

# Plantation News

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Re-enactors enjoying the coffee and brandy in the dining room of the Historic Carter House

## Historic Carter House Society is approved for 501(C)3 classification

While relaxing at the plantation dining room after a round of golf a small group of women entered into a discussion of how wonderful it was living on the plantation and its rich history. This ambitious group asked the question, how can we capture and preserve all of the wonderful stories surrounding the Carter House and the plantation grounds? Did you know the original name of Carter Plantation was Sycamore Plantation? This was the beginning of the Historic Carter House Society affectionately known as the Sycamore Society.

The board has worked for months applying to the federal government to get a non-profit status which was granted in July. "We have also been working with the the CDD on an agreement that will allow the HCHS to apply for federal grants to refurbish the Carter House as well as the grounds," says Melanie Irwin, president of the Historical Society.

They recently hosted a tea at the Carter House for the ladies attending the annual Civil War re-enactment in Springfield. Following the tea, the men from the re-enactment enjoyed cigars and brandy while Mrs. Irwin regaled them with the history of the Carter House. Several board members and

volunteers dressed in period costumes, assisted with serving and tours. It was a great beginning for the society and for the community as well as Carter Plantation. The Historical Society has big plans and are willing to put in the time to make it happen. Watch for ways to get involved.

### HCHS Board

Melanie Irwin... President  
Carolyn Trevathan... Vice President  
Sharon Lietzke... Secretary  
Vickie Robinson... Director  
Beverly Burgess... Director  
Wanda Loupe..... Director

### Upcoming Events at the Plantation

Oct Nov Dec

Octoberfest at Plantation dining room  
Halloween Party at the Carter House  
CPCA Annual Owner's Meeting  
Sycamore Society Membership Drive  
Christmas Carter House Tours  
Progressive Christmas Party

October 28, 2011  
October 29, 2011  
November 10, 2011  
November 18, 2011  
December 9,10,11  
December 17, 2011

## Upcoming Events from our Golf Professionals

Thank You Bill and  
Andre' for providing  
Carter Plantation with a  
first class pro shop!

October 15th  
Ping Demo day

December TBA  
Annual Pro shop  
Christmas open house

### Sales Sales Sales

Do your Christmas shopping  
at the Pro Shop. Andre will  
be turning over inventory so  
get your Carter Plantation  
and LSU gear for a bargain

### Book a tee time

The golf course is in great  
shape the weather couldn't  
be better. Come and play  
the best course in  
Louisiana!!!



## Get Out of Those Bunkers!

Tired of hitting your approach shot into a green side bunker and taking more than one stroke to get your ball out of the bunker and onto the green? Do green side bunker shots stress you out? You are not alone! The green side bunker shot is probably one of the most unique shots in golf because proper technique is so unlike any other shot that is hit during a round of golf. Here are three tips to lower your stress level!

Check your setup - Wiggle your feet so that you have a stable base in the sand. This will also legally give you a feeling for the texture of the sand so that you can adjust your swing accordingly. Set your club-face so that the bottom groove on your sand wedge points at the big toe on your front foot (left foot for right handers). Finally, be sure that 60% of your weight is tilted towards your front foot. The most common cause of errant bunker shots is from a reverse weight shift because golfers try to scoop the ball out of the bunker.

Swing Keys: Hinge the wrists on the backswing while swinging the arms and be sure to turn on the follow through. Hold your finish to encourage a proper pressure shift to your target side. The swing needs to be firm and rhythmic. Gary Player, one of the greatest bunker players in the history of the game, referred to a bunker shot as similar to striking a match. The match must be struck firmly across the surface in order for it to ignite. Similarly, the sand wedge must "splash" firmly through the sand to throw the ball out of the bunker.

In summary, tilt towards the target, hinge on the backswing, turn on the follow through, and smile as you watch your ball land softly on the green! Go LSU Thanks Andre'

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## Thank You Brian for a Beautiful Golf Course

Carter Plantation golf course has been challenged by many issues during the past year ranging from water leaks to a variety of golf course maintenance matters. I personally want to thank Brian McMinn for his expertise and dedication to the upkeep of Carter Plantation golf course. The course is in excellent shape! It is a pleasure play or just walk the course and enjoy the beauty. Brian, you have a tough job and we are all grateful for all you do!! Thanks





This new landscaping is a result of everyone's efforts at the annual CPCA golf tournament. Thanks Carter Plantationites !!!

## Mind your PC&R's

The above photo is one of many dead trees that need to be taken down!!!

The board has implemented a "Fast Track" provision for violations concerning the mowing of lots and weeding of landscaping. In the past when a violation was identified we would send certified letters allow them 10 days to comply and by then the grass or weeds would be twice as bad. All property owners know their responsibilities and the board is tired of holding their hands. The "Fast Track" provision is as follows: The owner in violation will receive an email with an attachment that not only will describe the violation but include the invoice for the fee or

associated fine. If the violation is not remedied in the 10 day period the CPCA will have the lot mowed or landscape weeded. The fee or fine associated with the violation will be due immediately. If the property owner fails to pay the fee it will be added to the annual HOA dues at the end of the year. Any delinquent balance can result in legal action.

The photos below are just a few of the improvements on the Plantation. Several of the improvements are visible from the golf course and it is quite spectacular.

- Thanks!!
- Guidry's (right)
  - Perry's (bottom left)
  - Bacile's (Middle)
  - Thorpe's (bottom right)





## From the Board

Another year is coming to an end. It looks like the CPCA will have another successful year in terms of managing your money. There are many projects the CPCA is considering. However we are being very conservative on where new funds should be spent because of the lingering question of who is the responsible party. We are hopeful Carter Plantation will have a new owner by year end and a lot of these questions should be answered. We hope you have noticed the new landscaping at #11 tee box. This is a result of the funds collected from the CPCA golf tournament. The balance of the proceeds were donated to the Springfield fire department and to the newly formed Historic Carter House Society. Other projects that will need attention in the coming year will be the lights at the front gate. We have been replacing bulbs and repairing the system on a more frequent basis. Many cosmetic and landscaping issues will need to be addressed as well.

We hope to get more aggressive on lot clean up. As we all have noticed there are many trees, brush, and piles of dirt on many of the empty lots. Most of

these lots belong to Nuveen under the care of Sterling. Some of the inattention is understandable but no action is unacceptable. It is very hard to tell individual property owners to maintain their property if the major property owner is not compliant.

The annual homeowners' meeting is scheduled for November 10th. Please plan on attending this important meeting. We have several important issues that need to be addressed if we are to maintain the momentum we have achieved over the past two years. We need a strong board and we need volunteers! It is important we staff the board with community members to make changes and spend money in our best interest. If we can't, we will be forced to hire a company to perform all the functions of the board and that won't be cheap. Please consider serving on the board. This is only the second year the homeowners have had total control of the CPCA so let's keep up the momentum.

The above pictures are areas that need attention on the Plantation. The streets and curbs need attention!!!



We need to have a week of stump removal. Does anyone have any suggestion???? Dead trees and stumps are getting out of control.