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Volunteer and learn the Minnesota Tip Method, a process that protects roses during Duluth winter

[Duluth, MN] - The public is invited to join Duluth Parks staff and the Lake Superior Rose Society in the annual Tipping of the Roses at the Leif Erikson Rose Garden. The open, community events will be held on Tuesday, October 20 from 3:00 PM- 6:00 PM and Saturday, October 24 from 9:00 AM-12:00 PM.

Whether you are experienced at the task or just want to learn, expert rose tippers will be on hand to teach volunteers the *Minnesota Tip Method*, a process that protects tender roses from the harsh conditions of a typical Duluth winter.

Rose Tipping is an "all ages, no experience needed" event. Groups, families, and individuals are invited to attend. If you are interested in participating, please arrive at the Rose Garden, located between 12th and 13th Avenue East and London Road, on the day of the event. Check-in with Duluth Parks staff. Free parking is available in the lot between Valentinis and the Rose Garden. Dress for the weather. All tools and supplies will be provided, including work gloves.

Time and dates are subject to change due to weather conditions. Please visit our Facebook page or contact Cheryl Skafte at 218-730-4334 or <u>cskafte@duluthmn.gov</u>for up-to-date information on the Rose Tipping events.

Bagged Leaves Accepted Until November 6

Community members are invited to drop-off clean and closed garbage bags of leaves at the Rose Garden now until November 6, 2015. A designated section of the parking lot will be blocked off for the donations. The clean and closed garbage bags must only contain raked leaves and should not contain other plant or yard waste material. Brush material, dirt and sod can be disposed for a fee at the WLSSD Yard Waste Compost site located on Courtland Street off Interstate 35 at 27th Avenue West. Leaves, grass clippings and house/garden plants are accepted free of charge. For hours and fees, please visit WLSSD online at www.wlssd.com or call 218-722-0761.

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