

THE CELLHOUSE SNITCH



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The Snitch

“I use duct tape to hang stuff on the wall of my cell and to muffle the sound of my cellmate.”

TOURS/EVENTS

I’m going to keep reminding everyone about our tour training. We need everyone to attend; experienced guides and sweeps and new guides and sweeps. Heck, you can attend if you just want to learn more about the Prison.

Saturday 4-13-2024 – Basic Course

Saturday 4-20-2024 - Advanced Course

Saturday 4-27-2024 - Basic Course

Saturday 5-4-2024 - Advanced Course

Classes will be held in the Admin area of the prison, starting at 1PM. Bring a zip drive. Reservations are not necessary. New Guides and Sweeps should also be scheduled, even if you have previously been to training. We are trying to get more consistency in the information we present. We will have several different tools for you to use, based on your preferences.

We also have a major event scheduled for MAY 18, with F.I.S.H OF Carson City. This is going to be a major fundraiser for F.I.S.H, and money maker for NSPPS, and an opportunity to engage more community members in our organization.

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We are going to need every volunteer we can muster. In addition to Saturday, there will be the set-up on Friday the 17th, and clean-up on Sunday the 19th. Our committee members will be carrying out preparation activities in the run up to the event. This will include clearing the grounds, cleaning the tour route, and prepping the museum. We must make this happen and present a quality experience to the attendees. We will need help to set up and clean up. Of course, we are going to need people for the day of the event to be stationed throughout the Prison to tell the story of the location to which they are assigned. We will make sure you have that information before the event.

If you can help us in any way, give our President Maurice White a call or an email. He will then make sure that the appropriate committee chairperson contacts you. Maurice is also a City Supervisor, so he is a busy guy. If you get his voice mail, just leave your name, number, and indicate how you are interested in helping.

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Here is a repeat of the tour date schedule for this year.

MAY Sat. 11th; Sat. 25th; Sun. 26th; Mon. 27th
The 18th is the F.I.S.H Fundraiser
JUNE Sat. 15th; Sat. 29th
JULY Fri. 5th; Sat. 6th; Sat. 27th
AUG Sat. 3rd; Sat. 17th; Sat. 31st
SEP Sun. 1st; Mon. 2nd; Sat. 14th; Sat. 28th
OCT Sat. 5th; Sat. 19th; Fri. 25th; Sun. 27th

Contact Karen Denning to schedule your participation dates.

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The Department of Public Safety has requested the use of the Prison for active shooter training.. They have requested many dates, as it seems that they have expanded their training to include both current staff and trainees. This training is for State Troopers, Parole & Probation Officers, & Capital Police. We don't get any money for this activity as the property still belongs to the State, and this is a super way to build support for our organization withing State Government.

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We need at least one volunteer on the property during the training. The training day is scheduled from 7 am till 5 pm, although it usually does not go till 5. We usually schedule volunteers for a half day, but you can sign up for a full day if you wish. If you are interested in helping facilitate this important public safety training you can contact Glen Whorton at:

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The training dates are: FEB: Wed. 21st
MA: Wed. 6th; Thu. 21st
APR: Wed. 24th
May: Wed. 8th; Mon. 20th
JUN: Thu. 13th; Wed. 26th
JUL: Wed. 10th; Th. 25th
Aug. Wed. 7th; Wed. 21st
Sep. Thu. 12th; Thu. 26th

YARD LABOR CREW & PROJECTS

Lee Perks superintended the HVAC project for the Courthouse. We now have heat and air in the Courthouse, and it will be habitable for future meetings, events, and more comfortable access to the restroom. This was a major project with a lot of time put in by Lee.



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Lee has also submitted requests to the State Historic Preservation Office for the rehabilitation of the:

- Admin stairs, the Cellhouse stairs, and the Tunnel stairs;
- The reroofing of the Admin Building, and the North Wing;
- The siding on the roof access room on the North Wing;
- Edging for the roofs of the Admin Building and the North Wing.

It is hard to overstate the importance of these projects as there are a huge number of leaks in these roofs. Degraded roofs are the greatest threat to the preservation of historic buildings. Lee has also submitted requests for permits for these projects to the State Public Works Division. Additionally, he is advertising for contractors to carry out the projects. These projects will be paid for with the funds provided by the last Legislature.

MUSEUM

Not a lot to report for the museum this month. Our museum staff have been helping on the development of the tour training for the Guides and Sweeps. We have developed a 28-page dialogue and tour que cards. We also worked with Lee on the SHPO requests.

HISTORY Gold Hill News 2-2-1865

This is an interesting story that has been forgotten over the last 159 years. It's a story about a Territorial Warden of NSP who we didn't even know about [even though his tenure in office was for just a few hours long. We're going to have to revise our list of Wardens.

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CARSON DISPATCH.

Outbreak in the State Prison—Mr. Hunter, the Newly Appointed Warden, Wounded—Miller, a Prisoner, Mortally Wounded.

CARSON, Feb. 1, 1865.—An outbreak occurred at the State Prison this evening, between four or five o'clock, while the establishment and prisoners were being turned over to Alex. Hunter, the newly appointed Warden, during which Hunter was severally wounded, and a prisoner from Douglas county, named Miller, mortally wounded. Bob Howland, who has been Warden at the prison for about two years, resigned the position to-day, after which Hunter, of Virginia, was appointed. While he was entering upon his duties, some of the prisoners made a rush upon the guard, and secured pistols, with which they attempted to escape. Hunter succeeded in arresting the ringleader, after which Geo. Kirk, a prisoner, shot Hunter in the left arm, breaking it and shattering the shoulder badly. Lake, one of the guard, then drew his pistol and shot Miller, after which three prisoners, Kirk, Gleason and Donnery, escaped. As they came from Storey county, it is supposed they have gone there to seek assistance from their friends. Citizens are out in all directions in pursuit of the escaped convicts. The Governor called out the troops at Camp Nye who are now guarding the prison, and all the roads in that vicinity. Hunter's wound is severe and painful, but not mortal. Lake's shot struck Miller in the small of the back and came out near the navel.—*Union.*

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