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**American
Red Cross**

GIVE THE GIFT OF LIFE

Elite Management Professionals is teaming up with the Red Cross to encourage people to give blood. We will be sponsoring a blood drive on October 5th from 2:00PM-6:30PM at our office. For more details please visit our website www.elite-mgmt.com or call 233-7660. Sign up online at www.redcrossblood.org and click on 'search by sponsor code' & enter 16220.

All donors are automatically entered into drawing to win 1 of 2 pairs of roundtrip Delta Airlines tickets!



Elite Management Professionals **FALL FESTIVAL**



Elite Management Professionals invites your board, committee members, and interested homeowners to attend a fun and educational Fall Festival Seminar. Come enjoy time with others in the HOA Industry. Several local professionals will be speaking on major points of interest for community leaders.

Speakers include: **Tina Frazier Pace**, HOA Attorney, Hatch Little & Bunn

Association Delinquency

Kim Angeli, Insurance Agent, Powell Angeli and Langford Insurance

Association Insurance Coverage

Kevin Giles, Criterium-Giles Engineers

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Food and refreshments will be provided by Backyard Bistro.



When: October 5th, 2010

5:30-8:00

Where: 1401 Sunday Drive

Suite 116

Raleigh, NC 27607

(Directions: Edwards Mill Road to Trinity Road, left onto Sunday Drive, left onto Kingdom Drive.)

RSVP to

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Fall Lawn and Landscape Improvement Tips

Cleaning out and sprucing up your yard are good low-cost alternatives to major home improvement. Whether you hire a professional or have the skills and tools to do it yourself, here are some tips to improve your lawn and landscape this Fall:

Aeration/Seeding: The two step process to improve your lawn

An aeration treatment removes small cores of soil and thatch to allow air, moisture and nutrients to penetrate down to the root zone. The cores brought to the surface contain microorganisms, which help the breakdown of the woody thatch tissue layer just below the lawn's crown. As the thatch layer is broken down, it is converted into organic matter that will then combine with existing soil particles. Also, as the cores begin to breakdown over a period of several weeks, the holes gradually fill in with a mixture of organic matter and soil, and the filled hole allows roots of existing grass plants to spread out and grow deeper, creating a healthier, thicker lawn.

Ideal time for Aeration

Because the aeration process is stressful on lawns, it should only be done during periods just before active growth is expected. For cool season grasses, this would be in early spring or early fall, the 2 times of the year when cool season grasses really grow. During the hot summer months, cool season grasses really slow down in the growing department and this is not a good time to be aerating. Overseeding will fill-in bare or thin spots and help build a thicker lawn faster. The new seed quickly takes root in the freshly aerated lawn and provides new life to your already established grass. As your lawn gets thicker and healthier, your new grass plants help reduce the chance of new weeds sprouting.

Remove and Replace Dead Shrubs and Trees

Take a moment to inspect the exterior of your property. Dead trees and shrubs should be removed to avoid the risk of damage to your property or neighboring property in the event of wind, snow, or ice winter months can bring. Fall is also the perfect time of year to replace any landscape that you have removed.

Enjoy Fall Flowers, Foliage, and Vegetables

Growing fall flowers can enhance landscaping that is already graced by fall foliage trees. If your landscaping lacks such trees altogether, planting fall flowers takes on even greater importance. The color display put on by these annuals and perennials will supplement the non-living fall decorations in your yard, be they carved pumpkins or gourds.

Disposal of Yard Waste

Examples of yard waste include grass clippings, brush, leaves and limbs. Yard waste should be placed in reusable containers, paper bags, or securely tied bundles. Yard waste contained in plastic bags will not be collected. Yard Waste is picked up on the same day that garbage is collected by the City.



Upcoming Seminars and Events

The next **Board Member Seminar** is on November 2, 2010 at 6:30 at our office. This seminar covers roles and responsibilities of the Board, Management Company, and Homeowners along with other important information.

**To sign up contact Dawn Hatcher at
dawnhatcher@elite-mgmt.com or 233-7660.**

Elite Fall Festival & Blood Drive
October 5, 2010

Elite Holiday Open House
December 7, 2010 at 6:00pm

All upcoming seminars and events will be held at the Elite office located at 1401 Sunday Drive, Suite 116 Raleigh, NC 27607

Calendar of Events

October 1, 2010
NC CAI Conference in Charlotte

October 5, 2010
Elite Fall Festival

November 2, 2010
Board Member Seminar

November 25 & 26, 2010
Thanksgiving Holiday (office will be closed)

December 7, 2010
Elite Holiday Open House

December 24-27, 2010
Christmas Holiday (office will be closed)