

Remaking Loveland's Museum



Seattle architect Kirsten Murray's design for expanding the Loveland Museum/Gallery puts showcase windows into three vaulted floors – equivalent to a four-story building – at the museum's current downtown location at Fifth Street and Lincoln Avenue.

Expansion design brings new energy to museum's future

If art is a linchpin of Loveland's brand, and few would suggest it is not, then the brand is showing some wear at the corner of Fifth Street and Lincoln Avenue.

A generation has passed since the Loveland Museum/Gallery expanded on that corner in 1992, opening new indoor space and the Peters Park outdoor garden.

The City's growth since then, plus an intensified focus on the arts as a prime driver of Loveland's economy, point to the need for

another big push, outward and upward, to add space.

A design by Seattle architecture firm Olson Kundig that has art museums among its design specialties would take the museum literally to new heights without expanding its current downtown footprint.

The case for expansion by 26,000 square feet is made partly through a rising number of museum visitors who find in Loveland what they will not anywhere else in Colorado.

"The number of people coming here from Denver, Boulder and way beyond to see what we have is really amazing," said Kris Ortmann, chairwoman of the Cultural Services Board, the citizen

advisory group that helps chart museum policy.

Beyond expectations

"Loveland has some wonderful facilities – the Chilson center, the library – but we don't have people driving up from Denver to work out at the Chilson. What we have here, and what this great staff has been able to put on display, is far beyond what people would expect in a city this size."

A series of annual high-profile exhibits this year features "A Collector's Vision," including works by Pablo Picasso, Marc Chagall, Henri Matisse and Joan Miró. The private collector's assemblage of 90 works by the four artists is rarely on public view.

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It is that kind of drawing power, and the museum's staff's rare success in putting together equally ambitious exhibits every year, that will provide some leverage to pay the approximate \$15 million cost of the proposed expansion.

And, that is just the art.

History's places

The Loveland Museum, as it likely will be officially renamed without the /Gallery, is also the rich repository of Loveland's historic and cultural artifacts.

That collection is so vast – 35,000 items – that the museum last year purchased a 16,000 square-foot warehouse to house valuable objects that the museum's space limitations can't accommodate.

Lead architect Kirsten Murray, a principal and owner at Olson Kundig, embedded with the museum staff and members of the Loveland community for weeks prior to tackling her design.

Her plan for the three-story makeover takes the museum's walls out to the street, puts the treasured outdoor space 40 feet up on the

'This' is in Loveland?

Susan Ison, the City's Director of Cultural Services for 35 years, is known for taking posts at the Loveland Museum/Gallery's front desk on busy weekends. Mostly, it is because she likes what she hears.

"One of our favorite quotes, one we hear again and again, is, 'I can't believe this is in Loveland,'" she said. "It's a great compliment, in sort of a backhanded way."

When a showing of the works of Francisco Goya was on display in 2013, the museum gathered geographic data from more than 1,200 of the 6,000 visitors who viewed the exhibit. More than two-thirds were from Colorado locations outside Loveland.

Museum patron Doug Erion said the museum staff's success in showcasing major art exhibits on a regular basis is an economic boon for the City.

"We're really a big-city museum, with big-city shows, right here in little ol' Loveland," he said.

Open House dates put plan on public view

Public open houses in January will give community members a chance to see the preliminary design for the Loveland Museum expansion and, more important, to take part in a visioning process to guide how the new space would be best used.

Details:

- 5-9 p.m., Friday, Jan. 13 at the Foote Gallery of the Loveland Museum, northwest corner of Fifth Street and Lincoln Avenue.
- 10 a.m. – 1 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 28, also at the Foote Gallery, in connection with "Museum LIVE," the family-friendly opportunity to explore Loveland history.



Existing mature trees remain part of the plan for the expanded Loveland Museum.

rooftop, and features dramatic floor-to-ceiling window displays on the second floor providing a street-view look at what's inside. Large, Tiffany-style window boxes on the first floor do the same.

New programs

The additional space will also accommodate new programming, including:

- A gallery dedicated to showcasing the works of local artists.
- Permanent exhibits, including "Foundations," a collection of works by icons of American sculpture.
- A 200-seat auditorium for lectures, films and educational presentations.
- The hands-on "Children's Exploration Zone," bringing the City's next generation to an exploration of art, history and science.

The rooftop plaza and community space, a café, gift shop and expanded lobby area are part of the design.

And, new technology regulating indoor climate and security

features will allow the museum to bring exhibits that have declined invitations for those reasons in the past.

Loveland philanthropist and museum benefactor Doug Erion, who funded the architectural work, said he hoped the new programs that are built into the design will help provide leverage for a public and private collaboration to see the project through.

"There's probably some private money out there for this, but the City is going to have to step up," he said. "The City Council has chosen to keep pushing this further down the line every time, and that's been frustrating for me."

New educational and "experiential" components that the design incorporates, such as the Exploration Zone, will provide new ways to sell both the community and its elected officials on the necessity to fund it, Erion said.

"The education side alone – it can't be done just by the schools," he said. "It has to be done by the entire community."

Long-dormant Pulliam Community Building renovation plan finds new life

The future of the Pulliam Community Building on Cleveland Avenue between Fifth and Sixth streets in downtown Loveland has been a simmering topic for the past several years, with plans to renovate the 1930s-era monument securely on a back burner.

At an Oct. 11 City Council study session, councilmembers informally aligned with a proposal to move the project ahead, and as this edition of City Update was ready for press an agreement between the City and a private nonprofit group was being negotiated, and tentatively set for review at a Dec. 6 City Council meeting.

The Pulliam Building is a product of the Depression-Era Works Progress Administration program to provide much-needed jobs via the construction of civic projects, usually through public/private ventures.

While its useful life as a performance venue and movie theater is long gone, its future as a community center is revived by the proposed operating partnership between the City and the Pulliam Building Foundation.



The Pulliam Building dating from 1937 will remain a downtown landmark with renovation.

Draft terms of the agreement specified a two-phase process for upgrading the building. The first phase would include upgrades backed by a 75/25 match with the City, the City's 75 percent share not to exceed \$1.5 million, subject to City Council appropriation. The work would focus on the auditorium.

Phase 2 expenses would be covered under a 50/50 match, with the City contribution capped

at \$1 million in any calendar year and \$2.5 million total, subject to Council appropriation.

While the first-phase work would cover most of the auditorium needs, the second phase would address building-wide issues including among other items ADA access, rehabilitation of main entrance, roof repair or replacement, restoration of original doors, kitchen improvements, landscaping and lighting.

Loveland residents rate City services favorably on 2016 Quality of Life survey

The City of Loveland has administered a Quality of Life Survey annually since 2004.

For the third consecutive year, an electronic survey was also offered through Open City Hall, the City's internet-based public engagement forum. The mailed and online surveys are identical.

Both request demographic information and seek feedback on 24 statements about City services and amenities. Both also provide an opportunity to submit written comments.

The data gathered are analyzed by City leaders to identify issues, trends and topics for discussion.

Perennially popular with residents:

- Reliable electricity, parks/trails/open lands show ratings in the upper 90s.
- Community safety, recycling/trash services; fire protection also in the 90s.

A record 1,202 citizen responses

Direct-mail, hardcopy survey:

- 3,000 randomly selected Loveland households
- 756 returned forms
- 270 handwritten comments

Online, through Open City Hall portal

- 10,000+ emailed invitations
- 446 completed surveys
- 390 extensive written comments

Repeat performances:

- Ratings in the 80s for police services, art enjoyment opportunities, drinking water quality, library services, community events/festivals, street surfaces, recreational opportunities.

Citizens convey need for improvement:

- Job creation/attraction: Rating of 33 from online respondents, 38 from the mailed survey group.
- Providing transportation alternatives (buses, bike lanes, sidewalks): Rating of 48 from online group, 53 from hardcopy respondents.

To learn more go to www.cityofloveland.org/QOLsurvey.

Recycle your X-mas tree

Give your Christmas tree a second life as beneficial mulch.

Please remove all decorations including tinsel, lights, wire and other artificial items, and drop the tree off at one of these drop off sites:



- Centennial Park - 977 W. 1st St.
- Kroh Park - 5200 N. Garfield Ave.

Trees can be dropped off from sun-up to sundown from Dec. 21 through Jan. 21, 2017.

Trees can also be taken to the City's Recycling Center, 962-2529.

For more information go to www.cityofloveland.org/treerecycling or call 962-2727.



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week. A red square  indicates a City holiday - collection runs one day late for the remainder of the week after the holiday. If you have

questions call 962-2529, check the WASTE WIZARD app, or go to www.cityofloveland.org/solidwaste.

2017 RECYCLE COLLECTION CALENDAR

JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
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JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
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LCCC and LWP partner to help low-income families save water and energy

On average, low-income households spend a greater portion of their living expenses on utility costs than their non-low-income peers.

In an effort to reach out to low-income households and help keep the cost of living low for all customers, Loveland Water and Power (LWP) will be partnering with the Larimer County Conservation Corps (LCCC)—Energy and Water Assessment Program for the seventh season.

Operational in Loveland since 2011, the LCCC offers free home efficiency assessments to LWP and Fort Collins Utilities customers.

The assessment includes a basic inspection of insulation, appliances, windows, toilets and heating/cooling systems.

Assessments pay off

If needed the Corps will install water conserving showerheads and aerators, smoke/carbon monoxide detectors, clotheslines, CFL bulbs and programmable

thermostats.

“While we have a great comprehensive audit program for residents (please see www.encyclopedia.com for more information) the outcome of that program tends to include larger home upgrades such as air conditioning replacements or insulation. Not everyone may be able to afford those types of upgrades or they may not be an option for renters,” said

Water and Energy Program by the numbers

Since we partnered with Larimer County in 2011, we have...

Assessed:

- 1454 Households

Installed:

- 1051 Showerheads
- 1997 Bathroom Aerators
- 879 Kitchen Aerators
- 333 Toilet Tank Bags
- 441 Clotheslines
- 278 Thermostats
- 13,839 CFL Lightbulbs
- 601 LED Lightbulbs



A Corps team member installs a water-saving shower head to reduce water use.

Lindsey Bashline, LWP’s program manager. “The Energy and Water Assessment allows us to make contact with residents, show them they still have control of their utility costs and get some savings measures installed right then and there.”

Funded in partnership with Larimer County Workforce, LWP and Fort Collins Utilities, the seasonal program will be available through April 2017.

To learn more about the Larimer County Energy and Water Assessment Program, call 970-498-6081 or visit larimerworkforce.org/energy.

Help a neighbor in-need keep the lights and water on this holiday season

Looking for a way to give back to the community this holiday season? The Help-A-Neighbor-in-Distress or HAND Program helps keep City water and electric services turned on for people in-need who face a loss of utility service due to an unpaid City utility bill.

Contributions from Loveland Water and Power, local businesses and community members help fund the HAND program.

The City of Loveland’s Utility Billing Office partners with The House of Neighborly Service (HNS), a local non-profit agency, to administer the program.

The Utility Billing Office refers customers to HNS, which issues a voucher for utility bill payment to qualifying applicants.

HNS accepts and processes applications, provides referrals, and can also help people make connections with other local area agencies that can provide additional support.

Loveland residents can contribute to the HAND



Program by making a one-time contribution in any amount, or by setting up a recurring, monthly contribution.

Since 1995, the HAND Program has had a positive impact on the lives of many families in our community. Every year hundreds of families receive help from the HAND program.

Please extend your helping hand. By joining together, we can make Loveland a better place to live for everyone.

To apply, donate, or if you have questions on Help-A-Neighbor-in-Distress / HAND, please call Loveland’s Utility Billing Office at 962-2111.

Light up the season by making the switch to energy-efficient LED lighting

As you begin to deck the halls this holiday season you may find that some of your holiday lights are damaged or burned out.

Loveland Water and Power (LWP) encourages residents to recycle their old unusable holiday lights and make the switch to light emitting diodes (LED's) for both indoor and outdoor decorative lighting.

LED's are available in a wide variety of shapes, colors and sizes. They are very durable and last up to ten times longer than their standard counterparts.

When purchasing, customers should look for the Energy Star logo. Energy Star bulbs consume up to 70 percent less energy than incandescent bulbs, making LED's *the most* energy-efficient way to decorate this holiday season.



When getting rid of any kind of old holiday lights, residents can easily recycle them.

Discarding light strands into the trash sends them to the landfill where toxic elements in the old bulbs can pose hazards to wildlife and the environment.

Both old-fashioned incandescents and LED holiday lights are recyclable. Please bring old lights to the Recycling Center at 400 N. Wilson Ave.

For more information on recycling holiday lights or any other items, call the Recycling Center at 962-2529.

The City's aging manholes are undergoing needed repair and rehabilitation

More than 8,700 active manholes throughout the City provide access to Loveland's underground sewer system.

Some of the manholes were installed in the 1900's and are in serious need of rehabilitation and repair.

Manhole structures are one of the basic building blocks of a sewer collection system, defining much of the underground infrastructure by linking pipes together.

As a manhole deteriorates working conditions worsen and groundwater can infiltrate the

sewer system.

In an effort to reinvest in our sewer collection system, LWP identified 150 manholes that were in need of urgent attention.

These sometimes century-old manholes, located primarily in the downtown area, were mostly constructed of bricks and mortar.

Over time the bricks in the manholes had become loose and were starting to crumble.

The first step in the repair process was to patch areas where the bricks and grout were damaged or missing. Crews then sprayed a coat of calcium aluminate cement to cover the entire manhole. Calcium aluminate cement is resistant to the hydrogen sulfide gases in wastewater, which, over time, corrode concrete structures.



The rehabilitated manhole will now better withstand the elements due to a new coating which seals the old brick.

This project is one of many positive approaches LWP is taking to address and manage our aging infrastructure. So positive in fact that the utility plans to rehabilitate another set of sewer manholes next year.



This old manhole, constructed of bricks and mortar, was in serious need of repair.