

Maintenance Achievement Award Nominee – Robert Sexton – City of Hurst

Name of Maintenance Professional: Robert Sexton

Relationship to the Nominee: Direct Supervisor

Employment History: Robert has been with the City of Hurst Parks Department for 20 years and for the past 10 years he has served in the position of Aquatics Technician.

Robert's Essential Job Functions Include:

1. Possesses excellent customer service skills and can excel at applying the City of Hurst's Code of Ideals and Good to Great practices in all interpersonal relationships with city staff and the public.
2. Coordinates work, inspection, and maintenance activities with the Recreation staff at multiple facilities.
3. Inspects and assures appearance of the general pool areas present no health or accident hazards to the public. Includes inspection and water testing of the senior living facility utilized by Hurst Senior Center members. Reports and resolves related concerns.
4. Inspects, and performs routine maintenance of pool fixtures, tiles, plaster, water slides, play features, and related components.
5. Inspects, repairs, replaces, and maintains swimming pool pumps and filter equipment, including connecting plumbing, drain lines, and components, as well as chemical feed systems.
6. Operates, calibrates, troubleshoot and repair chemical monitoring system. Interprets data and makes necessary adjustments.
7. Maintains and repairs City's decorative fountains. Coordinates contractor work to ensure health standards are maintained.
8. Provides contract supervision for maintenance and repairs related to pool and aquatic features.
9. Maintains inventory for repairs and maintenance of swimming pools and decorative fountains.
10. Initiates requests for contract maintenance and repair, requisitions for supplies, tools, and other materials needed to maintain the safe operation of pools and features.
11. Assists in reading and interpreting architectural, mechanical, and structural drawings and site plans related to aquatic projects.
12. Establishes and maintains effective working relationships with other city staff, contractors, and the public.
13. Support and assist in supervising City sponsored special events as required.
14. Other duties as necessary and assigned.

Professional Achievement: One achievement that I would like to recognize Robert for is a lighting project that he took on over the past two years without any direction to do so. He successfully coordinated with the Hurst Facility Services Division to change out all of the facility and pavilion lights to LED at both aquatic centers. What was so great about this project, was that he partnered with another department on the labor and cost, and made improvements to the aquatic facilities in the process. Again, this was a project that Robert decided to take on himself because he wanted to make improvements to his facilities, not because anyone directed him to do so. This is just one example of the many projects that Robert consistently takes on to make a difference. It has been my pleasure to be Robert's supervisor for the last 5 years and there is no one that I would rather have on my team going into the next crazy aquatic season. He definitely deserves recognition for his many contributions to Hurst Aquatics and the City of Hurst.

Innovation: From Building his own pool vacuums to caulking seams in waterslides that last for ten years, Robert is always coming up with new and innovative ways to get the job done and get it done well. The way it impacts our agency is that it not only cuts expenses by doing most things “in-house”, but Robert also maintains his facilities in ways that will last. He takes pride in his facilities and equipment, and maintains them at the highest level possible. Robert has set himself apart as a maintenance professional in the aquatics industry and is very successful in keeping up with the latest trends in the field.

Additional Information: Robert is an active member of the Texas Public Pool Council and the North Texas Aquatic Association. He has also been a Certified Pool Operator for 10 years.