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**Turf Maintenance Technician**

**DEFINITION:**

The Parklands of Floyds Fork is looking for an energetic, skilled, and hardworking turf professional to join our growing team responsible for maintaining one of the newest and most exciting parks in the nation. Under the direction of full-time staff, our ideal candidate will participate in the daily general maintenance of sports fields and lawn areas. Outside of turfgrass maintenance, this position will also learn general maintenance practices related to plumbing, electrical, HVAC, and equipment operations. The candidate works full-time under the direction of the Park Superintendent to ensure world-class park conditions for visitors to The Parklands of Floyds Fork.

**DISTINGUISHING CHARACTERISTICS:**

This full-time position is accountable for the efficiency and the timely completion of projects in accordance with Parklands maintenance and operational schedules. This position handles both routine and unusual problems related to Parklands activities. A desirable candidate would have experience fertilizing, aerating, over seeding, and weed and insect control on turf areas. The Turf Technician’s primary responsibility will be high traffic sports fields and expansive lawn areas, but responsibilities will also include more general horticultural and renovation practices including, but not limited to the following:

**REPRESENTATIVE DUTIES:**

• Perform seasonal landscape work including pruning, leaf clean up, mulching, and plant division

• Hand weeding

• Identify plant problems by using Integrated Plant Management skills to diagnose the problem and recommend and implement the most effective solution

• Clean up litter in planting beds and park roadsides

• Participate in snow and ice removal

• Mowing and string trimming park lawns weekly

• Inspecting turf for weeds and disease

* Help with developing a turf management plan

• Inspection of existing drainage plans and installation of new curative measures

• Weeding, brush clearing, and mulching

• Interacting with park patrons in a professional manner as a representative of The Parklands

• Other duties may be assigned

**DESIRABLE QUALIFICATIONS:**

Knowledge of:

• Landscape, agronomic and horticultural practices, terminology, and procedures involving equipment, materials, installation, maintenance, construction, and repair as it relates to the parks and landscape industry;

* Previous experience with managing high traffic turfgrass areas
* Experience fertilizing, aerating, over seeding weed, and insect control on turf areas

• General knowledge of basic electrical and plumbing diagnostics

• Safe and proper use of pesticides and sprayers;

• Operation and maintenance of power-driven landscape and mowing equipment;

• Safe and efficient work practices, especially in high public use areas;

Ability to**:**

* Operate a tractor, skid steer, mini-excavator, and other equipment in a safe and efficient manner
* Fix irrigation leaks and/or other irrigation system problems
* Program Irrigation control panels

• Operate a variety of field maintenance equipment in a safe and efficient manner;

• Establish and maintain effective working relationships with employees, volunteers, contractors, and the general public;

• Identify, and trouble shoot and assist in addressing a wide range of park challenges, including but not limited to drainage, irrigation, erosion control, soil, turf, ground cover, weed, disease, pest, shrub, and tree management, etc.

**ADDITONAL REQUIREMENTS:**

* Must acquire a pesticide license within 90 days after hiring in Category 3 Ornamentals and Turf.
* Must be able to lift 50 pounds and move easily in an outdoor setting with regular work in outdoor conditions without environmental controls.
* Some positions will require the performance of other essential and marginal functions depending upon work location, assignment, or shift.

**EXPERIENCE AND EDUCATION:**

• Two or more years of horticulture experience with turf or degree in horticulture and/or related field

* Individuals must be physically capable of operating vehicles safely, possess a valid driver's license and have an acceptable driving record.

• Experience with various landscape maintenance equipment, including, but not limited to, ride on mowers, tractors, fertilizer spreaders, chemical sprayers

• Knowledge of turf pests and diseases, as well as IPM skills

• Strong weed identification and management skills

• Effective communication skills, written and spoken

• Valid Driver’s License required

• Ability to perform heavy, physical labor (lift 40 lbs.) daily in all weather conditions

• Ability to work independently and with others

**BENEFITS:**

This full-time position is structured as an hourly paid position. A regular 40-hour work week is standard. The pay is $16-$18 per hour. Paid vacation for two weeks; five sick/personal days per year. Approved Holidays. Health/Dental/Vision/Life Insurance. Participation in the 21st Century Parks, Inc. 401(k) Plan.

**ABOUT THE PARKLANDS:**

The Parklands of Floyds Fork, an over 4,000-acre non-profit urban park system, is seeking an experienced professional to ensure the safe and smooth operations of park structures and built systems. Reporting to the Park Superintendent, this hourly position (pay commensurate with experience) will work in the field daily leading a small staff of employees and contractors to sustain a park that is clean and served by functional amenities for its nearly 4 million annual guests.

**TO APPLY:**
Interested applicants should send a cover letter and resume(**in the same file) to careers@theparklands.org.**

**For** more information on The Parklands, visit www.theparklands.org. 21st Century Parks, Inc. is an equal opportunity employer.