

## **Title: Climber & Pruner**

Build your career with NYC Parks! while taking care of NYC's Urban Forest. We seek candidates with at least 6 months of full-time experience as a climber and pruner.

NYC Parks is the steward of more than 30,000 acres of land — 14 percent of New York City — including more than 5,000 individual properties ranging from Coney Island Beach and Central Park to community gardens and Greenstreets. We operate more than 800 athletic fields and nearly 1,000 playgrounds, 1,800 basketball courts, 550 tennis courts, 65 public pools, 51 recreational facilities, 15 nature centers, 14 golf courses, and 14 miles of beaches. We care for 1,200 monuments and 23 historic house museums. We look after 600,000 street trees, and two million more in parks. We are New York City's principal providers of recreational and athletic facilities and programs. We are home to free concerts, world-class sports events, and cultural festivals.

NYC Parks offers an excellent benefits package including pension, health, dental and vision coverage and generous vacation/sick days.

### **Major Responsibilities**

- Under supervision, perform all types of work required for the planting, maintenance and removal of trees and large shrubs.
- Climb, prune, brace, cut and fell trees and large shrubs.
- Operate bucket truck, including aerial lift and cherry picker, as well as chipper and other similar equipment.
- Identify hazard defects of trees and ensure public safety.
- Spray trees and large shrubs and perform tree inspections.
- Identify trees by species and inspect for the Asian Longhorned Beetle and other pests and diseases.
- Prepare and use composting sites.

### **Qualification Requirements**

1. Six months of satisfactory, full-time experience as a climber and pruner or arborist performing all types of tree work required for the planting, maintenance and removal of trees and shrubs including climbing, pruning, bracing, cutting and felling trees and large shrubs and operating manual, power driven and motorized equipment required for the performance of these duties.
2. Experience as a ground person is not acceptable towards meeting this requirement.

### **Special Working Conditions:**

1. When responding to emergency conditions, Climber and Pruners may be required to work shifts including nights, Saturdays, Sundays and holidays.
2. Some of the physical activities performed by Climber and Pruners and environmental conditions experienced are: climbing in and out of an aerial lift device (bucket truck);

climbing up in a tree using rope and harness or bucket; operating a chainsaw; operating heavy motorized equipment such as bucket truck, chipper, loader, and stump grinder; lifting and moving heavy objects; standing for extended periods of time; and working outdoors in a restricted space in an urban environment in all kinds of weather, including severe weather conditions.

This position is exempt from NYC residency requirements.

### **License Requirement**

Driver License Requirement: At the time of appointment, eligibles must possess a motor vehicle driver license valid in the State of New York, and a Class B Commercial Driver License valid in the State of New York within one year of being appointed to this position. Serious moving violations, license suspension or accident record may disqualify you. This Class B Commercial Driver License must be maintained for the duration of your employment. Such license must not include any restrictions which would preclude the performance of Climber and Pruner work.

**Salary:** \$64,177\* plus excellent benefits

**\*On 05/26/2023 salary will increase to \$70,128**

**Work Location:** TBD

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