Good morning,
The City of Raleigh, NC is looking for a new Horticulturalist. Please post or forward to all your contacts.
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Permanent Position : Horticulturalist

Position Title: Horticulturalist  
Position Number: 053-11  
Number of Positions: 1  
Closing Date: 05/20/2011  
Salary Range: $38,769 - $63,679  
Department: Parks & Recreation  
Division: Parks Maintenance  
Location: Marsh Creek

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Minimum Requirements

Bachelor's Degree in Horticulture or related field. Thorough knowledge of horticultural practices and principles with at least 5 years of relevant experience to include a minimum of 5 years of supervisory experience; a minimum of 3 years working in and preferably managing a greenhouse; 1 year experience in landscape design and a minimum of 3 years of experience applying pesticides. NC Public Operators Pesticide License required. 1 year of experience training and overseeing other pesticides applicators preferred. An understanding of greenhouse environmental management along with extensive knowledge of propagating annuals, perennials, tropicals and woody ornamentals. A Valid NC Class "C" Driver's License.

Position Duties

Provides support, training and administrative oversight to the horticulture operations of the Parks Department. Works closely with 14 division Gardeners to coordinate special planting projects, develops and reviews landscape designs, reviews plans submitted for capital projects and other related horticultural tasks. Responsible for purchasing and distributing all related materials. Oversees the management of a departmental pesticide policy. Provides training and supervision of the department's 32 licensed pesticide applicators. Responsible for all purchasing, inventory, storage and related documentation of pesticides, including maintaining and operating a large access database. Oversees the management of the greenhouse and nursery while having direct supervision of the full time Grower and part time Assistant. Interacts with other city departments, government agencies, volunteers, vendors and industry professionals to ensure departmental goals are met.

The ideal candidate for this position should be strongly self-directed and organized with the ability to multi-task. Flexibility, creativity and the ability to work under pressure and meet deadlines are essential. Strong
written and verbal communication skills are critical.

*Salary information listed with each vacancy includes the entire pay range for that position; from the minimum rate to the maximum rate, as described in the City of Raleigh's Classification and Salary Plan.

Thanks!

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