



Join Our Team!

Urban Forester

Starting Annual Wage: \$57,923

The City of Park Ridge's Public Works Department is seeking enthusiastic and environmentally minded applicants for the full-time position of Urban Forester. This position is responsible for monitoring the Forestry program and ensures the healthy growth and sustainability of the City's urban forest.

The City offers a robust benefit package which includes paid time off, 13% employee paid premiums for health and dental insurance, City paid life insurance, vision insurance, an FSA option, tuition reimbursement, participation in IMRF, among other employee wellness and appreciation opportunities.

What we're looking for in a candidate:

- The highest level of customer service;
- A passion for trees and protecting the urban forest landscape;
- Team players who want to work outdoors;
- Those who are dedicated to provide the highest level of customer service to support employees and residents.

Highlighted Functions:

- Reviews permit applications for private property tree removals and miscellaneous public tree maintenance to ensure compliance with forestry specifications and City ordinances.
- Reviews plans for new construction and developments, additions and demolitions to assess any impact on City or private trees.
- Evaluates public tree health and determines maintenance requirements.
- Communicates with the public on tree related issues, tree removal permits, building permits, escrow/tree replacement on private property and new parkway tree plantings.
- Responds to citizen service requests and inquiries.
- Maintains computerized parkway tree inventory.
- Administers tree-planting program.
- Coordinates Arbor Day program.
- Assists in snow removal and storm response as needed.

Qualifications, Requirements and Experience:

- Bachelor's Degree in forestry, natural resources, environmental science, or closely related field with previous related work field/internship experience;
- Or any equivalent combination of education, experience or training;
- ISA Certified Arborist or ability to obtain within 6 months of hire. Tree Risk Assessment Qualification (TRAQ) or ability to obtain within 1 year of hire.
- This is considered a medium duty position which requires lifting no more than 50 pounds at a time with frequent lifting or carrying of objects weighing up to 25 pounds;
- Duties are performed under all weather conditions and at heights/in confined spaces;
- Operations are 24/7 therefore personnel shall be available/open to be scheduled to work all shifts including weekends and holidays as needed.

Submit an application using the City [website](#).

An Equal Opportunity Employer.



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