



SULLIVAN  
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# **SURVIVAL GUIDE**

May 2018 - April 2019



MAY 2018

## THINGS TO DO

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- 🌸 Use Flower Dollars to purchase annuals after the last frost date! The best selection will be available at the beginning of the season. Participating vendors are listed on the back of the Flower Dollars.
- 🌸 Check your water supply. Make sure outdoor spigot and/or rain barrels are ready for use.
- 🌸 Schedule the Renaissance Crew right away! Call or email Carmela Hugel, Horticulture Coordinator at 845-295-2453 or [chugel@sullivanrenaissance.org](mailto:chugel@sullivanrenaissance.org).
- 🌸 The Sullivan Renaissance Volunteer Corps want to help at your next "Power Hour" work session! Call or email Anne-Louise Scandariato, Volunteer Program Manager at 845-295-2405 or [ascandariato@sullivanrenaissance.org](mailto:ascandariato@sullivanrenaissance.org).
- 🌸 Take garden photos and send them for us to post on Social Media! This may help get more volunteers!
- 🌸 Sign up for June's Sullivan Renaissance Gardening Seminar.

### Workday tasks:

- 🌸 Plant perennials and shrubs. Water them deeply.
- 🌸 Weed, Weed, Weed.
- 🌸 Fertilize entire new planting with a slow release fertilizer like granular 10-10-10 or an organic equivalent.
- 🌸 Fertilize annuals in pots and containers weekly using Miracle-Gro™ or any water soluble fertilizer.
- 🌸 Litter pluck areas.
- 🌸 To harden off your seedlings, gradually introduce them to the outdoors. It helps to store your seedlings in trays, at this point, to make transporting the plants easier.

## HELPFUL HINTS

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- 🌸 Plant annuals and perennials now to allow the root development and acclimate to the site before the warmer weather arrives and stresses them. Refer to the Sullivan Renaissance Collection on the website for suggested plant choices.
- 🌸 Plant annuals, perennials, and shrubs first. Lay out drip hoses around plants. Then mulch area working from the middle or back of the garden out.
- 🌸 Mulch Trick - lay down 2-3 single pages of newspaper on top of soil before applying 1-2" of mulch to keep weeds under control for the season.
- 🌸 To save time and your back while mulching - tip the wheelbarrow, shovel in the mulch, return the wheelbarrow to a standing position and fill the rest of the way.
- 🌸 Keep an eye on the 10-day weather forecast - you may be able to plant annuals before May 28<sup>th</sup> if there is a warming trend with no frost in sight.
- 🌸 Water garden deeply once a week to foster deep root growth. Plants need 1" of rain or supplemental water a week.
- 🌸 Buy a rain gauge and place in an open area of your new garden to determine how much additional water is needed.

## FIELD NOTES

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# MAY

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
		1	2 <b>Demystifying Green Infrastructure a Sullivan Renaissance Seminar @ CVI</b> 6pm	3	4	5
6	7	8	9 <b>Volunteer Corps. Orientation II @ CVI</b> 6pm	10	11	12
13	14	15	16 <b>Intern Orientation @CVI</b> 6pm <b>*Mandatory for Interns</b>	17	18	19
20	21	22	23 <b>Intern Orientation &amp; Gardening Training @ CCE</b> <b>*Mandatory for Interns</b> 2pm	24	25	26
27	28 <b>Office Closed</b>	29	30	31		



JUNE 2018

## THINGS TO DO

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- ☼ Flower Dollars expire June 29th! Plant MORE annuals to fill in empty areas.
- ☼ Schedule the Renaissance Crew right away. Call or email Carmela Hugel, Horticulture Coordinator at 845-295-2453 or [chugel@sullivanrenaissance.org](mailto:chugel@sullivanrenaissance.org).
- ☼ The Sullivan Renaissance Volunteer Corps wants to help at your next "Power Hour" work session! Call or email Anne-Louise Scandariato, Volunteer Program Manager at 845-295-2405 or [ascandariato@sullivanrenaissance.org](mailto:ascandariato@sullivanrenaissance.org).
- ☼ Take garden photos making sure to save as 2018 "Name of group", what grant you applied for, and send to [info@sullivanrenaissance.org](mailto:info@sullivanrenaissance.org) (ex. 2018LivingstonManorCommunityGrant). We will post and share them on Social Media! This is a great way to get more volunteers and let the community know what you are working on.
- ☼ Plan a community outreach event to build awareness for projects and volunteer efforts. Sullivan Renaissance will help publicize the event. Examples include gardening classes, yoga or musical performances – anything that draws attention of the community and may attract new volunteers.
- ☼ Sign up for the July Sullivan Renaissance Seminar.

### Workday tasks:

- ☼ Deadhead annuals and perennials as needed.
- ☼ Weed and re-edge areas that need it.
- ☼ Litter pluck all areas, all the time, every day!
- ☼ Watering is the most important garden task this month as your new plants get rooted in. Water plants deeply, once a week. Check that rain gauge!
- ☼ Continue to fertilize annuals every two weeks using Miracle-Gro™ or any water soluble fertilizer.
- ☼ Pinch newest shoots of geraniums to encourage fuller plants.
- ☼ Mulch flower and vegetable gardens to conserve water during dry spells and hot days.

## HELPFUL HINTS

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- ☼ Garden beds should be well established now.
- ☼ Fertilize annuals with a balanced fertilizer of 10-10-10.
- ☼ Remove annuals that have not survived. Fill in with new ones. Spend those Flower Dollars!
- ☼ Have you used any of the Renaissance Collection? If not give us a call for details!

### Showing of flowers is awarded for that WOW factor. Do you have:

- ☼ year-round appeal with a mix of evergreens, early and late blooming perennials
- ☼ appropriate balance of perennials and annuals
- ☼ a plan for planting bulbs in the Fall
- ☼ an innovative design

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# JUNE

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
					1  <b>Submit Intern's Time Sheet</b>	2
3	4	5	6 <b>Sullivan Renaissance Summer Gardening Seminar @ Cornel Cooperative Extension 6pm</b>	7	8  <b>Submit Intern's Time Sheet</b>	9
10	11	12	13	14	15  <b>Submit Intern's Time Sheet</b>	16
17	18	19	20	21	22  <b>Submit Intern's Time Sheet</b>	23
24	25	26	27	28	29  <b>*Flower Dollars Expire</b>  <b>Submit Intern's Time Sheet</b>	30



JULY 2018

## THINGS TO DO

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- ☼ Schedule your work days. Inquire if the Sullivan Renaissance Volunteer Corps can join you. Call or email Anne-Louise Scandariato, Volunteer Program Manager at 845-295-2405 or [ascandariato@sullivanrenaissance.org](mailto:ascandariato@sullivanrenaissance.org).
- ☼ Consider drip irrigation and/or soaker hoses for watering flowerbeds and vegetable gardens.
- ☼ Sharpen mower blades to prevent leaf blade damage and lawn stress.
- ☼ Schedule the Renaissance Crew right away! Call Carmela Hugel, Horticulture Coordinator at 845-295-2453 or [chugel@sullivanrenaissance.org](mailto:chugel@sullivanrenaissance.org).
- ☼ Beautification Grant Documentation is due by 5:00 p.m. on July 30. Call Kathleen Capozzoli, Fiscal Manager at 845-295-2452 to schedule a time to hand in your Final Report Forms. This will secure your appointment for presenting to the judges.
- ☼ Take finished project photos making sure to save as 2018 "Name of group", what grant you applied for, and send to [info@sullivanrenaissance.org](mailto:info@sullivanrenaissance.org) (ex. 2018LivingstonManorCommunityGrant). They will be added to your Grant documentation.
- ☼ Prepare for the judges' visit! Practice, practice, practice!

### Workday tasks:

- ☼ Deadhead annuals and perennials as needed.
- ☼ Weed areas as needed.
- ☼ Continue to fertilize annuals every two weeks using Miracle-Gro™ or any water soluble fertilizer.
- ☼ Litter pluck all areas, all the time, everyday!
- ☼ Water plants deeply, once a week. Check that rain gauge.
- ☼ Remove annuals with stunted or unusual color. These are usually virus infected and the disease can spread to neighboring healthy plants.

## HELPFUL HINTS

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- ☼ Do you need help filling out your final report? Call us at 845-295-2445!
- ☼ The Sullivan Renaissance Volunteer Corps wants to help at your next workday session and get you to the finish line! Call or email Anne-Louise Scandariato, Volunteer Program Manager at 845-295-2405 or [ascandariato@sullivanrenaissance.org](mailto:ascandariato@sullivanrenaissance.org).
- ☼ The person dropping off the Beautification Grant Documentation should be prepared with the following information:
  - ☼ Who will be presenting to the judges on Thursday or Friday at CVI?
  - ☼ Who will meet the judges on Saturday at your project site? Provide contact information and cell phone number.
  - ☼ Where should the judges meet on Saturday? Provide the GPS address or location.
  - ☼ Who will represent your project at the Sullivan Renaissance Awards Ceremony on Monday, August 6? Everyone is invited, but only one or two individuals will need to come on stage.

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# JULY

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4 <b>*Sullivan Renaissance Office Closed</b>	5	6 <b>Submit Intern's Time Sheet</b>	7
8	9	10	11 <b>Sullivan Renaissance Seminar</b>	12	13 <b>Submit Intern's Time Sheet</b>	14
15	16	17	18	19	20 <b>Submit Intern's Time Sheet</b>	21
22	23	24	25	26	27 <b>Submit Intern's Time Sheet</b>	28
29	30 <b>Beautification Grant Documentation Due today</b>	31				



## THINGS TO DO

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- ☼ Prepare for the judges' visit:
  - Give the judges background on your community.
  - Keep your summary short, focused and specific. Have a one-page sheet with a half-a-dozen bullet points.
  - Remember to hit on the key points that will be judged.
  - Talk about your future plans and dreams, in proportion to what you've done this year.
  - The more you have matched the initial seed grant, the happier Sullivan Renaissance is.
- ☼ Sign up for the September Sullivan Renaissance Seminar.
- ☼ RSVP for you and your group to attend the Sullivan Renaissance Awards Ceremony.

### Workday tasks:

- ☼ Fill in/replace annuals as needed.
- ☼ Dead head to promote continued bloom.
- ☼ Weed areas as needed.
- ☼ Litter pluck.
- ☼ Water plants deeply—check that rain gauge!
- ☼ Later this month, sow seeds of fall vegetables—red mustard, cabbage, lettuce and spinach.
- ☼ Divide and transplant bearded iris six weeks after bloom.

## HELPFUL HINTS

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- ☼ After the Awards Ceremony it is time to celebrate and relax. But the garden never sleeps.
- ☼ Continue to fertilize annuals, water deeply until the nights get cooler. You will see that the plants will need slightly less watering then.
- ☼ Make an appointment with Sullivan Renaissance to pick up your Phase II Checks call at 845-295-2445.

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# AUGUST

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
			1	2 Garden & Community Beautification groups present to judges	3 Garden & Community Beautification groups present to judges  <b>Submit Intern's Time Sheet</b>	4 Judges Visit Project Sites
5	6 	7	8	9	10  <b>Submit Intern's Time Sheet</b>	11
12	13	14	15	16	17  <b>Submit Intern's Time Sheet</b>	18
19	20	21	22	23	24  <b>Submit Intern's Time Sheet</b>	25
26	27	28	29	30	31 <b>*Last Day Intern's can work!</b>  <b>Submit Intern's Time Sheet</b>	



## THINGS TO DO

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- ☼ All Beautification Grants that received awards or completion grants must make an appointment to pick up Phase II checks. Call Sullivan Renaissance at 845-295-2445 to schedule your appointment .
- ☼ Use "Bulb Dollars" to purchase bulbs.
- ☼ Complete the Sullivan Renaissance Survey. Mail, email or bring it with you if you are picking up a Phase II check.
- ☼ Plan a National Day of Service (<https://www.nationalservice.gov>) event at your project site.
- ☼ Sign up for the October Sullivan Renaissance Seminar.

### Workday tasks:

- ☼ Divide perennials.
- ☼ Prune hydrangea flowers and enjoy the dried flowers in the fall.
- ☼ Plant mums, kale and red mustard in your containers.
- ☼ Plant bulbs such as allium and daffodils. Refer to the Sullivan Renaissance website for a deer resistant bulb list.
- ☼ Continue to water trees and shrubs deeply when rainfall is scarce to get the root system ready for the winter months.
- ☼ Dethatch, aerate, and re-seed lawns.
- ☼ Repot houseplants and move indoors. Set up a grow light to supplement natural light.

## HELPFUL HINTS

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- ☼ A nice way to acknowledge your team's hard work is to plan a celebration at your project site. Invite your town leaders, Sullivan Renaissance staff, local Chamber of Commerce businesses, and other community organizations.
- ☼ Depending on how long you want your mums to last, buy them when they have small tight buds.
- ☼ Organizing a fall clean up? Planting bulbs? Sullivan Renaissance wants to help get the word out about your group's activities! Call or email Anne-Louise Scandariato, Volunteer Program Manager at 845-295-2405 or [ascandariato@sullivanrenaissance.org](mailto:ascandariato@sullivanrenaissance.org) for help getting the word out to volunteers.

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# SEPTEMBER

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
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2	3 <b>Sullivan Renaissance Office Closed</b>	4	5 <b>Sullivan Renaissance Fall Gardening Seminar @ Cornell Cooperative Extension 6pm</b>	6	7	8
9	10	11 <b>National Day Of Service</b> 	12	13	14	15
16	17 <b>Phase II Check Distribution</b>	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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## THINGS TO DO

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- 🌸 Schedule a workday with project volunteers for fall clean up. Think about connecting to National Make a Difference Day on October 27<sup>th</sup>, <https://nationaldaycalendar.com>.
- 🌸 Don't forget to use your "Bulb Dollars". **They expire November 2!**
- 🌸 Sign up for the November Sullivan Renaissance Seminar.
- 🌸 If you received 2017 Phase II funding, please submit your receipts by October 31, 2018.

### Workday tasks:

- 🌸 Annuals and perennials should be cut back once a hard frost hits. Dead head as needed until then.
- 🌸 Continue weeding to reduce weed seeds for next season.
- 🌸 Litter pluck.
- 🌸 Water this years trees, shrubs and perennials until the ground freezes.
- 🌸 Plant fall asters, mums, cabbage and kale.
- 🌸 Start a fall compost pile with the frost killed plants you pulled from the garden and fallen leaves.
- 🌸 Plant spring flowering bulbs.

## HELPFUL HINTS

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- 🌸 Be sure to rake leaves off the lawn before winter. Decomposing leaves will smother and kill lawn.
- 🌸 Extend your flowering annual displays by covering them with a sheet or light blanket for the first light frosts.
- 🌸 Cut back on feeding houseplants to once a month.
- 🌸 Organizing a fall clean up? Planting bulbs? Sullivan Renaissance wants to help get the word out about your group's activities. Call or email Anne-Louise Scandariato, Volunteer Program Manager at 845-295-2405 or [ascandariato@sullivanrenaissance.org](mailto:ascandariato@sullivanrenaissance.org) for help!
- 🌸 Start planning for 2019. Schedule a site visit with the Horticulture team. Call or email Diana K. Weiner at 845-295-2612 [dweiner@sullivanrenaissance.org](mailto:dweiner@sullivanrenaissance.org) or Carmela M. Hugel at 845-295-2453 [chugel@sullivanrenaissance.org](mailto:chugel@sullivanrenaissance.org).

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# OCTOBER

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3 Sullivan Renaissance Seminar	4	5	6
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14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27 National  MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY
28	29	30 Phase II Grant Receipts Due	31			



## THINGS TO DO

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- ☼ If you are planning to participate in the 2019 grant program, schedule a site visit with the Horticulture team. Call or email Diana K. Weiner at 845-295-2612 [dweiner@sullivanrenaissance.org](mailto:dweiner@sullivanrenaissance.org) or Carmela M. Hugel at 845-295-2453 [chugel@sullivanrenaissance.org](mailto:chugel@sullivanrenaissance.org).
- ☼ Sign up for the December Sullivan Renaissance Planning Seminar.

### Put Garden to Bed:

- ☼ Use fencing or burlap to protect shrubs and roses from winter winds and/or deer damage.
- ☼ Prune back frost killed perennials.
- ☼ Spray evergreen shrubs with an anti-desiccant like Wilt Pruf™ to help get them through winter.
- ☼ Re-edge and mulch to get a jump on next year.
- ☼ Clean and sharpen tools and store them for next season.

## HELPFUL HINTS

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- ☼ Organizing a community function? Sullivan Renaissance wants to help get the word out about your group's activities through Facebook, press releases, and sharing information with our Sullivan Renaissance Volunteer Corps gardeners. Call or email Anne-Louise Scandaraito, Volunteer Program Manager at 845-295-2405 or [ascandariato@sullivanrenaissance.org](mailto:ascandariato@sullivanrenaissance.org) for help!
- ☼ Celebrate and have an end of the season party!
- ☼ Discuss your garden experience with your group. Make plans to maintain the garden(s) next year.

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# NOVEMBER

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
				1	2 <b>Bulb Dollars Expire!</b>	3
4  Daylight Savings Ends	5	6	7  <b>Sullivan Renaissance Seminar</b>	8  <b>Volunteer Corps. Celebration &amp; Debriefing</b> 6pm	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22  Happy Thanksgiving!  <b>*Sullivan Renaissance Office Closed</b>	23  <b>*Sullivan Renaissance Office Closed</b>	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	



## THINGS TO DO

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- 🌸 Sign up for the January Sullivan Renaissance "Getting Ready to Renaissance" Seminar.
- 🌸 Decorate public spaces for the holiday season with lights and containers filled with evergreen boughs, cones and red twig dogwood.
- 🌸 For forcing bulbs indoors, pot them up and pre-chill tulips and hyacinths. They need 90 days of cold treatment to encourage bloom.
- 🌸 Fill your bird feeders.

## HELPFUL HINTS

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- 🌸 Is your community hosting holiday festivities? Sullivan Renaissance wants to help get the word out through Facebook, press releases, and sharing information with our Volunteer Corps gardeners. Call or email Anne-Louise Scandaraito, Volunteer Program Manager at 845-295-2405 or [ascandariato@sullivanrenaissance.org](mailto:ascandariato@sullivanrenaissance.org) for help!

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# DECEMBER

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
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2	3	4	5 <b>Sullivan Renaissance Planning Seminar</b>	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17 <b>Municipal Expression of Interest Applications Due</b>	18	19	20	21 Winter Solstice	22
23	24	25 <b>Sullivan Renaissance Office Closed</b>	26	27	28	29
30	31					



## THINGS TO DO

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- 🌱 Attend the "Get Ready to Renaissance" Seminar on January 10. Find out about grant resources and the grant process. Bring a friend.
- 🌱 Schedule a monthly meeting with your group to discuss project ideas and begin filling out the grant application.
- 🌱 Check the Sullivan Renaissance important dates and add them to your personal calendar!
- 🌱 Schedule a site visit with the Sullivan Renaissance Horticulture team 845-295-2445.
- 🌱 Sign up for the February Sullivan Renaissance seminar.

## HELPFUL HINTS

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- 🌱 At your group meeting start visualizing your new garden project. Bring gardening catalogues and the Renaissance Collection Brochure.
- 🌱 Measure site and assess by noting if its in sun, shade or part-sun (remembering the sun is in a different location in January as it is in June).
- 🌱 For the beautification program you will need **three** contacts on your grant application. Decide with your group who they will be.
- 🌱 Come up with a succinct, catchy title for your project that will be used in advertising and publicity.
- 🌱 Begin filling out the Garden Design Packet (available on the Sullivan Renaissance website) and start drawing your dream garden(s). List your favorite plants that are suitable for the site.
- 🌱 Community Beautification Grantees – Send out a search party for your Intern! Call Schools, Church Groups, ask your friends to help you find the perfect candidate ages 16 - 20.
- 🌱 Cut back on feeding houseplants to once a month. Do not fertilize dormant houseplants.

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# JANUARY

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
		1 <b>Sullivan Renaissance Grant Applications Available Online</b> *Sullivan Renaissance Office Closed	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9 <b>"Get Ready to Renaissance " Seminar @ CVI</b> 6pm	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22 <b>Sullivan Renaissance Volunteer Meet-Up @ CVI</b> 5pm	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		



## THINGS TO DO

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- 🌸 **Reminder: Beautification Grant Applications are due March 1st.**
- 🌸 Review your grant application checklist to be sure all documentation is gathered.
- 🌸 Contact Sullivan Renaissance staff for assistance completing the grant application 845-295-2445.
- 🌸 Order flower seeds for direct sowing or starting indoors.
- 🌸 Purchase seeds of cool-weather vegetables such as peas, lettuce, and spinach. Sow as soon as the ground thaws.
- 🌸 For additional plant selection suggestions, please refer to the Sullivan Renaissance Resource Guide which can be viewed on [SullivanRenaissance.org](http://SullivanRenaissance.org).
- 🌸 Sign up for the March Volunteer Open House.

## HELPFUL HINTS

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- 🌸 The Grant application has a handy list for calculating pricing for plants, top soil, mulch and more. This should help in getting the budget sheet completed.
- 🌸 Community Beautification Grantees – Keep searching for your Intern! They are out there! Make a flyer and post it at the library and the local firehouse so friends can see it at the next Pancake Breakfast! Call schools and let guidance counselors know, track down that church group, ask your friends to help you find the perfect candidate.
- 🌸 Decide with your group what days and times will be best to work together on your project. Schedule daytime and evening one hour meet ups or “Power Hours” to enable more people to join in. Work will get done quickly that way. “More hands make for light work.”

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# FEBRUARY

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
					1	2
3	4	5	6 <b>Sullivan Renaissance Seminar</b>	7	8	9
10	11	12 <b>Sullivan Renaissance Volunteer Meet-Up @ CVI 5pm</b>	13	14 <b>15 more days until Grant Applications Are due!</b>	15	16
17	18 <b>*Sullivan Renaissance Office Closed</b>	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28		



## THINGS TO DO

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- 🌱 Details regarding the Sullivan Renaissance Annual Conference are on our website, be sure to register.
- 🌱 We are searching for vendors to be on our Merchant Discount List – Got a friend with a business that sells something you are using in your project? Let us know. Let's keep it local!
- 🌱 Sign up for the April Sullivan Renaissance Gardening Seminar at Cornell Cooperative Extension of Sullivan County.

### Workday tasks:

- 🌱 Schedule a Spring Clean-up.
- 🌱 Remove winter mulch and lightly cultivate soil if thawed.
- 🌱 If you planted acid loving plants like blueberries, rhododendron and pieris, use Hollytone™ to fertilize.
- 🌱 Prune overgrown shrubs—cut forsythia and spirea 2/3 of the way back to rejuvenate.

## HELPFUL HINTS

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- 🌱 You can borrow litter pluck grabbers from Sullivan Renaissance. This is a good and safe way to pick up litter and get new volunteers to help without getting their hands dirty. Call or email Anne-Louise Scandariato, Volunteer Program Manager at 845-295-2405 or [ascandariato@sullivanrenaissance.org](mailto:ascandariato@sullivanrenaissance.org).
- 🌱 Preparation is key. You have planned, designed the garden, figured out how much it is going to cost. At your next meeting or work session, think of creative fundraising ideas to help subsidize the plan for your winning project. Extra money can fund a pizza party, t-shirts or even a sculpture for your project.
- 🌱 Create a schedule for your project volunteers. Keep everyone on track!
- 🌱 Identify horticulture tasks. Call or email Carmela Hugel, Horticulture Coordinator 845-295-2453 or [chugel@sullivanrenaissance.org](mailto:chugel@sullivanrenaissance.org) who will be happy to assist you.
- 🌱 Your application is in! Have a celebration!

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# MARCH

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
					1 <b>Beautification Grant Applications Due</b>  <b>Intern Applications Due</b>	2
3	4	5	6  <b>Volunteer Open House/Seminar (Bring a friend) @ CVI 6pm</b>	7	8	9
10  *Daylight Savings	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19  <b>Sullivan Renaissance Volunteer Meet-Up @ CVI 5pm</b>	20	21	22	23
24/31	25	26	27	28	29	30



## THINGS TO DO

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- ☼ Rally project members and attend the Sullivan Renaissance Annual Conference and Spring Market, for further information go to our website at [sullivanrenaissance.org](http://sullivanrenaissance.org).
- ☼ Create a "Power Hour" schedule for planting, watering, mulching, pruning and weeding.
- ☼ Find a volunteer who can sharpen your tools to get them ready for the season.
- ☼ Time to order mulch, topsoil, and compost.
- ☼ Sign up for the May Sullivan Renaissance Seminar.
- ☼ Take your "before" photos to document your progress. Please make sure to save as 2018 "Name of group", what grant you applied for, and send to [info@sullivanrenaissance.org](mailto:info@sullivanrenaissance.org) (ex. 2018LivingstonManorCommunityGrant). Include this information in subject line of email as well
- ☼ Provide Sullivan Renaissance with scheduled workdays. This will help to engage the Sullivan Renaissance Volunteer Corps.

### Workday tasks:

- ☼ Rake leaves off the lawn and out of gardens.
- ☼ Cut back all winter-killed plants.
- ☼ Weed, making sure you get the whole root system out.
- ☼ Edge areas with a flat headed spade.
- ☼ Litter pluck all areas.
- ☼ Now is the perfect time to prune trees and shrubs. Call the Sullivan Renaissance office for a pictorial fact sheet.
- ☼ Plant cool-season annuals– pansies, violas and primrose.

## HELPFUL HINTS

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- ☼ Test the soil in new beds – contact Cornell Cooperative Extension at 845-292-6180 for information on how to obtain a complete analysis.
- ☼ Trees and shrubs can be fertilized with a slow release fertilizer like Espoma Treetone™.
- ☼ Divide overgrown perennials now.
- ☼ Request to borrow a "Volunteers at Work" sign from Sullivan Renaissance. Display the sign while gardening to build awareness for your project and volunteer efforts. Wearing the same colored t-shirts helps too. Call or email Anne-Louise Scandariato, Volunteer Program Manager at 845-295-2405 or [ascandariato@sullivanrenaissance.org](mailto:ascandariato@sullivanrenaissance.org) for assistance.

## FIELD NOTES

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# APRIL

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3 <b>Sullivan Renaissance Spring Gardening Seminar</b>	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	16
14	15	16	17 <b>Volunteer Corps. Orientation I @ CVI 6pm</b>	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
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