

Alvadore Neighborhood News

February 2026 Issue #29



A Heart of Gold at the Alvadore Store

From the moment Celena Carpenter greets you at the Alvadore store, it is clear she is special. Whether you are making a purchase or just driving by and catch her smiling outside, her bubbly personality truly shines.

Celena's path to our community was paved by family. After a childhood spent in a small town of 700 and later moving to Eugene, she eventually discovered Alvadore while driving out to visit her father, who had moved to the area after meeting a special woman. Celena fell in love with the town almost instantly; she stopped in at the store, made quick friends, and soon decided to call Alvadore home herself.

Her natural talent for connection was famous long before she joined us. During her first job at the legendary The Bon Marché (a Pacific Northwest retail staple before it became Macy's), it was said she could sell a watch to someone who only came in for socks! That same passion translates into her personal life; she recently advocated for Jaxon, who is now flourishing in the TAG (Talented and Gifted) Program at Meadowview School. Meanwhile, her daughter McKenzie

has recently moved to Montana to pursue her own career.

When asked about her favorite part of life here, Celena's answer is simple: "The community." She loves people, and Alvadore certainly loves her back.

The Road Back to Alvadore By: Bud

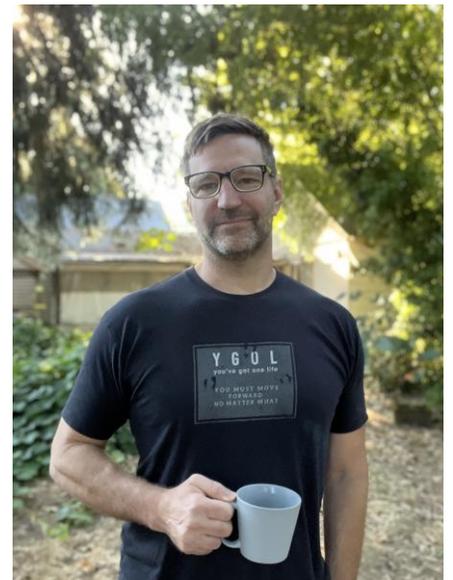
aka Scott Cunningham

Growing up, my grandparents' house in Alvadore was the family hub. My cousins and I would scrounge for bottle money to raid the store for candy—back then, that was my whole world.

At 21, I wanted something bigger. I moved to San Francisco to see the world: big city streets, noise, and excitement. But years later, life brought me back. I'd stop by the Alvadore Store for groceries and small talk until one day, I was invited to work there part-time.

It's funny how you grow an appreciation for things you once overlooked. Now I see the store for what it really is: a gathering place. Whether we're catching up or sharing news, conversations often drift toward food, family traditions, and what's simmering on someone's stove that night.

The kid who once jonesed for candy is now behind the counter, greeting neighbors by name. I've realized that sometimes the best adventures don't take you farther away—they bring you home.



Mike's Field Mowing 541-913-4514

It's never too early to start thinking about Fire Prevention

A New Legacy for Alvadore: Transforming Our Library

Alvadore Lions Club is excited to announce that our local library is entering a new chapter as a community center. This transition involves moving most of the books to make room for classes, local gatherings, and events that bring us together.

However, we are also at a **crossroads**. After 15 years of very light use, we realized our building needed more than just books—it needed people. We kicked off this transition with a community book sale last August, beginning the work to transform this space into the heartbeat of Alvadore. This change is a bold step; our small group of Lions believes this transformation will either breathe new life into this historic building or decide its final chapter. We are betting on the former, and we need you to help us make this vision a reality.

Honoring Our History The decision to turn the Alvadore Library into a community center has been a hard road, but it is one paved with the same spirit of community that built our town. On **April 24, 1993**, the Alvadore Library celebrated its original grand opening. Just as the community came together to build the Alvadore Church, the Alvadore Lions Club and residents united to fund, purchase and place the building. It sits on land donated many years ago to the Fire Department by the **Jacobson/Dunham/Miller Family**. By evolving this space, we ensure this legacy continues to serve Alvadore for years to come.

Save the Date: Our New Grand Opening! Mark your calendars for Saturday **April 25, 2026!** We will host a Grand Opening celebration exactly 33 years after the community first opened these doors. Join us to see the transformation firsthand!

Where to Find Library Services

While our space changes, library services remain accessible nearby:

- **River Road Volunteer Library:** Located at 105 Oakleigh Lane, Eugene
- **Fern Ridge Library:** Located at 88026 Territorial Hwy, Veneta.

Register for these upcoming Alvadore classes and events on The Alvadore Lions Facebook page – Registration will provide reminders and updates on event status

- **March 7 (11 AM–1 PM):** *Tree Trimming & Sawmill Expertise* with Mark Siegel.
- **March 14 (2–3:30 PM):** *Lifestyle Medicine* with the YMCA.
- **March 10 (6–7:30 PM):** *Art for All Ages* with Connie Everard and Cheryl Chambers.
- **March 28 (11 AM–1 PM):** *Easter Egg Stuffing* for the April 4th hunt.
- **March 28 (6–9 PM):** *Easter Basket Making* with Cheryl Chambers (\$25 fee, max 7).
- **April 25th Grand Opening Alvadore Community Center**

Our Vision & How to Help

Our vision is for this space is to be open for **private events** like birthday parties and family gatherings as well as class and meet ups for card games, reading groups etc. Please note that while we have a water cooler and a handicapped-sized outdoor toilet, we **do not currently have running water** in the building.

To inquire about booking the space for a private event or educational class etc, please contact us at: klord@uoregon.edu **This is a work in progress, and we will grow through it.**

We hope to hear from many of you who wish to contribute to future events!

Donations to help maintain and grow the center can be mailed to:

Alvadore Lions Club, PO Box 36, Alvadore, OR 97409

Alvadore Lions Facebook Page is a Community Service page
<https://www.facebook.com/share/1KpaiHfNrW/?mibextid=wwXlfr>

Support the Alvadore Food Pantry: Neighbors Helping Neighbors - FOOD DRIVE

Hello to our wonderful community! Your generosity has sustained the Alvadore Food Pantry for years, and we truly couldn't do this without you. We are transitioning from the annual postal food drive to a community-led **Drive-Thru Canned Food Donation Event** this year to keep our shelves stocked.

WHEN: Saturday, April 11, 2026, | 12:00 PM – 4:00 PM

LOCATIONS: Alvadore Community Center, Fern Ridge Market, Camas Mill Bakery, and various neighborhood drop-off sites (TBA).

How it works: Simply drive up and drop off!

Items Most Needed: Shelf-stable staples like canned meats, soups, chili, vegetables, fruits, peanut butter, tuna, boxed pastas, and Mac & Cheese. *Please: no perishables, home-canned goods, or opened/damaged packaging.*

Financial Contributions: We highly encourage donations by check for maximum accountability and flexibility. Checks enable us to provide a tax receipt, which is not available for cash. Please make checks payable to God's Food Box / Alvadore Community Chest (501(c)3). Drop them off at any event site or mail to PO Box 67, Alvadore, OR 97409

Anytime Donations: Can't make the event? Food donations are accepted year-round at the Alvadore Store. Look for the donation barrel inside the Alvadore Post Office lobby at 90828 Railroad St, which feeds directly back into our community.

Volunteer With Us! We need volunteers to man drop-off locations. To help, please email Alvadorefoodbox@outlook.com

Watch For Signs around town and updates on the Alvadore Community Help Facebook Page. Thank you for proving that "neighbors helping neighbors" is what Alvadore is all about!

Camas Country Bakery 91948 Purkerson Rd, JC 541-252-5640

Lunch & Learns and Classes Held in the Camas Country Schoolhouse

- Tuesday 3/10 Irish Fairy Tales – Local Author Chirsty Matheson
- Tuesday 3/31 Yogi Tea
- Tuesday 4/4 Queen Bee Apiary
- Tuesday 4/28 Rivers Dahlias
- Tuesday 5/12 Dr Patrick Hayes – OSU Barley King (Instructor)
- Tuesday 5/26 George Reclar – Retired Trumpet Player - Traveler

Lunch 11- 11:30 Presentations 11:30-12:30 OPEN Tue-Sat 8-3pm

\$12 Soup & Fresh Bread

Lunch Available Every Day



Mill Store and Bakery

CAMASCOUNTRYMILL.COM
91948 PURKERSON ROAD, JUNCTION CITY, OREGON (541) 225-5640 8AM-3PM

Daily Offerings:

CINNAMON ROLLS TURNOVERS SCONES COOKIES COFFEE & TEA

February Menu

Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
POTATO LOAF	POTATO LOAF	RED FIFE BOULE	GERMAN RYE	BREAD OF THE MONTH
CAMAS SOURDOUGH	CAMAS SOURDOUGH	POIRNIDLE LOAF	CHOCOLATE BABKA	FOCACCIA
		POTATO LOAF	POTATO LOAF	POTATO LOAF
		CAMAS SOURDOUGH	CAMAS SOURDOUGH	CAMAS SOURDOUGH

Lunch Special	Bread of the Month	Treat of the Month
CHICKPEA AND FARRO SOUP	PURPLE SWIRLED SOURDOUGH	RED VELVET CAKE CUPS

Easter Service & Breakfast

Sunday, April 5th Outdoor Service at 7am
 Followed by an everyone is invited breakfast at 7:30am
 Regular Service 9:30am - We would love to see you and celebrate the resurrection of our Lord together!

Alvadore Christian Church
 27373 8th Street, Junction City



Alvadore Community

GARAGE SALE

August 21-22nd

Fri/Sat 8-4pm

Questions?

Want to be added to the map... please email cheryl@croreaon.com

Piecemakers Quilt Group at the Alvadore Church



2025 Winner Mary Decker



2024 Winner Sonia Johnson

"Bringing Honor and Glory to God by wrapping the Word of God around those dealing with cancer."

If you know someone who is battling cancer, the piecemaker quilt group would love to bring the comfort of God by providing them a quilt. Call Alvadore Christian Church to request a Quilt at 541-688-8884

The quilt group is always looking for new friends to join in the process of creating the quilts. Reach out for details 541-688-8884

Alvadore Lions Chicken BBQ 2026

At the Fern Ridge Market

Saturday, May 9th

Saturday, June 20th

Saturday, July 4



The Alvadore Lions Club will be hosting a Chicken BBQ the Saturday of Mother's Day, Father's Day and on Americas 250th Independence Day.

A Note from the Editor: Reflections, Milestones, and the Road Ahead

It has been exactly eight years since the first *Alvadore Neighborhood Newsletter* landed in your mailboxes in March 2018. Back then, my mission was simple: bridge the communication gap. I realized that unless you drove past the Alvadore Fire Station reader board, you might miss out on the pulse of our community. I wanted to bring those "happenings" directly to your door.

So, why the silence?

In 2024, I hit a personal milestone—my 60th birthday. I spent that year reflecting, celebrating with family, and curating the ultimate life soundtrack on Spotify. After our big celebration in October, I decided it was time for a "sabbatical" from a few projects, including this quarterly publication.

During this break, I watched our community thrive. Between my road signs and the Alvadore Community Facebook Groups, and a couple emails.. the Bingo nights, Chicken BBQs, and Halloween Carnival didn't miss a beat. However, the recent transformation of our local library compelled me to pick up the pen once more.

As for the future? I'll be honest: I'm not sure what the consistency of this newsletter will be. I've considered switching to email to save on costs, but I truly believe there is something special about a physical paper sitting on your kitchen counter, shared by the whole family. I know some hit the recycling bin, but for those that are read, the connection is worth it.

While digital posts are quick, I still believe there is something special about a physical page you can hold. To make this issue extra useful, **I have included a hard-copy community calendar** featuring all the upcoming dates for our Easter Egg Hunt, Chicken BBQs, and all the phone numbers I can think of. Please pull it out and tuck it onto your fridge or near your keys so you won't miss a single 'happenin' this season!

Real Estate remains my primary passion, and I am endlessly grateful for the neighbors and friends this career has introduced me to. While I can't promise exactly when the next issue will arrive, I hope the spirit of Alvadore continues to compel me to write. Until then, keep your eyes on the road, stay tuned to the event signs, and keep checking your mailbox—you never know when another issue might be on the horizon. Cheryl Chambers, Mother, Wife, Sister, Realtor and Community Connector
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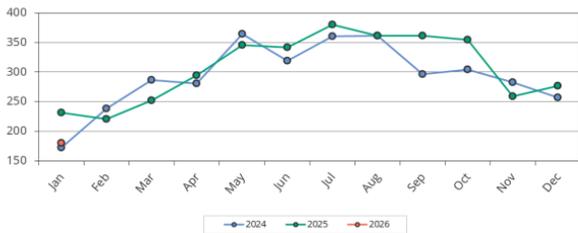
Third Saturday @ 6:30 pm Cost \$15.00 ALL AGES - Alvadore Christian Church

Watch for • The Bingo Signs • The Alvadore Church Calendar • The Alvadore Community Help Facebook Page

Local Real Estate Data Courtesy RMLS.com Feb 2026

ACTIVE Address	Listing Date	Details	Acres	Year Built	List Price
27862 Green Oaks Dr, Eugene	11/19/2025	4bed/3bath (2 homes)	1.03	1970	\$875,000
2222 Green Oaks Dr, Eugene	2/27/2025	3bed/2bath 1404 sq ft	2.4	1969	\$710,000
27645 Snyder Rd #36, Junction City	7/28/2025	3bed/2bath	PARK	2025	\$199,000
27366 4 th St, Eugene	2/12/2025	4bed/2.5bath	1.02	1978	\$595,000
90774 Alvadore Rd, Eugene	7/24/2025	3bed/1.5bath	.96	1963	\$640,000
B St, Junction City	9/12/2025	LAND / E40	.13		\$15,500
SOLD Address/Date	Sold Date	Details	Acres	Year Built	Sold Price
27645 Snyder Rd #60	2/2026	4bed/2bath 1316sq ft	PARK	1979	\$136,000
27481 10 th St	2/2026	3bed/2bath 1829sqft	0.65	2025	\$540,000
91066 C St	2/2026	3bed/2bath 1840sqft	4.88	1945	\$695,315
27645 Snyder Rd #30	1/2026	2bed/1bath 728sqft	PARK	1978	\$62,000
27194 Huey Ln	12/2025	3bed/2.5bath 2482sqft	1.55	1968	\$500,000
27645 Snyder #74	12/2025	3 bed/2bath 1188sqft	PARK	1994	\$122,400
Main St	12/2025	Zone RR1	LAND	0.96	\$170,000
27403 6 th St	11/2025	3bed/2bath 1256sqft	0.27	1945	\$387,000
27977 Green Oaks	11/2025	3bed/2bath 1531sqft	1.84	1977	\$680,000
273395 th St	10/2025	LAND/RR1	0.58	LAND	\$125,000
27171 Clear Lake Rd #17	10/2025	3bed/2bath 924sqft	PARK	1977	\$99,000
90969 B St	10/2025	3bed/2.5bath 1927sqft	0.61	2005	\$625,000
28072 Bridges Ln	9/2025	4bed/3bath 3025sqft	2.5	1999	\$925,000
27309 8th St	8/2025	4bed/2bath 2046sqft	0.81	2018	\$784,000
27986 Ward Ln	6/2025	4 bed/2bath 2631sqft	2.01	1994	\$870,000
28794 Hillaire St	6/2025	4bed/2.5bath 2359sqft	5.11	1957	\$736,000
27645 Snyder Rd #35	6/2025	2bed/2bah 1495sqft	PARK	2024	\$187,000
90937 Alvadore Rd	6/2025	2bed/2bath 1358sqft	5	1972	\$545,000

Closed Sales



Inventory in Months

	2024	2025	2026
January	3.2	2.8	4.0
February	2.3	3.1	
March	2.0	2.8	
April	2.4	2.9	
May	2.0	2.8	
June	2.6	3.0	
July	2.5	2.8	
August	2.5	2.8	
September	3.2	2.8	
October	3.0	2.5	
November	2.9	3.2	
December	2.5	2.7	

Wyatt Born 2005



Two Alpaca Neighbors looking for Great Homes
Contact Judy 541-743-1244 (gelded males)

Average and Median Sale Price



WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS

All Areas Jan. 30 - Feb. 5, 2026

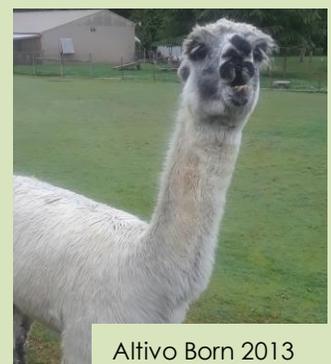
These statistics, covering all areas tracked by RMLS, reflect the listed week above. The percentage change is in comparison to the previous week.

- 868 NEW LISTINGS (+8.2%)
- 97 Days TIME ON MARKET (-1.0%)
- 4,363 PENDING SALES (+2.8%)
- \$536,200 AVERAGE SALE PRICE (+2.7%)
- 306 CLOSED SALES (-4.4%)
- \$489,500 MEDIAN SALE PRICE (+3.2%)



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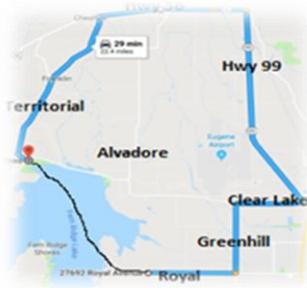
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The Alvadore Newsletter is created by Cheryl Chambers and staff with the intention of bringing our community together.

If you have question, comments, suggestion or are looking to buy or sell a home, I am never too busy to take your call.

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Alvadore Community EASTER EGG HUNT

April 4th @ 11am Don't Be Late

@ Alvadore Christian Church

Want to Help?

**Donate: Raffle Baskets and Candy - no later than March 27th @
The Alvadore Christian Church, Fern Ridge Market & Alvadore Store**

Prep: March 28th @ 1pm at the Community Center – Fill Eggs Etc.

**Day Of: Show up to Help 9am on April 4th
@ The Alvadore Christian Church and we will put you to work**

Sponsored by Alvadore Lions - We can't do it without your help!

Questions Call 541-689-4621