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A KEXP DJ, playground designer, grounds guru, engineer and pedicab driver share their Seattle Center stories

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Beth Duncan

Assistant facility maintenance supervisor,
Seattle Center

“Most of my career here has been as a landscape supervisor. I’m really a horticulturist, a gardener, in my heart’s soul. I still oversee the gardening and the landscapes, but at a much higher level; I’m not involved in the day-to-day worry about every blade of grass and perennial that gets stepped on.”

“Problem solving is the big thing that I do and that people who work under me do. We’re always trying to fix things or figure out a way to make something work. **We have all these events and we have to meld everything together.** I enjoy that a lot. It’s always interesting.”

“**I wish that kids knew that there are other kinds of work in the world that can be very fun and satisfying besides just some kind of high-tech thing.** For me, my reward has been making beautiful spaces for people in Seattle to enjoy.”

“My best days are in late spring, when the grounds are just pristine. The lawns are beautiful, the shrubs are in bloom, we haven’t had a major festival yet, and everything is fresh. If you come before 11 o’clock in the morning you pretty much have the place to yourself.”

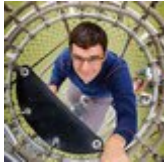


Assistant facility maintenance supervisor Beth Duncan takes in Seattle Center| Photo credit: Will Austin

Did you know?

Unit 19 is a group of engineers who work at Seattle Center 24 hours a day, seven days a week, to keep all of the systems running.

— Gemma Alexander



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