



Tree Care Specialist

Internal and External Job Posting Open Until Filled

All interested candidates should submit a cover letter and resume to the Superintendent of Grounds, Matt Turinsky. mturinsky@ahpd.org.

SALARY RANGE

\$50,122.00 - \$52,157.00 Annually, DOQ

JOB OVERVIEW:

The Arlington Heights Park District (AHPD) is a public park and recreation agency located in Arlington Heights, Illinois—the largest community in Chicago’s prestigious northwest suburban corridor. Our mission is to enrich the community by providing fun, accessible and impactful recreation and facilities for every age and season. However you choose to recreate, we have something for you. We aim to serve everyone equally and fairly across our 22 facilities—including five community centers with outdoor pools, Arlington Ridge Center, two tennis clubs, two public golf clubs, Lake Arlington, Arlington Heights Historical Museum and Senior Center—and 58 parks across 716 acres of land. In our 95-year history, we have earned multiple distinctions recognizing our high-quality standards of excellence, including three National Gold Medal Awards, maintaining a Moody’s AAA bond rating for nine years and receiving multiple awards for fiscal responsibility.

HOURS

Sunday through Saturday, 40 hours a week with overtime, night, weekend and holiday work hours as required

GENERAL PARKS AND PLANNING INFORMATION

The Park District’s 716 acres and 22 buildings are maintained by the staff in the Parks and Planning Department. The grounds department, comprised of 14 full-time employees, maintains the 58 parks with 48 tennis courts, 16 pickle ball courts, 21 soccer fields, 42 baseball/softball fields, 31 basketball courts and 22 miles of paved walking and biking paths. The trades department, comprised of 10 full time staff, is dedicated to their trade responsibilities of HVAC, pool maintenance, fleet, electrical, plumbing, and carpentry. The grounds department, comprised of 16 full time staff, is dedicated to the landscape maintenance, turf maintenance, plant installations, irrigation, athletic fields, playground and other

outdoor facility maintenance, and special event support. While each team has their own dedicated responsibilities, they also work together across disciplines to provide quality and efficient service and repairs. Staff work cooperatively to deliver fun and safe special events like the Memorial Day parade and ceremony, 4th of July parade and Frontier Days Festival, and the holiday tree lighting and display at North School Park.

JOB SPECIFIC INFORMATION

Join the Parks Department and become part of the team that provides opportunities for members of the Arlington Heights community to enjoy the many programs and services available through the Arlington Heights Park District! The Tree Care Specialist will be responsible for performing a variety of daily, seasonal and/or routine tree care practices including but not limited to planting, pruning, removing, and identifying tree species.

ESSENTIAL JOB DUTIES INCLUDE:

- Performs various tree maintenance tasks including trimming, pruning, planting, and removing damaged or diseased trees
- Operates heavy tree-related equipment, including, but not limited to, saws, stump removers, hi-rangers, aerial lifts, climbing equipment, spraying equipment, and grapple equipment. Repairs or reports indications of mechanical problems with equipment
- Mows, fertilizes, aerates, grades, seeds, sods, waters, rakes and performs routine maintenance of park grounds
- Polices grounds and picks up and removes trash and debris
- Operates trucks, mowers, sod cutters, chain saws, hand and power tools and all other maintenance and safety sensitive mechanical equipment
- Operates Park District maintenance vehicles and equipment as properly licensed
- Prepares beds, plants trees, shrubs and other plant material, trims, prunes, mulches, waters, weeds, stakes, fertilizes, rakes, shovels, digs, back fills and levels soil to complete and maintain grounds and horticultural projects
- Applies pesticide products to Park District grounds and/or horticultural areas (with proper licensing)
- Creates, maintains and updates fertilizer and herbicide application records
- Follows written and verbal planting and site construction plans
- Performs various construction projects, including timber and border installation, excavation, drainage installation, structure installation, site furniture assembly and installation, brick laying, brick paver installation, pavement repair, and concrete pouring and finishing
- Additional functions as assigned which may be essential

SKILLS AND QUALIFICATIONS:

- High school graduate or G.E.D

- Minimum of five (5) years' experience in tree maintenance, general arbor care, Or any equivalent combination of education, experience and training
- Possesses or has the ability to obtain IDA Public Pesticide Operators License within six (6) months of employment
- Valid IDOT Class "A" or "B" Commercial Driver's License (CDL) w/air brake qualifier preferred but not required
- One (1) or more certifications or licenses preferred but not required from the list of electives below:
 - IDA Public Pesticide Applicators License
 - ILCA Certified Landscape Technician-Exterior (CLT-E)
 - ISA Certified Arborist
 - ISA Certified Arborist Municipal Specialist
 - STMA Certified Sports Field Manager (CSFM)
 - Related College Degree or Certificate

BENEFITS:

- Medical, dental and vision coverage
- Group Life Insurance
- IMRF Defined Pension Plan
- Paid Sick, Vacation and Floating Holidays
- Medical and Childcare flexible spending accounts
- Choice of three 457 Retirement Plan Providers
- Choice of two supplemental life insurance providers
- Voluntary benefits including AFLAC, Legal/IDShield, Metlaw