



## **Horticulture Maintenance 2 – Arborist**

### **Palatine Park District**

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**Closing Date:**

**Salary:** \$25.96 - \$28.48

#### **Description:**

The Horticulture Maintenance 2 - Arborist plays a vital role in caring for and maintaining our beautiful trees and other woody plants across all District-owned properties. This position typically follows a Monday through Friday schedule, with 40 hours each week, and the specific work hours are set by the Superintendent of Parks. Occasionally, evening and/or weekend hours may be necessary, and this position also requires being on call whenever needed to ensure our green spaces thrive!

#### **Your Day-To-Day Will Involve:**

- Directly responsible to the Horticulture Manager in carrying out park maintenance duties.
- Removal of snow from ice rinks, Park District sidewalks, pathways, and drives.
- Make and maintain ice rinks, including flooding, putting out rubber belting, and snow removal.
- Strong knowledge of forestry practices such as tree planting, pruning, maintenance, and removal.
- Strong knowledge of mowing practices, including the use of tractors, zero-turn, and walk behind machines, as well as hand equipment.
- Strong knowledge of turf health and maintenance, establishing new turf, fertilizing, and weed control.
- Strong experience with general landscape practices, including landscape design, weed control, annual and perennial beds, and mulching.
- General knowledge of earthwork work, including grading, material removal, and operation of large specialty equipment.
- Perform inspections of turf field work, turf field playability.
- Additional job duties as assigned, which may be considered essential.

#### **Education, Experience, and Training:**

- Knowledgeable in the areas of forestry and general landscape maintenance procedures
- High school graduate or general education degree required
- Five (5) years in the landscape maintenance and/or landscape construction fields or any equivalent combination of education, experience, and training required
- Formal or trade school studies related to arboriculture maintenance practices desired
- Valid State of Illinois driver's license required

- Certification through the International Society of Arborists (ISA), Illinois Pesticide License, CDL Class B, CPR, First Aid, and AED certifications required within twelve months of employment

### **Duties and Lines of Responsibility:**

- Formal or trade school studies related to arboriculture maintenance practices are desired
- Assist with the management of contractual work that pertains to the scope of the position
- Manage and train the arborist team staff
- Identify safety hazards, insects, pests, and diseases within trees and woody plant material
- Operation of chainsaws, woodchippers, and bucket trucks (rigging equipment)
- Assist with snow removal operations and ice rink maintenance
- Other duties assigned may include, but are not limited to:
  - General Park landscape maintenance, landscape bed weed control, grading, and irrigation equipment

### **Benefits & Wages:**

- Health/Dental/Vision insurance for individual and family
- Paid life insurance
- A retirement plan with the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF)
- Paid vacation, personal days, holidays, and sick time
- Unlimited in-house complimentary programs
- Seasonal pool passes for indoor and outdoor pools (individual and family)
- Fitness Center membership (individual and family)
- Discount at Palatine Hills Golf Course

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