

PARK AND RECREATION GROUNDSKEEPER

NATURE OF WORK:

A groundskeeper is a semi-skilled to skilled position requiring heavy manual labor in the maintenance and upkeep of the public parks, grounds, buildings, athletic fields and related facilities.

Work is characterized by the necessity for considerable physical exertion, and by working under varying weather conditions while exposed to dampness, fumes, odors, dust, dirt, rain, sleet, snow, heat, chemicals, and foul odors.

This position performs semi-skilled to skilled work in a variety of fields in the maintenance and upkeep of the public parks, grounds, buildings, athletic fields and related facilities and equipment. Duties also include the unaided operation of vehicles and equipment in a variety of maintenance, construction and/or utility tasks. The employee cuts grass, maintains ball fields, loads and unloads dirt, gravel, trash and other debris, including the collection and disposal of refuse at the park areas. Duties also include field maintenance, building maintenance, repair and construction and park maintenance, including all park equipment.

EQUIPMENT / JOB LOCATION:

This position also requires, but not limited to, the use of light duty vehicles, tractors, riding mowers, backhoes, dump trucks, push mowers, weed eaters, chain saws, rakes, shovels, blowers, sprayers, hand saws, hydraulic booms, lifts, machinery with small tools, and other small hand tools and power tools.

ILLUSTRATIVE EXAMPLES OF WORK:

(Employees of this classification must be able to perform the following. Physical and mental tasks related to these functions will be required. The following examples do not contain every task that could be reasonable assigned. The absence of a specific task here does not imply the task cannot be assigned if related to the nature of work, a logical assignment, or a business necessity.)

- Cut grass, maintains ball fields, loads and unloads dirt, gravel, trash and other debris including the collection and disposal of refuse at the park areas.
- Assist in the setting of lines for ball fields.
- Assembles or assists in assembly of playground equipment.
- Assist in the minor repair of plumbing fixtures and connections, bleachers, and other park equipment or city-owned structures.
- Duties also include the unaided operation of vehicles and equipment in a variety of maintenance, construction and/or utility tasks.
- Performs repairs to park equipment, buildings and related structures such as fences, irrigation systems, playgrounds, picnic shelters, etc
- Employee may operate a tractor and use a weed eater. Plants and removes trees, maintains same. Safely uses herbicides. Picks up garbage, trash tree limbs, etc., loads into a truck and unloads the truck. Washes vehicles and cleans and maintains assigned equipment and tools. Assists in the disposal of sludge; disposes of other debris at appropriate sites.

NECESSARY KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES:

- Applicants must have the ability to maintain and perform repair work on equipment, building and grounds operated by the Parks and Recreation Department.
- Must have sufficient physical strength and ability to independently and repeatedly lift, move and carry objects and perform a variety of tasks simultaneously or in rapid succession.
- Knowledge of and the ability to use materials and equipment used to work on and prepare ball fields, and the know how to utilize the common hand tools such as hammers, screwdrivers, pliers, etc., and power tools such as skill saws, grinders, sanders, table saws, joiners, drills, radial arm saw, etc.

QUALIFICATIONS/ REQUIREMENTS:

High school diploma or equivalent preferred and must have knowledge of maintaining ball fields and playground equipment with use of a variety of equipment such as: zero turn mowers, tractors, weed eaters.

Must be a registered voter.