



CITY OF NEWPORT, RHODE ISLAND

CAREER OPPORTUNITY

Position Title:	FORESTER
Posting Date:	Monday, October 25, 2021
Closing Date:	Friday, November 5, 2021
Department:	Public Services
Brief Job Description: <i>(essential functions of the job)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Responsible for the production of all tree work on city trees. The work includes all phases of arboriculture including planting, pruning, removal, advanced rigging, bracing and treatment diagnosis. • Oversees and participates in a variety of tasks in connection with tree planting, maintenance, pruning, climbing, cabling and the removal of trees including the use of advanced rigging methods. • Inspects equipment for operating efficiency and safety. • Organizes and schedules work crews. • Orders tools and supplies; makes estimates of labor, equipment and time required to complete various projects and prepares detailed reports and keeps records of work. • Operates various types of heavy equipment and participates in the removal of snow. • Attends training sessions to maintain knowledge of changes in forestry techniques, occupational safety requirements and arborist tree service techniques and practices to maintain arborist and spraying licenses.
Minimum Entrance Qualifications:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • College degree in Arboriculture, Natural Resources, a related field or equivalent. • Three to five (3-5) years of experience in climbing trees and use of specialized forestry equipment, removal of large trees and advanced rigging techniques; or any equivalent combination of education, training and experience which provides the required knowledge, skills and abilities to perform the essential functions of the job. • Safe and effective operation of specialized equipment (i.e. bucket truck, backhoe, front end loader etc.) used in the planting, maintenance, pruning, climbing, rigging and removal of trees. • Thorough knowledge of arboriculture and specifically the treatment of trees, disease/pest identification and their control; knowledge of advanced rigging, tree climbing techniques and the use of specialized forestry equipment; knowledge of common ornamental and native trees found in the region. • Ability to read and interpret construction project plans, pay careful attention to details, perform work under extreme weather conditions for long periods of time; ability to instruct and train co-workers and to interact with members of the public in a tactful manner; ability to recognize unsafe working conditions and to ensure that appropriate safety precautions are taken to ensure employee and the public's safety; ability to organize and schedule work; ability to estimate the cost of labor and materials and the equipment required to complete tasks; ability to make minor repairs and maintain department equipment and tools and ability to operate specialized equipment safely.

Licenses/Certifications:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commercial Driver's license and hoister's license. • Possess and maintain a Rhode Island Arborist's license.
Pay and Hours Per Week AFSCME Grade: U04 Minimum Salary: \$22.59 Hourly Maximum Salary: \$26.97 Hourly Hours per week: 40 FULL BENEFITS OFFERED	<p align="center">Submit resume and/or completed application to:</p> <p align="center">Michael J. Coury, Director of Human Resources Human Resources Department City Hall – 43 Broadway Newport, Rhode Island 02840</p>
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