



Political fireworks aren't the only thing that happens in Albany!

4th of July fireworks at the Plaza By Kim Srock

Come discover one of the oldest cities in the United States; Albany, as New York's Capital City on the Hudson River looks forward to a great 2011.

for a new view of New York's Capital. Or just want to take a stroll? Download our newest Albany Walking Tour to your mobile device and learn about our 400 year history at your own pace.

This summer we invite you to discover a variety of exciting events. Start off with the Fabulous 4th Celebration at the Empire State Plaza. It's an afternoon and evening of entertainment crafts and food topped off by dazzling fireworks on the Empire State Plaza. While you're there be sure to visit the NYS Museum with its moving tribute to our country through the September 11 exhibit. Did you know that Albany is the site of the First Shaker Settlement in the United States? Long known for their quality furniture and crafts, the Shaker Heritage Site hosts 2 craft shows in the summer and fall. Sports enthusiasts can cheer on the Giants at the New York Giants Football Training Camp at the University at Albany. Finally, end your summer with cool water and hot jazz at the Albany Riverfront Jazz Festival.

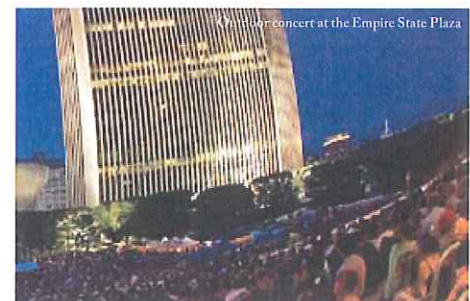
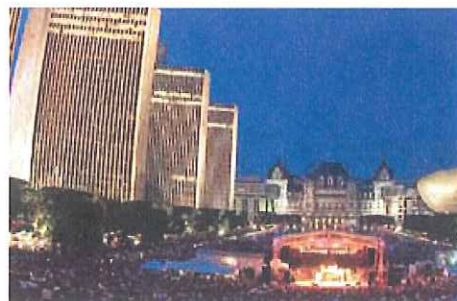
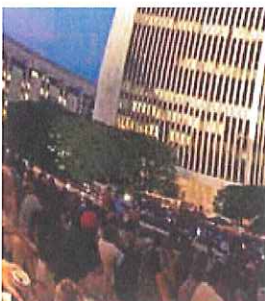
Join us throughout the year as we revisit our past and share a future of continued discovery. For dates and more information on these exciting events, please visit www.albany.org or call the Albany County Convention & Visitors Bureau at (800) 258-3582 or (518) 434-1217.



Albany Aqua Ducks "Splashdown"

And there are many "only in Albany" attractions that will make you proud to be a New Yorker. The Albany Institute of History and Art was founded in 1791 and is older than the Smithsonian. Its collections trace the history, heritage and art of the Hudson Valley. The USS Slater is the only WWII Navy destroyer Escort ship still afloat. Taking a tour is like stepping back to 1944. Want to see the Hudson River in a whole new light, try an Albany Aqua Ducks tour. After driving on Albany's historic streets, splash down in the Hudson

- Albany County Convention & Visitors Bureau
www.albany.org
 Giants Football Training Camp (July-August, 2011)
www.albanynsports.com
 Riverfront Jazz Festival (September 10, 2011)
www.albanyevents.org
 Shaker Summer Craft Fair (July 9-10, 2011) Fall Harvest Shaker Craft Fair (September 10-11, 2011)
www.shakerheritage.org
 USS Slater (open for tours Wed.-Sunday)
www.ussslater.org
 Albany Institute of History and Art (open for tours and programs Tues. - Sunday)
www.albanyinstitute.org
 New York State Museum (open Mon. - Sat.)
www.nysm.nysed.gov
 Albany Aqua Ducks (tours daily)
www.albanyaquaducks.com



Concert at the Empire State Plaza