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# **PARKS DEPARTMENT TO HOST ROSE DAY IN THORNDEN PARK**

## *Annual Event Draws Crowds to Enjoy E.M. Mills Rose Garden*

SYRACUSE, N.Y. – The City of Syracuse Department of Parks, Recreation, and Youth Programs will host the annual Rose Day at the E.M. Mills Rose Garden at Thornden Park this Wednesday, June 17 from 12:00 p.m to 3:00 p.m. This event is held in conjunction with the Syracuse Rose Society.

“The Thornden Park Rose Garden is a treasure in our Parks System and we are lucky to have such a rich variety of these beautiful plants in the heart of our City,” said **Lazarus U. Sims**, Commissioner of Parks, Recreation, and Youth Programs. “I appreciate the support of the Syracuse Rose Society and all the volunteers and rose enthusiasts whose love of the outdoors and caring for these plants make this garden possible.”

Light refreshments will be served. Entertainment will be provided by the Dixieland Update jazz band. The E.M. Mills Rose Garden was acquired by the City of Syracuse in 1921 and since then has grown to be a popular destination for those visiting Thornden Park. The garden features 368 varieties of roses and over 3850 individual plants.

In the event of rain, this event will be rescheduled for June 24, 2015.

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