



# Welcome to your Museum

The Louisville Historical Museum isn't just one building, it's a campus — providing access to **three historic buildings** — and a collection of over 21,000 items.



Start your visit at the historic **Jacoe Store**, 1001 Main Street. Built around 1905-6, it was a grocery store owned by Eliseo and Ann Jacoe from 1923 to 1958, and features a Coca-Cola sign on its south side. When you visit, you will see exhibits on the commercial life of historic Louisville including the original Rex Theatre curtain from 1927-8. Staff in this building can introduce you to the other parts of campus.



The **Jordinelli House** was built around 1904 and now features information on the civic life of Louisville. It houses a fascinating replica model of the commercial district of Louisville as it looked between 1895 and 1920. The Jordinelli family used the Summer Kitchen, located in the center of the campus, during the summer to keep their house cooler.



Built around 1904, the **Tomeo House** serves as the Museum's center for domestic life in Louisville. It was the home of Felix and Michelena Tomeo, and later, Grace Rossi and her six children. It has two bedrooms and a kitchen, but never had a bathroom or running water!

In a recent issue of *5280 Magazine*, a highlight piece on Louisville recommended that “**if you do one thing**” while in town, visit the Louisville Historical Museum.

# Our Community LOVES its Museum

- There were **4,177 visitors to the Museum in 2018**
- 31 Museum public programs averaged **67 visitors**
- Memberships reached new levels, with a total of **862 paying Museum members**.

An informal survey conducted by the City of Louisville in the fall of 2018 shows **fantastic Museum ratings**:

- 94% of respondents gave the Museum an “excellent” or “good” rating for programs and events
- 95% of respondents gave a positive rating for *The Louisville Historian*, a quarterly Member newsletter
- 98% of respondents gave a positive rating to visitor tours
- 96% rated overall performance of the Museum as “excellent” or “good”

## Numerically Speaking

**21,150** Items in the Museum’s permanent collection

**14,426** Articles from *The Louisville Times* now online

**4,200** Images accessible 24/7 in the online collection

**350** Historic building reports written by Museum staff

**200** Hours of oral history interviews filmed since 2009

**125** Dollars per year for a business sponsorship

**40** Museum volunteers

**35** Dollars per year for a family membership

**20** Open hours each week (10am-3pm Tue, Wed, Fri, Sat)

**20** Dollars per year for an individual membership

**16** Hours of oral history interviews on YouTube

**5** Historic structures on the Museum campus

**2** City staff members who work in the Museum

**0** Cost of admission to the Museum

## Room for Improvement

Respondents noted the only need for improvement was the Museum campus: visitors would like to see improved work and meeting spaces, more exhibits and ADA accessibility.

This **supports efforts underway by the City to investigate ideas for updating or expanding the buildings** to accommodate the collection, create more exhibit space and gathering spaces for visitors and school children, and comfortable access for everyone regardless of ability.

## Support the Museum

Use the **included envelope** to donate to the Louisville History Foundation or to become a Museum member.

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