

EUZKALDUNAK 2 MAIATZA

Monthly Member Newsletter

REOPENING OF THE BASQUE CENTER

In March of 2020, the Euzkaldunak Board and Basque Foundation had to make difficult decisions and take action to keep our community safe as this crisis unfolded.

Since then, we have been closely monitoring local, state, and national health guidelines and regulations regarding COVID-19; we continue to act with our members' and the larger community's safety in mind.

The Board of Directors is pleased to announce the reopening of the Basque Center Bar and Cardroom on Thursday, May 6, 2021.

The following restrictions will be in place:

- Initially open only from Thursday to Sunday, 2:00 to 10:00 PM
- Face coverings that completely cover the nose and mouth while indoors are required
- Seating will be limited to 50% of capacity
- The CDC's social distancing guidelines of 6ft or more will be in place

As always, the board will continue to monitor the situation and make appropriate decisions on increasing or decreasing hours of operation.

MAY 16 CURBSIDE PICKUP MAY DINNER

The Basque Center will hold a Curbside Pickup May "monthly dinner" on Sunday, May 16, from 4:30 PM to 6:00 PM. This dinner will be hosted by the Euzkaldunak Board of Directors and friends and prepared by Chef Jesus Alcelay.

Cars will drive through Grove Street, stop in front of the Basque Center, and meals will be taken directly to the cars. Alternatively, it will also be possible to walk in to pick up the meals; a line will be organized in front of the Basque Center where masks and social distancing will be required.

Curbside Pickup May Dinner Menu:

Tossed Salad Oñati Shrimp Pil-Pil Basque Pork Chops with Pimientos Patatas Riojanas with Chorizos Homemade Bread and Butter Rice Pudding

Curbside Pickup Dinner Price \$15.00 per meal

Online Reservations

Please make your curbside pickup dinner reservations on the Basque Center website, at www.basquecenter.com/may-monthly-dinner/. If you are unable to make your reservation online, please call in your reservation to 208-572-0604.

The deadline for dinner reservations is Wednesday, May 12, at 8:00 PM, but we invite you to make your reservation as soon as possible to help with logistics.

EUZKALDUNAK LEGACY AWARD

In 2001, the Euzkaldunak Board introduced the Legacy Award. This award is given to individuals who have exhibited a long-term commitment to the goals of Euzkaldunak. Nominations for the 2021 Legacy Award are now open. If you would like to nominate someone, please write a short letter with the nominee's name and a description of their accomplishments, and either email it to president@basquecenter.com or give it to any current board member. The board will review the nominations and the recipients will be announced later in the year.

YOUTH ART CONTEST

The Basque Museum is hosting it first ever Youth Art Contest! This competition is open for anyone from ages 3–18. Entries will be accepted from May 2–28, and art will be displayed in the Museum Gallery from June 8–25. The theme of this contest is to "Explore what culture means to you through art." Participants will receive museum entry, ribbons, and even cash prizes for certain categories! For information on entry guidelines, age groups, rules, coloring pages, and more visit the Basque Museum Facebook page or website and look for "Art Competition 2021" under the Learn tab.

BOISE STATE BASQUE STUDIES

Basque Studies at Boise State offers an exciting variety of weekend workshops, Basque language and culture courses, Basque language certificates, a Basque Cultural Studies certificate and even a Basque Studies Minor. Thanks to our generous donors, we are able to offer both need-based and merit-based scholarships to qualified students. This year, qualifying students enrolled in our courses have been awarded scholarship funds ranging from \$265 to \$5,500.

Are you looking for a school to send your student? Are you a student who is looking for a school where you can grow as a person and learn about your Basque heritage? What about joining Basque Studies at Boise State? For more information, get in touch with us!

Professors Nere Lete (<u>nlete@boisestate.edu</u>) and Ziortza Gandarias (<u>ziortzagandarias@boisestate.edu</u>).





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2021 NABO UDALEKU POSTPONED

NABO's Udaleku 2021 in Bakersfield, California has been postponed until summer 2022. NABO organizers are aware that a number of youths have missed one or two years of Udaleku eligibility and therefore are considering ways to accommodate those students in 2022. Some ideas include expanding the age range for Udaleku (usually age 10-15) or a special Udaleku just for those affected by the COVID-19 cancellations of Udaleku 2020 and 2021. Watch this newsletter for more information as it becomes available.

2021 ATEAK IREKI POSTPONED

Ateak Ireki is an exchange program that provides youth (age 16-25) from the Basque diaspora in the US the opportunity to live, learn and experience real life in the Basque Country today. The first exchange was planned for June 2020, but the pandemic caused the organizers to postpone. Unfortunately, given the continued impact of COVID-19, organizers are unable to host the program in 2021. They now plan to hold the 3-week immersion program in June/July 2022. Those who registered or were waitlisted for the program in 2020 will be given the first slots available to participate in 2022. Stay tuned for more information.

EUZKALDUNAK PHOTOS WANTED

Do you have photos from past Euzkaldunak events? We are interested in any pictures that capture our rich history. They can include photos from local events like Jaialdi, San Inazio, Sheepherders Ball, monthly dinners, etc., or anything that involves our member activities like Boiseko Gazteak, Txantxangorriak, Aiztan Artean, or Oinkari Dancers. Historical photos of the Basque Center facility are always appreciated as well. Your submissions will be digitally scanned and placed on the website. If you have photos to share, please contact Ed Orbea at photos@basquecenter.com.



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Basque Center History Corner: the current state of the facility

The monthly "history corner" column is written by members of the Basque Center Renovation Committee, a cross-section of Euzkaldunak members who meet every other month with the express purpose of creating a path forward to a renovated Basque Center. This month's "history corner" will focus not so much on the past but on the present-day conditions of the Basque Center.

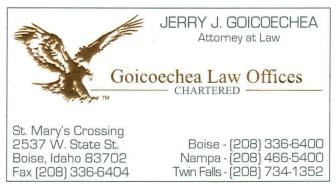
We know how important the Center has been to the countless generations of Boise Basques before us, and our unique gathering space is an important part of how we practice our "Basqueness." The purpose of a renovation plan is to ensure that the Basque Center remains a vibrant, modernized place for Euzkaldunak members in many generations to come. This isn't the first committee that has been formed to investigate renovation, and we're using the findings of previous investigations to guide our way forward.

The Renovation Committee has been meeting periodically since the beginning of 2020, and part of our investigation has been a current inventory of repairs that the Basque Center building desperately needs. These must-fix issues include (grouped by area of building):

Basement

- Non-ADA compliant bathrooms
- Old finishes, peeling paint, and falling ceiling tiles
- Dim lighting
- Insufficient storage for tables, chairs and other equipment
- Insufficient daylighting (single-pane windows)
- Low level of accessibility from main hall
- Limited external (outside) access
- Sump pump issues
- sub-par heating/cooling







History Corner (cont'd)

Basement Kitchen

- Old equipment and appliances
- Crowded layout of refrigerators
- Lack of storage and work surfaces
- Exhaust fan not up to current building/safety code
- Improper heating/cooling
- Old lighting fixtures
- Plumbing issues

Main Hall

- Old finishes on walls, floors and ceiling
- Old lighting fixtures
- Severe lack of storage for tables, chairs and other equipment
- Insufficient daylighting (single-pane windows)
- Outdated and complex A/V system
- Outdated heating/cooling

Bar

- Bathrooms are not ADA compliant or accessible
- Old finishes on walls, floors and ceiling
- Dim, outdated lighting
- Lack of storage
- No daylighting
- Congested traffic flow through to main hall
- Congested traffic flow up to card room

Exterior

- Sub-optimal accessibility to/from Bar
- Sub-optimal accessibility to/from Main Hall

The unfortunate thing is, this list of must-do items above is just the bare minimum needed to keep the Center hobbling along in its current state.

If we made these improvements and nothing else, it would help keep the facility condition from worsening. But it wouldn't solve the root problem: the Basque Center is a very old building, and aside from adding an elevator and remodeling the bar and

restrooms, not much has been done construction-wise on the interior since the 1950s.

Elsewhere in this newsletter, you'll read about all the construction and renovation happening in the neighborhood around the Basque Block. To ensure we will continue to have a center for future generations to come, we need to keep pace with the community as it changes around us.

That's why the Renovation Committee is working on behalf of the Euzkaldunak board to investigate design concepts, cost estimates, and funding options for a much-needed Basque Center renovation. It's also why we write a monthly History Corner – if members are connected and engaged with the Basque Center's rich, storied history, we will all be more likely to care about keeping it in good condition so that future generations can continue to make more memories and more history.

Questions about the state of the facility or the renovation plan? Send an email to BC.Rennovations@gmail.com.



GOIAN BEGO ~ REST IN PEACE

The Euzkaldunak board would like to add a list to our newsletter whereby we print the names of our members and charter members who have recently passed. If you know of an Euzkaldunak member who has passed, please send us their name so we can honor them in print.

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basquemuseum.eus - check for latest updates!

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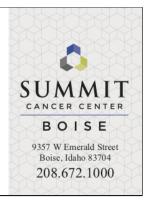
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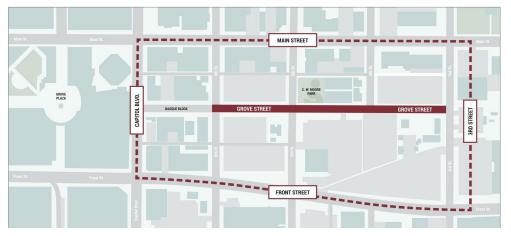
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If you don't see your birthday during your birthday month and would like it to show up on this list, please email secretary@basquecenter.com so it can be added to our database.

CITYSCAPE AROUND THE BASQUE CENTER

Over the last year due to the COVID-19 pandemic, people's traditional social activity waxed and waned, especially due to lockdowns or other mitigations. Regardless, many construction projects close to the Basque Center have continued despite the pandemic. If you are one of the people who have stayed away from downtown Boise and Basque Block, here is a list of projects that will impact the cityscape that you'll see when you return to the Basque Center.



Grove St / Old Boise Blocks Streetscape

The Old Boise Blocks on Grove Street consists of eight city blocks along the east end of Grove St., adjacent to Boise's downtown core. The project area includes properties on the east side of 3rd Street to Capitol Boulevard and is bounded by Main & Front Streets on the north and south.

Within this project area, particular focus is given to Grove Street itself between 3rd & 5th Streets and the properties immediately adjacent to the street.

The history of Boise's Grove Street tells us a great deal about the history of the city itself. Grove Street was one of the originally platted streets on the city's first plat in 1864. Historic Sanborn Fire Insurance maps show that the street's original alignment was slightly to the north of the current street between 4th & 10th. The city widened Grove Street three times before 1903 and has since extended it west to 16th Street.

Historical records illustrate significant trends in urban development along its length, from a mixed-use residential area with lush tree groves to a commercial neighborhood dominated by the automobile industry in the mid-20th century. Today, the street is home again to residents and is beginning its return to a dense, mixed-use corridor. In examining the history of Grove Street, five themes emerge that help describe the street's history as well as the history of the city overall: Mixed Use, Irrigation, Transportation, Industry and Neighborhood.



512 W Grove St

Mixed-use 3 story office/mercantile building at 113 S 5th St. Project is under same ownership as 5th & Grove and 6th & Grove projects currently under construction and will serve 2 small professional offices and a ground floor mercantile tenant.



270 E Myrtle St

7-story, mixed-use building at 270 East Myrtle St will include 243 apartments, plus parking and 1st floor retail space.

116 S 6th St

The Lucy / Thomas Logan Apartments is a multi-family housing, office and retail space project at 116 S 6th St. This will be two separate projects under common ownership. A 7-story building at 6th & Grove will feature 50 apartment units, with the majority provided to residents making 60% of average median income and below. The building will also include office space and ground-floor retail. A separate 6-story building at 5th & Grove is also being built and will include 114 apartments, as well as ground-floor retail. The two projects will be linked by an urban courtyard.



4th & Idaho St

Mixed-use 13-story tower at the corner of 4th St. & Idaho St will include 100 apartments, 5 floors of parking with 420 spaces, and 6,000 square feet for retail or a restaurant on the first floor.



323 W Broad St

Mixed-use 7-story building at 323 W Broad. The Hearth (formerly The Cartee) will include apartments, parking and 1st floor retail space.



600 W Front St

Currently under construction is The Vanguard, an 8-story, mixed-use building at 600 W Front St to include 72 residential units, 1st floor retail and bicycle parking.



Block between Grove, Front, 3rd & 5th Streets
The Ada County Board of Commissioners met with
the Capital City Development Corporation to
discuss redeveloping the block bordered by Grove
and Front to the south and north, and 3rd and 5th
to the east and west. It's currently unknown what
kind of development could come to the area, but
CCDC is considering commercial office space,
retail, housing, and an additional public parking
garage.

A triangle-shaped lot owned by Ada County, currently used for parking, takes up a large portion of the area. It also contains the CW Moore building, a multi-story office building with Zee's Rooftop Cafe on the roof, as well as parking lots surrounding the tower, a gravel lot and a small, older apartment complex.



200 W Myrtle St

A mixed-use 7-story building at 200 W Myrtle St., Boise Caddis will contain 173 apartments and 400 parking spaces (Ada County plans to purchase the parking garage from developer) for general use, retail & commercial space.



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BASQUE CENTER RENTAL

To inquire about renting the Basque Center for a function or meeting, please contact Albert Totorica, Basque Center Rental Manager, at rentals@basquecenter.com, visit www.basquecenter.com/rentals, or call 208-331-5097. Euzkaldunak members receive discounted rental rates.

NEWSLETTER INFORMATION

If you have information that you would like to include in the **June 2021 newsletter**, please send your submission to newsletter@basquecenter.com by **Monday, May 17**. For mailing address changes, contact Patty Gabica at secretary@basquecenter.com.

2021 EUZKALDUNAK EVENTS

(all dates below are pending city, county, and state COVID-19 restrictions)

07/30 - 08/01 - San Inazio 11/06/21 - November Morzilla Dinner, Bazaar & Bingo

09/18/21 - September Dinner 12/05/21 - Children's Christmas Party

10/16/21 - October Dinner 12/18/21 - December Dinner & Sheepherders Ball

10/24/21 - Children's Halloween Party 01/29/22 - Annual Membership Meeting

