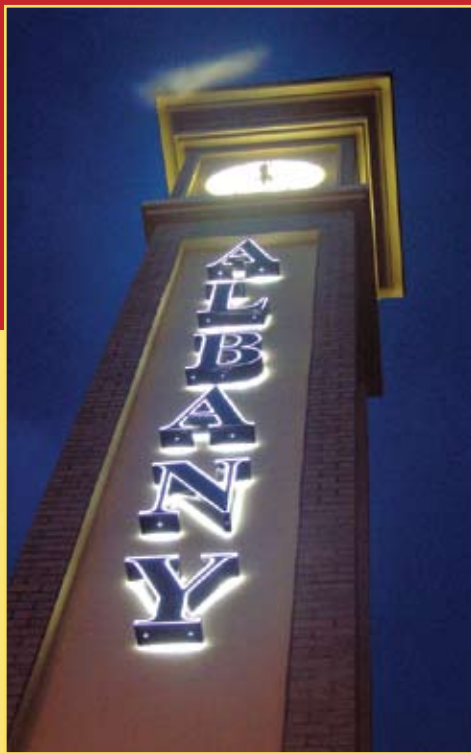


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Albany is pleased to welcome Oregon's only Sprint Boat Racing track. The track will be completed June 2008. The two major races will take place July 18th, 2008 and September 6th, 2008.

July 17th the track will be open for an evening Show and Shine. This event provides an opportunity for you to meet the pilots and enjoy beer gardens and live entertainment.

According to the track designer, Albany's track is built to push the limits of speed and agility, making it the most technical track on the circuit. The Sprint Boat track has been designed to accommodate up to 7,000 people, with families in mind. Bring your lawn chairs, blankets and picnic baskets for a day in rural Linn-County.

For further information contact Kathy Hansen at 541-928-0911, kathyhansen@albanyvisitors.com

The Albany Historic Interior Tour Committee invites you to **Downtown Albany's Historic Home and summer Garden Tour. July 26th from 11am-5pm.** Albany is home to over 700 nationally registered historic homes and buildings. Each year an elite selection of homes are offered for private tours. Transportation is provided by historic trolley and group pricing is available.

Each summer, thousands of people gather to experience diverse music, food, entertainment, and fun, under the evening sky along the banks of the Calapooia and Willamette Rivers. By starlight community members spread their blankets, pull up a chair, and take time out from their busy lives each Thursday evening in July and August. Children of all ages have hands-on opportunities to discover their creativity through pre-concert art projects. From coffee filter hats and magic wands to tie-dye bandanas and ladybug pots, the children of our community get messy, play, and most of all discover that there is no limit to their imagination. We invite you to experience the love and character of Albany.

July 3 Charlie Musselwhite
July 10 The Paul Thorn Band
July 24 Big Bad Voo Doo Daddy
July 31 Tower of Power
Aug. 7 Linda Tillery
Aug. 14 The Grass Roots



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“Movies by Moonlight,” in historic Downtown Albany kicks off the 2008 summer movie series on June 27th.

The movies are shown outdoors on the side of Wyatt's Eatery & Brew-house.

Bring your family and your chairs for a great evening.

June 27 *“Jurassic Park”*, Sam Neil and Laura Dern. Action/Adventure

July 11 *“Life with Father”*, William Powell, Irene Dunn and a young Elizabeth Taylor. Comedy

July 25 *“War of the Worlds”* (1953), Gene Barry. Science Fiction

Aug. 1 *“Raiders of the Lost Ark”*. (In conjunction with the Willamette River “Pirate” Festival)

Aug. 15 *“The Lone Ranger”* (1956), Clayton Moore and Jay Silverheels. Western

Aug. 29 *“Happy Feet”*, Animated Family Film

Downtown Albany hosts the 11th annual *Antiques in the Streets on September 6th, 2008*. This event is open to the public. It is Albany's largest outdoor Antique street sale. Downtown Albany also features over 100,000 square feet of antique shopping within 4 blocks.

“Dare to Cruise Classic Car Show” will transport you back in time as over 200 classic cars are on display through-out Downtown Albany. This two-day event features a night poker run on July 11th and a Car Show on July 12th. Dare to Cruise will get your motors running. Great food, incredible classic automobiles and activities for the whole family.

There is always something to do in Downtown Albany.

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