

# Some January gardening tips

Checking stored summer bulbs and potted bulbs for forcing, repotting houseplants, and sowing alliums are some of the gardening tips for this month.

Check the calendar to see if your forced bulbs have received their recommended amount of cold treatment (12 to 16 weeks). If so, move them into a 50-degree (F) spot out of direct sun until the flower shoots are about two inches tall, then move the pots to a sunny, 68 degree location. The warmer the temperature, the shorter the flowering stems will be and the faster the bulbs will flower and fade.



Now is a good time to repot any houseplants with roots coming out of the drainage holes. Choose a pot one size larger than the current pot, remove the plant, trim any errant roots, and repot using fresh potting soil.

Now that the days are getting longer, your houseplants will be resuming vigorous growth, so begin fertilizing with a soluble fertilizer. A seaweed/fish emulsion blend is a good choice – but look for one labeled as "no odor" to avoid the usual pungent smell. You can fertilize monthly at the label recommended dilution rate, or fertilize every time you water using a quarter-strength mix.

Check seed packets for recommendations, then plot out planting times for seeds you'll be starting indoors. Don't try to get a jump on the season by planting earlier; larger plants are more easily stunted than smaller ones and won't necessarily grow faster once they're transplanted outdoors.

Long-season alliums, such as leeks and onions, should be started from seed now. Unlike fast-growing broccoli and tomatoes, onions need 10 to 12 weeks of growth indoors before they go in the garden. Sprinkle the seed on top of seed-starting mix, keep it moist, and as soon as the seedlings emerge, place the flats under grow lights so they grow strong.

Houseplants such as hibiscus and annual geraniums are often attacked by whiteflies. The adults are tiny, white, mothlike insects that will rise in a flutter when a plant is moved. The immature forms live on the undersides of leaves and suck the plant's juices. If left unchecked, they can cause leaf dieback. Spray plants with insecticidal soap to control them.

Other gardening tips for this month include starting pansy and begonia seeds indoors, planting tuberous begonias, and sprouting beans for a winter salad. Visit the National Gardening Association's web site ([www.garden.org](http://www.garden.org)) for more information on gardening and regional reports.

*Courtesy of the University of Vermont*

## Public Notices

e-mail: [legals@beenews.com](mailto:legals@beenews.com) • Amherst legal deadline: Friday at 5:00pm

### — LEGAL NOTICE —

Notice of Public Hearing  
FIRE PROTECTION  
DISTRICT CONTRACT  
DISTRICT NO. 4 : MILL STREET  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Public Hearing will be held by the Town Board of the Town of Amherst, Erie County, New York, in the Amherst Municipal Building, 5583 Main Street, Williamsville, New York 14221, on January 16, 2007 at 8:00 p.m., prevailing time, for the purpose of considering the contract with the Village of Williamsville and Hutchinson Hose Company for fire protection and emergency rescue and first aid services to be furnished by the Village of Williamsville and Hutchinson Hose Company and General Ambulance Service to the fire protection district established in said Town and known as District No. 4, Mill Street Fire Protection District, upon the following general terms, to wit:

(a) the fire department shall answer and attend upon all calls in said district;  
(b) for such service, the Village of Williamsville shall receive \$6,663.00;  
(c) the district shall also be responsible for payment of all claims for injuries to or death of firemen in connection with such calls;

(d) the contract shall continue for a one year period in full force and effect from the 1st day of January, 2007 to and including the 31st day of December, 2007;

(e) such other incidental terms as may be necessary or proper in connection with such contracting.

All persons interested in the above-described matter are asked to appear at the above time and place.

This notice is published pursuant to §184 of the Town Law.

BY ORDER OF THE  
TOWN BOARD OF THE  
TOWN OF AMHERST,  
ERIE COUNTY, NEW YORK  
SUSAN K. JAROS  
TOWN CLERK

Jan. 3

### — LEGAL NOTICE —

Notice of Public Hearing  
FIRE PROTECTION  
DISTRICT CONTRACT  
DISTRICT NO. 15 : PARK CLUB  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Public Hearing will be held by the Town Board of the Town of Amherst, Erie County,

New York, in the Amherst Municipal Building, 5583 Main Street, Williamsville, New York 14221, on January 16, 2007 at 8:00 p.m., prevailing time, for the purpose of considering the contract with the Village of Williamsville and Hutchinson Hose Company for fire protection and emergency rescue and first aid services to be furnished by the Village of Williamsville and Hutchinson Hose Company and General Ambulance Service to the fire protection district established in said Town and known as District No. 15, Park Club Fire Protection District, upon the following general terms, to wit:

(a) the fire department shall answer and attend upon all calls in said district;

(b) for such service, the Village of Williamsville shall receive \$22,170.00;

(c) the district shall also be responsible for payment of all claims for injuries to or death of firemen in connection with such calls;

(d) the contract shall continue for a one year period in full force and effect from the 1st day of January, 2007 to and including the 31st day of December, 2007;

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Notice of Public Hearing  
Notice is hereby given of a Public Hearing called by the Town Board of the Town of Amherst, Erie County, New York, to be held in the Amherst Municipal Building, 5583 Main Street, Williamsville, New York on the 16th day of January, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. to hear all persons interested in the Proposed Zoning Ordinance Text Amendments to Section 203-7-6-7, (Fire Apparatus Access Road), Town Board, Petitioner.

Susan K. Jaros  
Town Clerk  
Town of Amherst

Jan. 3

### — LEGAL NOTICE —

Public Hearing  
Town of Amherst  
FY 2007 Draft Action Plan  
Community Development Block Grant Home Investment Partnership Grant  
A public hearing will be held on January 16, 2007 for the Action Plan covering the period April 1, 2007 - March 31, 2008 for the Town of Amherst. The purpose of the hearing is to solicit the views of citizens, public agencies and other interested parties on housing and community development needs, as well as comments on the Draft Action Plan, which is available for public review in local libraries.

The Action Plan sets goals for addressing housing and community development needs and delineates federal programs that will be used to meet those goals. Federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME (Amherst-Cheektowaga-Tonawanda Consortium) grants that the Town applies for will be covered by the Plan.

Maximum anticipated funding levels for these programs for Federal FY 2007 are:  
CDBG: \$ 611,000  
HOME Consortium (3 towns): \$1,121,000

Those wishing to offer comments at the public hearing are encouraged to submit a written text, as well. Those not choosing to appear at the public hearing may submit comments in writing to the Amherst Planning Department, 5583 Main Street, Williamsville, N.Y. 14221.

The public hearing will be held at the following time and location:

Tuesday, January 16, 2007 at 7:00 p.m.

Town of Amherst Municipal Building, 5583 Main Street, Williamsville, N.Y., 14221

Interpreters will be available upon request at the meetings to sign for the hearing impaired. If you are in need of such special arrangements, please contact the Amherst Planning Department at 631-7082, seven (7) business days in advance of the hearing. The hearing location is accessible to the physically handicapped.

Eric W. Gillert, AICP  
Planning Director  
Town of Amherst  
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