

Hop on down to the Carousel on Saturday, April 8, for an egg-cellent time with the Easter Bunny! The Egg Hunt starts at 11 am and continues until all the eggs are gone! The Easter Bunny will be making its grand return to the Carousel and will be available for pictures until 2:30 PM. Don't forget to take a couple of spins on the Carousel while you are there! For information, visit www.albanycarousel.com

Saturdays starting Apr 15 - 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.org

Sunday-Saturday, April 23-29 - Downtown Restaurant Week

Enjoy specials at over 25 Downtown restaurants. See [story page 1](#).

Friday, May 5 - 1st Friday in Historic Downtown Albany

Join us for "Downtown Wine Walk" and mark your calendar for the monthly 1st Friday in Historic Downtown Albany. Look for sales, fun, music and a special event at the Carousel. For more info visit our website or the 1st Friday Facebook page.

Friday, May 5 - Albany Downtown Wine Walk

Stroll Downtown and visit businesses to sample regional wines and treats in locations throughout Historic Downtown Albany. Hosted by Albany Rotary Club.

Saturday, May 6 - Kentucky Derby

Join the Historic Carousel and Museum for a delicious Southern fare buffet dinner and bets on carousel ponies! 6:30-10 pm. See [story this page](#).

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

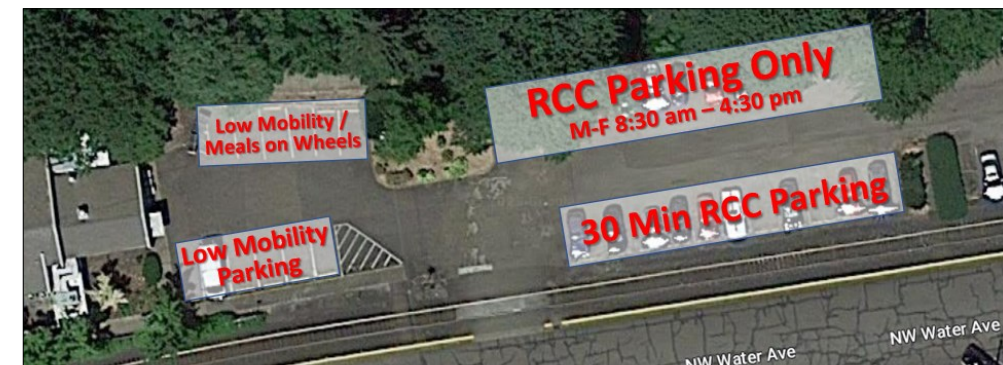
will return to normal sometime this month. We plan to have interim use of a gravel lot to offset leased parking displaced by Water Avenue construction. Water Ave. leased space holders will be notified of options.

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

Our April parking winner is...

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ADA Volunteers Make Downtown Great All Year Long

The Albany Downtown Association counts on our amazing volunteers to make our historic Downtown an amazing place to Eat-Shop-Play!

We love our volunteers and will be celebrating them April 16-22 during National Volunteer Week 2023.

Some join us to wrap lights on Downtown Street Trees, hang our amazing Downtown flower baskets, make Downtown look great at our clean-up events, set up Movies at Monteith, hang posters, distribute the newsletter and help make kids smile at the Downtown Twice Around Christmas Parade.

Others volunteer year-round serving on our four Main Street committees: Design, Economic Vitality, Organization and Promotion.

We have a dedicated board of directors who make it their mission to lead the Albany Downtown Association. Our full-time Executive Director and administrative assistants support the volunteers and Main Street projects.

Upcoming Volunteer Events

- **Downtown Spring Clean-Up** Sunday, April 30, 9 am-noon. Bring your sunscreen & garden tools! All ages, unlimited spots. RSVP to (541) 928-2469. Hosted by Design Committee



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- **Downtown Flower Basket Hanging Day.** Sunday, May 21, 9 am-noon. We need ladders, pick-up trucks and a mix of strong & tall people. Teens & Adults, 17 spots. RSVP to (541) 928-2469. Hosted by Design Committee.

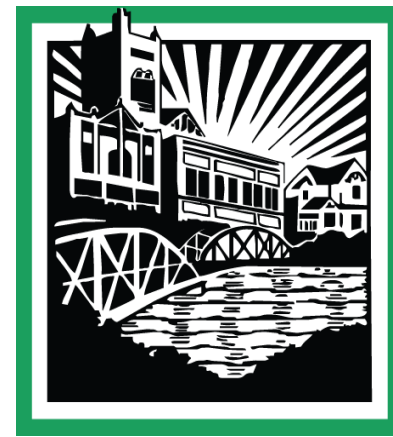


ADA Main Street Committees

We are always looking for new committee members to join the fun. Most meet monthly. Call or email for details.

- Design Committee - Making Downtown look great. 1st Thursday 8:30 to 9:30 am, ADA Boardroom.
- Economic Vitality Committee - Helping businesses grow and locate in Downtown Albany. 1st Wednesday 12 to 1 pm, Taqueria Alonzo.
- Promotion Committee - Sharing our Main Street mission and bringing people Downtown. 1st Monday 12 to 1 pm, ADA Boardroom.
- Organization Committee - Fundraising, grants & Main Street initiatives. Meeting times are project-based.
 - 1st Friday Committee - 2nd Wednesday 9 to 10 am, location varies.

We invite you to get involved. Drop by our office at 126 Ferry St SW, email director@albanydowntown.com, phone (541) 928-2469 or visit our website, www.albanydowntown.com.



DOWNTOWN ALBANY

April 2023

2023 Downtown Restaurant Week Set for April 23-29



Downtown Albany Restaurant Week returns with an explosion of flavor this year from Sunday, April 23 through Saturday, April 29!

Spring is finally here and it's the perfect time to wander downtown and enjoy locally prepared food from Downtown's best chefs. You're sure to find something incredible, whether you come downtown for brunch or a late-night happy hour.

With over 25 locations offering a variety of specials all week, your Downtown Restaurant Week bucket list is going to be long this year!

Dine-In, outside or order to-go!!

Most of the restaurants are open for their normal hours. Reservations are highly recommended.

2023 Participating Restaurants:

- Ba's Vietnamese Comfort Food
- Beloved Cheesecake
- Brick & Mortar Café
- The Brim Coffee Co.
- Calapooia Brewing
- Carousel Café
- Deluxe Brewing
- The Depot - Seafood
- Gamberetti's - Italian
- The Garage - Pub Food
- Homegrown Oregon Foods
- Jinda Thai
- Jo Jo Mac's - Southern Cuisine
- Loafer's Station - American
- The Mad Platter - East Coast
- Margin Coffee Roasters
- Natural Sprinkles Co. - Bakery
- Novak's - Hungarian
- The Squeaky Cork - Scottish
- Sweet Red Bistro
- Sybaris Bistro
- Taqueria Alonzo - Mexican
- Toki Teriyaki - Korean
- Vault 244 Bistro | Lounge
- Wine Crush



Step into Pioneer Days at the Historic Monteith House

You are invited to step into 1850 at the Historic Monteith House in Downtown Albany on the second Saturday of each month from 12 to 2 pm.

Participate in exciting old-time activities like pioneer doll making, woodworking, baking biscuits, making butter and so many other family-friendly activities! Each time there will be something new to try and you'll learn a little more about this important piece of Albany's history.

Look for tickets to future Living History events on the second Saturday of each month on [Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.com). Small fee.

The Monteith House is currently open from 11 am to 3 pm on Saturdays. Tours during open hours are free with a suggested donation of \$3.

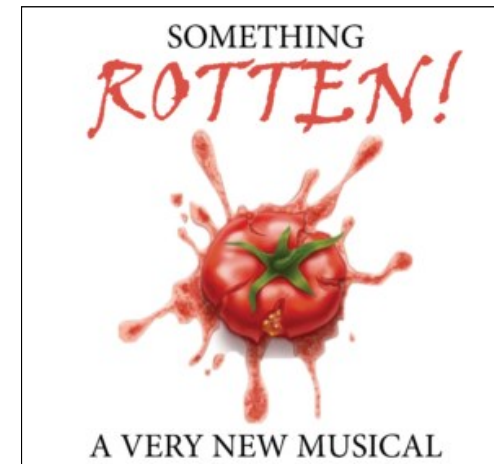
If you would like to come by another day or time, please contact the Monteith House for an appointment or to schedule a private tour at (541) 220-0421 or info@monteithhouse.org.

Private tour fees: Up to 10 guests \$20, 11-20 guests \$40 and 21-30 guests \$60. There is no fee for educational groups.

For more information, visit their website at www.monteithhouse.org.



AVA Photo Contest Winner by Oliver Anderson



Something Rotten opens at ACT

A fun new play opens Friday, April 7 at Albany Civic Theater. "Something Rotten" follows the antics of two brothers writing the world's first musical.

For more about the show and to buy tickets call the Albany Civic Theater box office at (541) 928-4603 or visit www.albanycivic.org.

Mother's Day Flowers Go On Sale Saturday, April 8

This year, celebrate Mom by sponsoring a personalized Mother's Day flower sign in Downtown Albany.

Signs include mom's name or nickname and the names of the family members who are honoring her. The cost is \$40.

The signs go on sale on Saturday, April 8 at noon at <https://albany-downtown-association.square.site> and will hang on Lyon and Ellsworth streets May 1-20.

Signs can be picked up at the ADA office at 126 Ferry Street SW starting Wednesday, May 24 for mom's continued enjoyment.

Proceeds benefit ADA's Design Committee projects including hanging baskets, parklets, snowflakes and more. For more info call (541) 928-2469 or visit www.albanydowntown.com.

