



# DOWNTOWN ALBANY

September 2023

## New Stage Takes Shape at Monteith Riverpark



It's exciting to see the progress at Monteith Riverpark. In late August, there was dramatic visual progress with the construction of the stage. Finishing touches on the stage, including paint and woodwork, are still to come.

Construction is set to be completed in this area of the project in early 2024.

The Monteith Riverpark improvements are part of an overall waterfront project, guided by years of public input and funded through CARA and other grants.

"The new waterfront corridor along with the work of CARA and other organizations like the ADA is creating one of the best downtowns in the state. When complete, the new park and plaza will be major downtown anchors, better connecting the community to the river and adding more vibrancy downtown," shared Sophie Adams, Economic Development Manager.

For details on the Albany Waterfront project, visit [www.albanywaterfront.net](http://www.albanywaterfront.net).

## Nominations Open for Excellence in Downtown Albany Awards

The Excellence in Downtown Albany Awards honor the people and businesses that invest their time, money and/or influence into making our Downtown a more vibrant place to live, work and do business.

We are reaching out to our members and the community for nominations for the 2023 Excellence in Downtown Albany Awards in the following categories:

- New Business of the Year
- Attraction/Entertainment Business of the Year
- Restaurant of the Year
- Retail Business of the Year
- Service Business of the Year
- Best Business Organized Event
- Good Neighbor Award
- Outstanding Building Owner of the Year
- Historic Preservation Award
- Building Renovation/Remodel of the Year

*Note: Business of the Year nominations were gathered in July.*

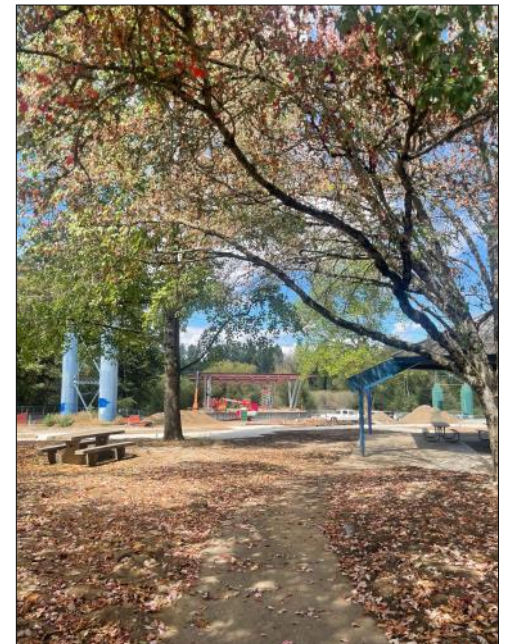
Awards are open to individuals, businesses and building owners in Downtown Albany who are volunteers, members of the Albany Downtown Association and/or EID participants.

If applicable, all activities must have occurred or projects must have been completed between July 2022 and June 2023. The one exception is the New Business of the Year award, which is open to businesses that opened between July 1, 2021 and June 30, 2023.

Nominations are due by 11:59 pm on Monday, September 4, 2023.

To nominate your favorites go to: <https://tinyurl.com/2023DowntownAwards>

The winners will be selected by ADA's awards committee and announced during our 2023 Excellence in Downtown Albany celebration and awards presentation on Monday, September 18, in Downtown Albany.



# Meet The Neighbors: Sweets & Treats

Are you craving something sweet made with love by local owners and their bakery teams? Have a taste for popcorn or a frozen treat? Downtown Albany is your sweets & treats destination!

## Beloved Cheesecakes

124 Broadalbin St SW (541) 220-0823

For a slice of heaven and maybe some berries on top, stop in at Beloved Cheesecakes. Owner Jen Jacobson Brusa with her husband Makai opened their Downtown Albany shop in July. They continue to operate the original location in Silverton and offer mail order across the country.

Their menu includes dozens of cheesecake options, slices, whole cakes, minis, pops, and bites, many with gluten-free, sugar-free, vegan and keto options. Flavors include New York, chocolate, key lime, lemon, Oreo, Peanut Butter Finger, salted caramel, white chocolate raspberry, and seasonal favorites like Marionberry.

Wine and coffee are available to dine-in and sidewalk dining customers.



Beloved Cheesecake

Beloved Cheesecakes is open Tuesday-Thursday 12-7 pm and Friday-Saturday 12-8 pm. Fall hours start later this month, closing an hour earlier.

## Carousel Cafe

503 1st Ave. W (541) 497-2934

If you're strolling downtown or taking a ride on a dragon, the Albany Carousel Café is the place to enjoy a slushy or a scoop of ice cream. They also carry a selection of Mountain Man candy.

The Carousel is open Wednesday-Sunday 11 am-4 pm.



Bodhi Bakery

## Bodhi Bakery

315 Lyon St. SE (541) 704-0076

Bodhi Bakery may be a trick to find, but it is worth wandering down the alley to find just the right breakfast treat.

They offer a selection of baked goods including sourdough bread, cookies, muffins, croissants, scones, cakes and more.

Bodhi Bakery is open Tuesday-Friday 8 am-3 pm and Saturday 8 am-1pm.



Natural Sprinkles Co.

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

From cupcakes and croissants to macaron and sandwich cookies, the Natural Sprinkles team creates treats in a farm-to-table style.

In November 2018, owner Jolene Thompson expanded her farmer's market stand into their current bakery location and increased their offerings from sprinkles to a full line of baked goods.

You'll often see Jolene heading back from the Albany Farmers' Market with her little wagon full of ingredients.

Natural Sprinkles is open Monday-Saturday 9 am-5 pm.



The Pix Theatre

## The Pix Theatre Cafe

321 2nd Ave. SW (541) 926-PIXX

When you have the a taste for theater treats, you don't have to wait for the next blockbuster!

The Pix Theatre offers fresh popcorn with real butter! The frozen bananas are hand-dipped to order with nuts and sprinkles of your choice. Their seasonal house-made apple pie in a mug rotates with Key Lime. Affogatos, candy, and truffles round out the offerings.

To complement the treats are burgers, sandwiches, quesadillas and humus plus soda, Nespresso, wine, beer and cider.

The Pix Café is welcoming to all, with 50-style tables and lounge seating. It opens 30-minutes before showtime.



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## Volunteer Spotlight: Melinda Martin

Melinda Martin is the kind of volunteer you can always count on. She is the kind that drops everything and runs Downtown to pitch in.

Melinda often helps with Design Committee projects like the Downtown Clean Ups and on Earth Day.

Last fall, she volunteered to install the Street Tree Lights on blocks and blocks of Downtown to make the holidays bright. She even helps install the Downtown Flags when The Scouts are in school.

Thank you, Melinda, for always standing ready to help when we need a hand.



Employees, are you tired of driving in circles looking for a parking spot? ParkWise currently has a few leased spaces available in the Bridge Lot, behind Albany Civic Theater.

Lease spaces are the only guaranteed parking and cost only \$20/mo.

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

Our September parking winner is...

*Mandy Forney*

Emma Downtown

## Downtown Events - September

### Saturdays - Albany Farmers' Market

Each week, head to the Albany Farmers' Market for fresh local produce, meats, baked goods, seafood, plants, flowers and more. Kid's POP program weekly. Visit with OSU Extension Master Gardeners and Master Food Preservers on 3rd Saturdays. Hours: 9 am-1 pm in the Albany City Hall parking lot (corner of 4th & Ellsworth). [www.locallygrown.org](http://www.locallygrown.org).

### Friday, Sept. 1 - 1st Friday in Historic Downtown Albany

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](http://www.albanydowntown.com/events) or the 1st Friday Facebook page.

### Friday, Sept. 1 - Albany Regional Museum: 1st Friday Artist Reception

The Albany Regional Museum is will be unveiling the travel exhibit "This IS Kalapuyan Land" and host local artist Nolan Streitberger as he shares his progress on his latest work exploring the Oregon Trail of Tears. 5-7 pm. For info, [www.armuseum.com](http://www.armuseum.com)

### Saturday, Sept. 2 - Albany Block Party featuring Everclear

Greyhound Tavern brings this annual free, all-ages, community event to the heart of Historic Downtown Albany. Event begins at 1 pm. Music starts at 4:45 pm. The stage will be located on 2nd Ave this year in front of Two Rivers Market. See story page 4.

### Saturday, Sept 9 - Antiques in the Streets & Classic Car Show

Shop for amazing treasures from over 50 street vendors and at the Albany Antique Mall sidewalk sale. Then, tour over 100 amazing cars. When you get hungry, have lunch at one of downtown Albany's fabulous restaurants or go organic and visit the Albany Farmers' Market, all within walking distance of each other! All proceeds from this event benefit a local non-profit. 8 am - 4 pm. For more information, visit [www.albanyantiquemall.com](http://www.albanyantiquemall.com).

### Saturday, Sept 9 - The Albany Beer "Run"

The Corvallis Lions Club is proud to host the annual 0.3K Albany Beer "Run" fundraiser. Proceeds benefiting Canine Companions for Independence, a national non-profit organization that trains and provides assistance dogs. The Albany Beer "Run" begins with a beer garden at Calapooia Brewing, opening to participants at 11 am. Registration includes a pint of craft beer from Calapooia Brewing prior to the race, which starts at 12 pm. The event concludes at Deluxe Brewing with a second pint of complimentary craft beer and features a carb-loading donut station for runners. The Deluxe Food Cart will be open after the race with other refreshments available on-site. The Albany Beer "Run" event is pet-friendly for well-behaved pets. Both Deluxe Brewing and Calapooia Brewing locations are family friendly, however runners must have valid identification and be of legal drinking age to enjoy complimentary beer. Advance registration for the event is open online through September 6th and costs participants \$25 each. Day-of registration opens at Calapooia Brewing at 10:30 a.m. For more information about the Albany Beer "Run", visit the official event page at [www.omroadrace.org](http://www.omroadrace.org).

### Wednesday, Sept 13 - History Bites: Book Signing & Discussion with Jim Lindsay

Join Albany Regional Museum for History Bites at noon on September 13th as they welcome Jim Lindsay author of "The Sniper". He will be discussing his latest book and signing copies for attendees. 12 - 1 pm. History Bites is a free event, to explore the new exhibits is a separate fee. Light refreshments available. For info, [www.armuseum.com](http://www.armuseum.com)

### September 15-30 - The Savannah Sipping Society

Albany Civic Theater launches their 2023-24 season with The Savannah Sipping Society The Savannah Sipping Society by Jessie Jones, Nicholas Hope and Jamie Wooten. Directed by: Scott Harvey. In this delightful, laugh-a-minute comedy, four unique Southern women, all needing to escape the sameness of their day-to-day routines, are drawn together by Fate—and an impromptu happy hour—and decide it's high time to reclaim the enthusiasm for life they've lost through the years. Performances: Sep. 15, 16, 17(matinee), 22, 23, 24(matinee), 28, 29, 30, 2023. For more information and tickets, visit [www.albanycivic.org](http://www.albanycivic.org).

### Sunday, Sept 17 - Hanging Basket Takedown

It's time to say goodbye to summer and take down our hanging baskets. Grab your gloves and meet the ADA's Design Committee at the ADA office at 9 am to receive assignments. We need 4 teams of 3 volunteers to remove the baskets and bring them to Two Rivers Market, plus 5-6 volunteers to clean the soil out of the pots. We'll be finished by noon and enjoy some treats. For info contact ADA at (541) 928-2469 or [www.albanydowntown.com](http://www.albanydowntown.com).

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## Mercy House Fundraiser Celebration is Sept 16

Mercy House is celebrating their completed remodel and 13th anniversary by hosting its annual fundraiser on Saturday, September 16.

“Please join us for refreshments, games, silent auction, a tour of the boutique and other fun activities,” said Colleen Anderson, CEO.

Emcee for the evening will be Hannah Blicher, Mrs. Albany (Mrs. Oregon 2nd Runner-up). Music will be provided by Steve Alarcon and Katherine Riley.

The event will be held from 5-8 pm at 1st Hand Seconds Unique Boutique, 411 2nd Ave. W in Downtown Albany. “Proceeds from the fundraiser expand the resources and financial assistance we can provide to women and children at risk, added Colleen. “Ways to help include monetary donations, gift baskets, silent auction items and gift cards in increments of \$5 and up.”



For more information, contact Mercy House at [info@1sthandseconds.org](mailto:info@1sthandseconds.org) or (541) 928-6909.

## Wells Fargo Lot Presentations set for Oct 2 ARA Meeting

Proposals for the lot formerly occupied by Wells Fargo Bank at 1st & Broadalbin are due to the City of Albany on Tuesday, September 14.

The proposals will be discussed at the Albany Revitalization Agency (ARA) meeting on Monday, October 2 at 4 pm. A second meeting is set for Wednesday, October 4 at 5:15 pm if the ARA wants to further discuss the proposals.

There is also an ARA meeting Wednesday, September 27 preceding the City Council meeting. It is to approve the railroad agreement for the Albany Waterfront Project crossings.

For more information on ARA, visit their website, [www.cityofalbany.net/cara/ara](http://www.cityofalbany.net/cara/ara).



## Volunteers Needed to Prep Downtown for Fall

As we move into fall, the ADA's Design Committee has many activities to prep for events. It's a key time to volunteer!

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### Downtown Clean Up

Sunday, October 15

On Sunday, October 15 join us to pull summer weeds, add bark dust and clean up downtown to get ready for fall events Downtown Trick or Treat (Oct 28), Downtown Unwrapped (Nov 2-5) and the Albany Veterans' Parade (Nov 11).

Meet at the ADA office at 9 am for clean-up assignments. Bring tools if you can.

## Everclear to Play at Albany Block Party Sept 2

Yes, it's true! Everclear is coming to Downtown Albany on Labor Day Weekend. Albany Block Party is Saturday, September 2.

Music on the McClinton Auto Main Stage starts at 4:45 pm with five bands leading up to Everclear at 8:30 pm.

Like last year, the event is in the streets of Downtown on Broadalbin and 2nd and 3rd Avenues. Activities kick-off with a Corn Hole Tournament starting at 1 pm to benefit the Boys & Girls Club of Albany. Look for a large outside beer garden, skating boarding, roller skating rink, kids area, vendors and food trucks.

Sponsors include McClinton Auto Collision, McHenry's Interiors, The Natty

### Adopt-A-Block - Street Tree Lights

Last week of October

Do you love the twinkle lights that adorn the Downtown Street Trees in the fall and winter? We need individuals and businesses to “Adopt-A-Block” and put lights on the trunks of 10-12 trees (no branches or ladders). It only takes one lunch break, and you've helped our community spirit.

To get involved on a regular basis, we invite you to join one of our committees:

### Committee Meeting Schedule

Location: ADA Office or Downtown Business

Design - 1st Thursday 8:30 am

Economic Vitality - 1st Wednesday noon

### Outreach

- 1st Fridays - Quarterly, 2nd Wed. 9 am
- Mixology - Weekday Evening TBA

Promotion - 2nd Monday 8:30 am

Special Committees - Short-term, varies

To RSVP or for more information, please call (541) 928-2469 or email [director@albanydowntown.com](mailto:director@albanydowntown.com)

