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Coronavirus (COVID – 19)

***This is how it all started:** beginning in China before spreading throughout the entire world. COVID – 19, a flu-like sickness, highly contagious, affected millions and killed more than a hundred thousand Americans in just a few months. In an attempt to slow the sickness, we were told to stay home, businesses were closed, sports events were cancelled, schools were closed and our museum was unable to open due to the disease. It's now June 6th and we still don't know when the Miller House can receive visitors. All other society activities, including programs at the library are on hold, at least thru June. Our city has cancelled the entire July 4th celebration, including the annual parade. Please visit our Website, madeirahs.org and Facebook Madeira Historical Society for updated information.*

***April Tornado**, or just high winds, it doesn't matter, trees fell down throughout the yard and large limbs landed on the Miller House roof. The largest and tallest tree that fell was "the hugging tree", a tree that has delighted Madeira first graders for two decades. The society has contracted to have the trees removed and new roof installed.*



The Miller House suffered severe damage to the roof due to large limbs that fell from surrounding trees. Our own local roofer, the Mattes Roofing Company, will be replacing the roof and gutters. The American flag destroyed by the storm, has been replaced. The flag has been flown at the Miller House since Desert Storm, 1990.

The name “Hugging Tree” was given to the tree by Madeira first graders because of a large, low limb growing from the tree. The falling tree brought down two nearby trees as it was uprooted.



Board Members, and others have been working at the Miller House since the beginning of this year, cleaning, and improving all of the current displays. Happy to say that there will be much new to see when our museum is finally able to reopen, including the restored 1922 kitchen, the updated library, the basket display, the lower level Railroad and Fire Department displays. The upstairs bedrooms have had changes made, the greenhouse has been cleaned and major repairs are planned. Our Museum Director, Liz Frederick, and Carol Heck have been working nonstop since January. Carol serves as our Librarian, Archivist and has been assisting Liz with improvements to the Railroad and Fire Department displays located in the Lower Level. Carol has also been reworking some of our flower beds. Our president, Steve



Ballman, and Board members, Doug Oppenheimer, Bob Bartlett, and Todd Woellner, have assisted Liz and Carol. Special assistance was provided by Carol’s creative daughter, Shelley Heck. They say that the museum has never looked better, and they are right!

<< These two ladies have spent countless hours beginning in January along with their “helpers” getting the museum ready for the day that our governor allows the reopening.

Our President, Steve Ballman, and Vice President, Tim Brock, have asked that members of the society consider helping with tax deductible monetary contributions, due to the unexpected costs incurred because of storm damage. In addition, capital expenditures include exterior painting of the Miller House and driveway replacement. Steve can be reached at 513-561-9069. Your help is always appreciated. Visit our website madeirahs.org for updates and the Miller House reopening date. Please see letter from Steve and Tim.