

Park Maintenance Laborer

The City of Wood River Park Maintenance Department is seeking a full-time Park Maintenance Laborer. This position supports the Park Maintenance Superintendent and requires physical ability, reliability, and a strong work ethic. Performs manual and semi-skilled work in maintaining park grounds, buildings, and facilities. Operates various equipment to complete assigned tasks.

Essential Duties & Responsibilities

- Maintain park grounds, including mowing, trimming, edging, and weeding.
- Perform routine maintenance and repairs on park structures such as playgrounds, picnic shelters, restrooms, and fences.
- Collect and dispose of trash and debris from parks and city buildings.
- Assist with maintenance of athletic fields, including dragging, lining, and watering fields as needed.
- Operate equipment such as mowers, weed eaters, leaf blowers, trimmers, and other power tools.
- Water flowers and memorial trees in parks.
- Assist with planting, mulching, and other landscaping tasks.
- Clean park restrooms and shelters and restock supplies.
- Help install and remove seasonal displays (e.g., holiday lights).
- Support mosquito fogging efforts during summer evenings.
- Assist with plowing snow and shoveling sidewalks during winter months.
- Help set up and tear down for city events.
- May assist in the application of pesticides (with appropriate training and certification).
- Perform other duties as apparent or assigned by the Park Maintenance Superintendent.

Qualifications:

- High school diploma or equivalent.
- Must possess a valid Illinois driver's license.
- Previous experience in groundskeeping, landscaping, or maintenance preferred.
- Ability to operate and maintain maintenance equipment and tools safely.
- Must be able to work outdoors in varying weather conditions.
- Physical ability to lift and carry objects up to 75 pounds.
- Ability to walk, stand, bend, or sit for extended periods.
- Must be able to follow written and verbal instructions.
- Willingness to obtain a pesticide applicator license within the first 12 months of employment is preferred but not required at hire.

Salary: \$34.89 per hour—85% for the first year, 90% for the second year, 95% for the third year, 100% full scale for the fourth year.

Excellent benefit package including 100% employee paid health, dental, life insurance, vacation & sick leave, defined benefit retirement plan, and education incentives.

Please send resumes to khosford@cityofwoodriver.com. We will be accepting resumes until April 30th, 2025.