



Downtown Albany: Worth discovering since 1609!

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As summer heats up and we embark on the 400th Anniversary of the founding of Albany, we are taking stock of our great events, great dining and great performances. From first class museums, independent galleries and the varied architecture of Albany's skyline to the natural beauty of the Hudson River, the time to stay and play at home and experience all the Capital City has to offer has never been more present. Participating in a children's workshop at the Albany Heritage Area and Visitors Center and Henry Hudson Planetarium, climbing aboard a tour on the Aqua Ducks and/or Albany Trolley, going to a performance at the Capital Repertory Theater, attending an Albany Firebirds game or concert at the Times Union Center, dining and spending a night out on the town or experiencing movie night at the Palace Theatre- these are just a few of the endless amounts of exciting things to see and do! The City of Albany's Alive at Five free summer concert series kicks off on June 4th in Albany Riverfront Park at the Corning Preserve, continuing each Thursday (5pm-8pm) through August 13th. And on June 19th the Downtown Albany BID kicks off the third annual Sculpture in the Streets outdoor public art exhibit, sponsored by Kivort Steel of Waterford, featuring 16 sculptures by 11 nationally and internationally recognized artists from around the Northeast and New England. Not only are all of these great events, activities and attractions wonderful amenities in Downtown Albany, they contribute added-value to a downtown residential or business location.

About The BID

The Downtown Albany Business Improvement District (BID) is an independent, not-for-profit organization established in 1996. The organization partners with businesses, property owners, arts and cultural institutions, social service providers, government agencies and elected officials in a united effort to revitalize downtown Albany. The BID represents an area of approximately 50 square blocks. Click [here](#) for BID boundaries and membership addresses. The BID plays a vital role in business recruitment and retention, visual improvements and safety.

These are just a few of the many wonderful and inexpensive experiences to be had throughout the district. With spring in full bloom and the long days of summer fast approaching, come explore Downtown Albany: Worth Discovering Since 1609! Visit www.downtownalbany.org for the details on the great Capital City experiences.

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