

## Clay Court and Ballfields Groundskeeper

### Summary:

The Oscar Hijuelos Clay Tennis Courts in Riverside Park are a world-class playing facility, much beloved by the local community. The Clay Court and Ballfields Groundskeeper will have a special focus on maintaining the red clay courts. The accepted candidate for this position will receive hands-on training in the art of clay court conditioning and maintenance. This is a unique opportunity for the right candidate to obtain specialty training in red clay court maintenance.

The Clay Court Groundskeeper will also work with the existing ballfield crew to maintain baseball fields, dog runs, and soccer fields.

The position reports to Ballfield's Supervisor but also answers to the Executive Director of Clay Courts as needed. The individual in this position will also receive direction from a hired consultant advising on reconditioning of the courts.

### Major Tasks and Responsibilities

Inside of courts:

- Plans and coordinates clay court reconditioning in spring and performs general court maintenance as needed.
- Grades, tills, rolls and scarifies red clay courts in spring to prepare for tennis season.
- Performs court line installation in spring after grading and court preparation are complete. Puts nets back into place.
- Inspects courts regularly and alerts management about potential court damages or issues.
- Checks and maintains irrigation systems (not including winterization and turn on)
- Works with volunteer groups on various on court maintenance tasks.
- Performs routine maintenance of the courts, such as rolling, top dressing application, salt application and string trimming.
- Performs maintenance of hardscape and infrastructure, such as drainage network, fencing, net posts, etc.
- Assists with and ensures that general facilities maintenance at the courts is performed. This includes but is not limited to, trash removal, bathroom supply restocking and assistance with transporting delivered items from supply yard to the courts.
- Winterizes the courts in December.

### Other Duties:

- Mowing lawns & lawn care.
- Assisting volunteers with garden care.
- Pruning shrubs and small trees.
- Grading and grooming dog runs and baseball fields.
- Leaf removal.
- Snow removal.

**Schedule:** Tuesday through Saturday, 6:00 am to 2:30 pm, with flexibility to work other hours to reclaim courts after inclement weather events. Overtime in the season is required. The workday shifts to Monday through Friday, 7:00 am to 3:30 pm in winter.

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**Rate: \$25-28 per hour**

**Qualifications**

- Two years' experience in clay court maintenance or 5 years' experience in ballfield maintenance or golf course maintenance.
- Must be proficient in the operation of a ride-on lawn mower and front-end loader, and skid steer.
- Thorough knowledge and expertise in the principles and practices relating to the maintenance of clay tennis courts or other comparable sports facilities.
- Ability to lift 40 lbs. and work in all weather conditions on the park's 400 acres of varying terrain.
- Valid driver's license required.
- Must have a flexible schedule and be available to work weekends, holidays, and overtime as required, particularly March-May when courts are being opened for the season.
- Familiarity with small engine maintenance, repair, and/or irrigation is a plus but not required.
- Enthusiasm for sports and sports facilities is a huge plus.

**To Apply:** Please submit your **resume and cover letter** via email to [jobs@riversideparknyc.org](mailto:jobs@riversideparknyc.org) with "Clay Court Groundskeeper" in the subject line.

Riverside Park Conservancy provides a competitive benefits package, including 401(k), health care, education stipend, and paid time off. Salary is commensurate with experience.

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