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City of Eustis is making exciting changes to the historic Clifford House

EUSTIS – Exciting changes are planned as the historic Clifford House transitions from the Eustis Historical Museum Board to the City of Eustis. Eustis Historical Museum Board volunteers gave their time for many years to keep the 1911 former private home and the adjacent Citrus Museum open to visitors.

The City's Events and Tourism team, led by Miranda Muir, have started the process of evaluating and re-tooling the interior of the Clifford House. The City recently received a \$500 donation from Ace Hardware in Eustis to assist in funding the project.

"The Clifford House is such a vital and visible landmark in our beautiful city, and the City Commission is delighted that it will be preserved and protected for future generations," said Mayor Michael Holland. "The Museum is an important part of our history and will serve as a place for learning and a place for celebrations in the coming years."

In addition, the City, under the leadership of Vice-Mayor Emily Lee and Commissioner Nan Cobb, is working to make the exterior of the Clifford House a show piece project through America in Bloom. The City of Eustis joined the America in Bloom organization in 2023, and the goal is to improve vitality and quality of life through beautification. As part of this effort, the City is removing dangerous/diseased trees, trimming healthy trees, and planting new garden beds. The City is also improving access to the site by removing the chain link fence surrounding the property. Other planned exterior improvements include power washing, painting, and a request to the Historic Preservation Commission on March 13, 2024 for a new roof which is in dire need of repair.

A grand opening event is planned for late spring, with additional details and information to follow. For more information, contact the City of Eustis at (352) 483-5470.