

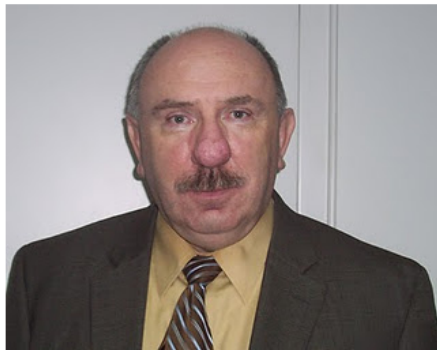
ATCO's Desmond Beglin featured by 32BJ's Green Supers program at <http://www.1000supers.com>

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Meet Desmond Beglin: 40 Central Park South



When you talk to Desmond Beglin, the first thing you notice--after his heavy Irish brogue--is his cheerfulness. It's contagious, but Beglin has every reason to be cheerful. He's been working in an industry he loves for the last 30 years, starting as a porter and working his way up to resident manager and on-site agent of 40 Central Park South in New York City.

"I like dealing with people; the residents are nice," says Beglin, who also enjoys the hands-on maintenance work.

To help him in his education he completed courses at 32BJ, including plumbing, electrical, air conditioning and maintenance, standpipe/boiler and more. "I did whatever courses were necessary to better my experience."

Beglin became interested in and completed the Green Supers course because, he says, the whole industry was going green and it was important to keep up with what was needed. "The industry needs managers with a green building background who can implement new plans and save money and energy and the owners of the property were instrumental in getting the maintenance staff involved in the course," he explains. "We have the full backing to succeed."

So far, Beglin has completed various green projects in his building, including adding sensors in the compactor rooms and changing to more energy-efficient light bulbs in fixtures. "We are also in the process of changing the steam traps to save energy in heating and changing over from #6 to #2 oil," he says. "We're going to save a lot of energy and help with reducing pollution." The oil change will take place by 2012.

An eager graduate, Beglin utilized the Green Coaching Program to take his knowledge one step further. "One of the teachers came to our site and compiled suggestions on saving energy," he says. "It was very helpful."

Beglin is eager to learn even more and will sign up for more courses. "I've learned a lot about energy, and I thought I knew a lot," he says. "If you're in this industry, it doesn't even matter how long, you'll learn something at these courses."

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