

# Greenbelt News Review

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"Danny" Blake

## Greenbelt's Outstanding Employee of 1982

(The following profile is based on an interview conducted during a two-hour ride-along by our reporter with Cpl. Blake.)

by Glynese Echols

The city council recognized Corporal Edward "Danny" Blake as Greenbelt's employee of the year, at its Twelfth Annual Awards Banquet on March 12. The award is offered to the city employee who has exhibited commendatory service to the community. One citizen described Danny as "a prime example of an officer and a gentleman."

Danny Blake has worked for Greenbelt's police department for 11 years. In the past year, he demonstrated what former officer Thomas VanValkenburgh says he always is, more than just a police officer. In presenting the award, Mayor Gil Weidenfeld described Blake as an "automobile mechanic, when helping persons with stalled cars or flat tires; as a locksmith for managing to help a resident who had locked herself out of her house; as a loan officer, by a person in need of money for an unexpected emergency; and as a high wire artist for saving a woman's life by risking his own on a seven-story-high balcony."

Corporal Blake exceeds the requirements of his job because he thinks of himself as a professional public servant more than he thinks of himself as a professional law enforcement officer.

### Philosophy

Though Blake is reserved, his personality radiates warmth and compassion. He thinks his attributes are the result of his parent's "words of wisdom" and his West Virginia upbringing: "My parents always told me to hide in the middle of the pile and treat everybody as though they are 100% better than me. They said, 'You're at the bottom of the pile to everyone but you!'"

An obvious result of this phil-

### Cultural Center News

A Murder Has Been Arranged, the mystery play at Utopia Theater, will close after performances this weekend — Friday and Saturday, March 25 and 26. For information, call 474-7763.

Comedy comes to Utopia Friday and Saturday, April 1 and 2, with Woody Allen's escapades in the film "Play It Again, Sam," at 8 p.m. Allen plays a neurotic film critic who keeps striking out with women. The situation changes dramatically when he conjures up the ghost of Humphrey Bogart.

Betty Xander will hold auditions for the comedy "Twigs" Saturday and Sunday, March 26 and 27, at the theater 1-4 p.m. Roles require seven men and four women, ranging from middle-aged to elderly. For information call 345-7357. The play will take place in May.



Cpl. Danny Blake catches up on paper work.

— photo by Glynese Echols, courtesy of J. Henson Photographics

osophy, Blake is a humble man. He appeared at the banquet to accept his award under orders from Police Chief William Lane. Blake explained, "I would have liked to accept the award for all the officers since they all deserve it. But my stomach was in knots and my tongue was tied, and I couldn't say anything." He even tried to downplay his saving of the life of the woman on the balcony by commenting, "I threw my jacket to her, but told her that if she jumped, to leave the jacket."

### Enlists

When Blake graduated from high school, he enlisted in the Marine Corps. He served in Europe for a year and in 1966 was commissioned to Vietnam, where he was wounded and experienced several close calls. "I

know that five or six times should have been my time: like when a shell drops in front of you and it's a dud... it doesn't go off; or when you're standing next to an antenna and it goes up in flames, but you're okay. I think God's watching me. I think I'm immortal and very, very lucky."

When Blake was discharged from Vietnam in 1968, the Marine Corps presented him with an opportunity to go to officer candidates' school, an opportunity Blake refused and today describes as "the biggest mistake of my life. I could have been a major or a colonel by now." In lieu of becoming an officer, Blake became a military policeman until June of 1969, when he left the Marine Corps and went See BLAKE, page 4, col. 1

## Rising Conductor Leads Symphony at Roosevelt

by Al Herling

The young, American-born conductor, Alan Balter, will conduct the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra in the concert sponsored by the Greenbelt Arts Trust and Greenbelt Cultural Arts Center at Eleanor Roosevelt High School on Wednesday, April 20, at 8 p.m.

Balter, the personal choice of Maestro Sergiu Comissiona to be the Associate Conductor of the Baltimore Symphony, (BSO) joined the BSO in 1979 as the Exxon Arts Endowment conductor. His ability has been recognized near and far. In past seasons he has appeared as guest conductor with the American Symphony at Lincoln Center in New York, the Arkansas Symphony, Atlanta Symphony, Buffalo Philharmonic, Osaka Philharmonic, Yomiuri Nippon Symphony and Sapporo Symphony. All of these appearances have brought him critical accolades.

Born in New York, Alan Balter studied music at the Juilliard School of Music. He began his music studies playing the piano, later, he learned the clarinet. He



Alan Balter, Associate Conductor, Baltimore Symphony Orchestra.

concentrated on a double major in music and mathematics at Oberlin College/Conservatory. After earning a master's degree at the Cleveland Institute of Music, his career continued as clarinetist with the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra. In 1976, Balter captured first prize in the Min-On International Concours for Conductors in Tokyo, winning a 12-concert conducting tour of Japan. In 1979, conductors Seiji Ozawa of the Boston Symphony and Gunther Schuller requested that Alan Balter participate as a conducting fellow at the Berkshire Music Center in Tanglewood, Mass.

Balter possesses a magnetic personality and a remarkably high degree of musical understanding. Critics expect him to be recognized for greatness soon.

## City Agrees with Development Plans for Greenbelt Park

by Leta Mach

With several resolutions and one ordinance passed for first reading, it was a run-of-the-mill council meeting on March 7. First council quickly ran through a proposal on future uses of Greenbelt Park.

After reviewing the Record of Decision for the Greenbelt Park General Management / Development Concept Plan, council voted to thank the United States Department of Interior for their Record of Decision. This document gives the results of a study on the park's future. In keeping with city wishes, the plan steers clear of intensive development for the park.

Earlier, the Advisory Planning Board (APB) reviewed and supported the Record of Decision. APB did list two concerns, however, APB feels that the Record of Decision neglects that portion of the park east of the Baltimore-Washington Parkway. APB finds, "this leaves open the opportunity for this land to be declared surplus by the Federal Government."

On the other hand, councilman Thomas X. White interpreted the Record of Decision differently. He cited the report's statement: "Extensive recreational development in the East Parkway was rejected because of its urban greenspace value." The report also calls for keeping the East Park "in a semi-natural state." A future pedestrian bridge is also planned to link the east and west sections of the park. White explained, "This indicates the east part is not being ignored."

Saying that, "I don't want it construed that we want to see some development there," White moved that council tell the Department of Interior that it supports the urban greenspace use of the east park. This proposal passed along with a reiteration of APB's second concern about possible future difficulties entering and leaving the park from Greenbelt Road. The Record of Decision does raise the possibility of a future entrance from Kenilworth Avenue.

### Street Work

Road construction for the center of Greenbelt received a boost during the session as council awarded a contract for street resurfacing and drainage improvements of Ridge Road from Gardenway to Eastway. Somar Construction Company, the low bidder, received the contract. The work is being done under a Com-

munity Development Block Grant (SDBG). City Manager James Giese raised the possibility of later paving Ridge from Southway to Westway, using leftover CDBG funds in combination with city funds.

### First Readings

Council also approved at first reading a supplemental appropriation to the replacement fund. The appropriation of \$7,754 will be used to purchase a 3/4-ton van truck needed for the building maintenance superintendent. Waiving bid procedures, council approved at first reading the negotiated purchase of a Drott four-in-one bucket for a Case front-end loader. The item which will cost \$7,395 is only available from the Chesapeake Supply and Equipment Company.

As requested by the State of Maryland, council ratified at first reading the Metropolitan Washington Area Air Quality Plan. Although the printed plan does not list any Greenbelt commitments, the city did make several pledges in April 1982. These included support of maximum construction of METRO by 1987, safe sidewalks within a half mile of METRO, commuter rail service, minibus service, bike lanes, synchronized light signals, use of interstate highway funds for mass transit, Stage II Vapor Recovery Equipment at service stations, reprocessing of reactive solvent wastes at degreasing facilities, a regional tax for transit operations, and consideration of air quality in land use decisions.

A final resolution, passed for first reading, dealt with nuclear war crisis relocation planning. A group of Prince Georges County citizens, Nuclear War Relocation Coalition, has sought endorsement of a resolution on the matter which will be presented to Prince Georges County Council. The slightly modified Greenbelt resolution calls for the same thing — a special committee on nuclear war crisis relocation to study and make recommendations to County Council "on the feasibility and extent of the county's participation in nuclear war crisis relocation planning."

Items introduced for first reading will be back on council's agenda on April 4.



Greenbelt Recreation Department

474-6878

## KITE FLYING CONTEST

WHEN: Saturday March 26, 1983

(Rescheduled from March 19th)

WHERE: Braden Field

TIME: 12 noon - 1:00 p.m.

WHO: Flyers of all ages with kites of all shapes and sizes

Prizes will be awarded in 9 categories  
Kites must fly to qualify.



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## Harriet G. Tymm

Harriet G. Tymm, 79, long-time resident of Greenbelt, passed away in her home, 6-G Crescent Road, on March 12. Mrs. Tymm was born in Valley Hill, Mississippi. She attended Blue Mountain College in Mississippi and the University of Texas. For 17 years she was Secretary-Assistant Controller for the Railroad Credit Corporation. She worked 5 years with the Southern Railway System, 5 years with the Ryan Advertising Agency, and 10 years with the Goddard Space Flight Center. Mrs. Tymm is survived by a son, Brewer N. Newton and his family, Patri Del, Mark, Tori, Bruce, and Brewer Jr., and by her sister Mary Alice Love.

## ST HUGH'S SHOWS LAST OF FAMILY SERIES

This Monday night at 7:30, St. Hugh's will show the last film of the "Focus on the Family" series entitled, "What Women Wish Their Husbands Knew About Women." Some of the topics Dr. Dobson will address are: self-esteem among women, depression, money, sex, and children. The film will be an hour and a half long. All Greenbelters are invited to attend this film.

## Mowatt Shows Film About Jesus Christ

Greenbelters are invited to see the film "The Gospel Road," on Sunday, March 27, at 7 p.m. at Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church, 40 Ridge. Johnny and June Cash conceived and produced this film of the story of Jesus Christ. Admission is free.

## Mowatt Memorial

United Methodist Church  
 40 Ridge Rd. 474-9410  
 Sunday School 9:30 A.M.  
 (for all ages)  
 Morning Worship 11:00 A.M.  
 Rev. Ira C. Keperling, Pastor  
 474-1924

## ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

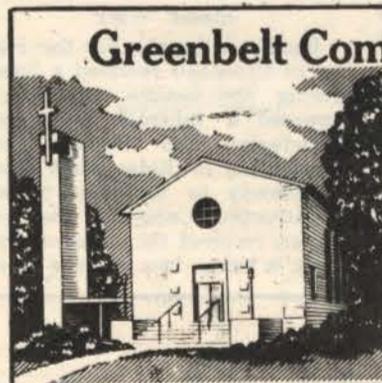
### Episcopal

Baltimore Blvd. at Powder Mill Rd., Beltsville  
 8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist  
 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist  
 First and third Sundays  
 10:30 a.m. Morning Prayer  
 Second and fourth Sundays  
 Rev. John G. Bals, Rector  
 422-8057

## Community Church Holds Holy Week Services

Holy Week services at Greenbelt Community Church, United Church of Christ, will begin with the Palm Sunday service, March 27 at 11 a.m. On March 31 a Maundy Thursday service will begin with a potluck supper at 6:30 p.m. in the Social Hall, followed by a service of Communion. On Friday, April 1 there will be a special Good Friday service at 8 p.m. in the church sanctuary, which will feature music by one of the church choirs along with readings, a meditation, and prayers.

The Easter Eve service on Saturday, April 2 will begin at 9 p.m. in the church sanctuary. This service begins in the darkness of Good Friday and concludes in the light of Easter morn. It features special choir music, a service of candlelight Communion, and a coffee hour afterwards. Easter Sunday worship at 11 a.m. Easter Sunday will feature two anthems and an introit by Greenbelt Community Churches Combined Choirs. The service will conclude with Easter Communion.



## Greenbelt Community Church

(United Church of Christ)  
 Hillside and Crescent Roads  
 Phone 474-6171 mornings  
 Church School for All Ages -  
 11 a.m. - Palm Sunday Worship  
 and Church School  
 Maundy Thursday (March 31)  
 Potluck and Communion Service  
 at 6:30 p.m. in the Social Hall  
 Rev. Sherry Taylor and  
 Rev. Harry Taylor co-pastors



## Holy Cross Lutheran Church

6905 Greenbelt Road  
 Worship Services: 8:30 and 11:15 a.m.  
 Sunday School: 9:50 a.m.  
 Sunday morning nursery at both services  
 Edward H. Birner, Pastor Phone 345-5111

## Nursing Home Residents Hold Rock-n-Roll Drive

Nursing Home residents at the Greenbelt Nursing Center will be rocking and rolling for the benefit of the American Heart Association on Saturday, March 26, from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Residents will solicit pledges for every "minute" of rocking or "mile" of rolling. Youth from several local schools and Girl Scout troops will help residents to solicit pledges.

The main event involves nursing home residents rocking in rocking chairs and rolling wheelchairs down the corridors of the nursing home. Some residents will walk for funds pledged. All monies pledged will help in the fight against heart and blood vessel diseases.

The joint community effort between nursing home residents and young people of all ages is a worthwhile "fun raising" time which benefits everybody — the American Heart Association, the nursing home residents, the youth and the community.

The public is invited to attend the day-long activities at the Greenbelt Nursing Center which will include a bake sale, a kissing booth featuring two of the residents, a Bentwood rocking chair raffle, clowns, Rainbow Music Troupe, The Black Experience Dance Troupe, an information table with literature and pamphlets from the American Heart Association, and an AHA representative available to answer questions about heart diseases.

For more information on how to be a "Fun Raiser for Heart" contact Joy or Debbie at the Greenbelt Nursing Center, or call 345-9595.

## BAHA'I FAITH

invites you to listen to the Jeff Reynolds Show on radio station WLMD 90.0 AM every Sunday morning from 8 until 8:30.

Greenbelt Baha'i Community  
 P.O. Box 245, Greenbelt, MD 20770

345-2918 / 474-4090

## Our Neighbors

Raymond and Shirley Hibbs became grandparents with the birth of Ashley Marie Newell on March 22. Ashley's parents, Debbie H. and David N. Newell, now reside in Virginia.

Visiting Greenbelt this week were Bernice and Sid Kastner, former News Review staff members. The Kastners came from British Columbia to see their new granddaughter, Wendy Hagegans, and her parents, Ruth Kastner and Chuck Hagegans.

Willie Owens is Springhill Lake's first baby of 1983. Willie was born at 9:30 a.m. on January 19, weighing 7 lbs., 8 ozs. His parents are Sheila and Willie Owens.

There were 5 tables of duplicate bridge at the Greenbelt Youth Center on March 4. First place winners were Peg Wain-scott and George Nelson. In the second slot was the team of Laura and Bill Walker. The next game will be held Friday at 7:30 p.m.

Kathy White reports as Kathy O'Brien on WLMD and does morning news at WAMJ radio. She also worked at the University of Maryland's WMUC.

Greenbelters were saddened to learn of the death of longtime resident Harriet Tymm. Our condolences to her family.

P. Reidy of Springhill Lake, who earned an M.A. degree from Northern Illinois University in 1974 and a doctorate in history last year, was associate editor of *Freedom: A Documentary History of Emancipation, 1861-1867.*

## Scholarships to PGCC

The Prince Georges Community College Board of Trustees will provide 24 scholarships for two academic years at the college to county high school students.

To qualify, students should have a minimum of a 3.25 cumulative grade point average from grade nine through the first semester of their senior year. Students must also have graduated from a state approved county school and be residents of the county.

Interested students should contact their high school guidance offices. Recipients will be notified of their selections April 13.

## Natural Childbirth Film Class A The Library

An early pregnancy class followed by the showing of childbirth and breastfeeding films will be presented by the Bradley method of childbirth. Topics include nutrition, being comfortable in pregnancy, and choosing a doctor. The class and film showing will be held on Saturday, March 26, at 3 p.m. at the Greenbelt Library. For information call 474-2762.

The large volume, which deals with the black military experience, was just published by the Cambridge University Press. Based on holdings from the National Archives in Washington, D.C., the work includes numerous previously unknown writings by slaves and masters, and others, who collectively provide a vivid portrait of the monumental struggles in America during the 1860s.

You are cordially invited to attend

OUR EASTER CONCERT

"God Gave A Song - The Easter Song"

On Friday, the first of April at 7:30 in the evening

Mowatt United Methodist Church

40 Ridge Road, Greenbelt, Maryland

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 Worship Service 11 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.  
 Midweek Prayer Service (Wed.) 8:00 p.m.

## SAINT HUGH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

135 Crescent

## HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

PALM SUNDAY, March 27  
 MASSES (with blessing of palms) 6 p.m. Saturday  
 8, 9:30 and 11 a.m. 12:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, March 29  
 MASSES 7:30 and 9 a.m.  
 PENANCE SERVICE 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, March 30  
 MASSES 7:30 and 9 a.m. 1:30 p.m.  
 CONFESSIONS 11 a.m. to 12 noon, after the evening Mass

THURSDAY, March 31  
 MASSES 7:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.  
 CONFESSIONS 11 a.m. to 12 noon, after the evening Mass

GOOD FRIDAY, April 1  
 NO MASSES  
 STATIONS OF THE CROSS 3 p.m.  
 SOLEMN LITURGY 7:30 p.m.  
 CONFESSIONS 11 a.m.-12 noon, after Stations of the Cross

HOLY SATURDAY, April 2  
 EASTER VIGIL MASS 7:30 p.m.  
 CONFESSIONS 4 to 5 p.m.

EASTER SUNDAY, April 3  
 MASSES 8, 9:30 and 11 a.m. 12:30 p.m.

## Accounting Class At E. Roosevelt

Prince Georges Community College is now accepting registration for "Accounting I, Part II. Registration ends March 25. Part II is a 13-session course highlighting the merchandising business. This course will be held on Mondays and Wednesday from 7 until 9 p.m., beginning March 28 and ending May 11, at Eleanor Roosevelt Senior High School. Part I will be held at Largo High School. There is a fee.

For additional information, call 322-0875.

## Mini Storage now available in Greenbelt Area.

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## Greenbelt Cultural Arts Center presents



Fridays and  
Saturdays:  
March 25 and 26  
at 8:15 p.m.

Sunday matinee:  
March 20 at 2:30 p.m.

Donation: \$3.50 (\$2.00 for students, children,  
and senior citizens)

Utopia Theater 129 Centerway  
Greenbelt, Maryland 474-7763

Films: "PLAY IT AGAIN SAM"  
Woody Allen's zany humor. April 1-2, Friday &  
Saturday 8 p.m. 2.00

for further information, call 345-4487 or 345-3516



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## 1983 SPRING LEISURE TIME ACTIVITIES GREENBELT RECREATION DEPARTMENT



474-6878

In-person registration, first-come, first serve basis. ALL REGISTRANTS MAY SIGN UP AT EITHER CENTER FOR ALL CLASSES.

Monday, March 28, 10am-4pm Greenbelt Youth Center and 7-8pm Springhill Lake Recreation Center.

Tuesday, March 29, 10am-4pm and 7-8 pm, Greenbelt Youth Center.

Wednesday, March 30, 10am-4pm, Greenbelt Youth Center.

Late registration on a space available basis only, on Thursday, March 31 at the Youth Center Business Office. All late registrants will be charged a \$1.00 late fee. Make all checks payable to the CITY OF GREENBELT.

A 10% discount will be given to all senior citizens, 60 years old and over, registering for classes. Non-residents will be charged an additional 25% for all classes.

All classes begin the week of April 4, 1983. Classes are held for the number of sessions or hours designated.

Refunds will be made if classes are cancelled by the Department due to insufficient registration. Other refunds will be made only according to provisions in City of Greenbelt Resolution No. 65, which also requires that refund requests be made in writing immediately for valid reasons.

LOCATION CODE: BFTC - Braden Field Tennis Courts; CS - Center Elementary School; SHLRC - Springhill Lake Recreation Center; YC - Youth Center.

BABYSITTING: Services provided for classes indicated by asterisks (\*\*). Fee is 75c per child per class hour. Participants must register for entire class and fee is required at time of registration.

### CHILDREN, TEEN & ADULT CLASSES

ACTIVITIES	LOCATION	DAY/TIME	AGE GROUP	FEE (Non-Resident add 25%)
Arts & Crafts	YC/SHLRC	Mon 3:30-4:30p	K-3 Grades	FREE - 8 weeks
	YC/SHLRC	Wed 3:30-4:30p	4-6 Grades	FREE - 8 weeks
Adult Ballet/Jazz	YC	Tue 6:30-7:30p	16 & over	\$15/8 sessions
Children Pre-School	YC	Tue 3:30-4:30p	3-5 yrs.	\$12/8 sessions
Pre-School	YC	Sat 9:00-10:00a	3-5 yrs.	\$12/8 sessions
6 Yrs. & over	YC	Sat 10:00-11:00a	6-12 yrs.	\$12/8 sessions
Chinese Cooking - plus materials	YC	Wed 7:00-8:00p	16 & over	\$12/6 classes
Chucks 'n' Lassies	YC	Sat 9:00-10:00a	6-10 yrs.	FREE - 8 weeks
	SHLRC	Sat 10:00-11:00a	6-10 yrs.	FREE - 8 weeks
Clay Modeling	YC	Sat 9:00-10:00a	9-15 yrs.	\$8/8 sessions
Clowning Class - plus material	YC	Thur 3:30-5:30p	9-15 yrs.	\$20/8-2hr. classes
Creative Carousel	YC	Sat 10:00-11:00a	4-5 yrs.	\$8/8 sessions
CPR - Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation		Apr 12 & 13 19 & 20	7-10:30p	FREE: \$5 Non-res.
Pre-register Call M-F, 474-6878		May 10 & 11 17 & 18	7-10:30p	FREE: \$5 Non-res.
\$2.00 book fee for all registrants.		Jun 7 & 8		
Classes are held at the Greenbelt Youth Center				
Floor Acrobatics/Tumbling	YC	Mon 4:00-5:00p	6 & over	\$8/8 sessions
Golf	SHLRC	Tue 6:00-7:00p	14 & over	\$15/6 sessions
Gymnastics	YC	Tue 3:30-4:30p	6-12 yrs.	\$12/8 sessions
Pre-School Gymnastics,	YC	Tue 2:30-3:30p	3-5 yrs.	\$12/8 sessions
Tumbling, & Trampoline	YC	Thu 2:30-3:30p	3-5 yrs.	\$12/8 sessions
Jazz Dance	YC	Sat 11:00a-12:00n	9 & over	\$12/8 sessions
Jazzercise	YC	**Thu 10:00-11:00a	Adult	\$12/8 sessions
Kid's Kitchen	YC	Tue 3:30-4:30p	3-5 yrs.	\$8/6 sessions
	YC	Thu 3:30-4:30p	6-9 yrs.	\$8/6 sessions
Pottery - By Wheel and Hand - plus materials - UNLIMITED PRACTICE TIME				
Beg/Int	YC	Mon 7:30-9:30p	16 & over	\$32/10 sessions
Pre-School Playtime	YC/SHLRC	Thu 3:30-4:30p	3-5 yrs.	FREE - 8 sessions
Slimnastics	YC	Tue 7:30-8:30p	16 & over	\$12.50/10 sessions
	YC	Thu 7:00-8:00p	16 & over	\$12.50/10 sessions
Tennis - Beginner	BFTC	Mon 6:00-8:00p	16 & over	\$15/5 classes
Beginner	BFTC	Tue 6:00-8:00p	16 & over	\$15/5 classes
Intermediate	BFTC	Wed 6:00-8:00p	16 & over	\$15/5 classes
Children	BFTC	Thu 6:00 to 8:00 p	9-15 yr.	\$12/5 classes
Children	BFTC	Sat 9:00-11:00a	9-15 yrs.	\$12/5 classes
Trampoline	YC	Thu 3:30-4:30p	6-12 yrs.	\$10/8 sessions
	SHLRC	Sat 10:00-11:00a	6-12 yrs.	\$10/8 sessions
Tumbling	SHLRC	Sat 11:00a-12:00n	6-12 yrs.	\$8/8 sessions
Vegetarian Cooking	YC	Wed 8:00-9:00p	16 & over	\$12/6 classes
Volleyball - Competitive	CS	Mon 8:30-10:30p	16 & over	FREE
Leisure	CS	Wed 8:30-10:30p	16 & over	FREE

### SPECIAL INTERESTS

Caving	Dates:	April 23, May 21, June 19	Time:	9:00am-5:00pm
	Cost:	\$33.00		
Rock Climbing & Rappelling	Dates:	Apr 24, May 8, 21, June 4	Time:	9:00am-5:00pm
	Cost:	\$38.00		
Weekend Horseback/Riding Trip	Dates:	May 13-15, May 20-22		
	Cost:	\$85.00 per person		
Whitewater Rafting	Dates:	Every Saturday & Sunday	Time:	9:00am-5:00pm
	Cost:	beginning April 10.		
		\$26.00		

## BLAKE: City's Employee of 1982

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to the police academy in Anne Arundel County.

### Greenbelt

After working for Anne Arundel County for a year, Blake came to Greenbelt. He intended to work for Greenbelt's police department for five years, since Greenbelt is known as an excellent training department, and then pursue his ambition to become a U.S. Marshal. But Blake is a "war baby" and the competition was tough. The first time he applied for a job as a U.S. Marshal, the policy was to hire minorities. Two years later he applied again, but the policy was to hire women. So Danny Blake built his career as a Greenbelt police officer and, according to VanValkenburgh, "he's an outstanding cop."

### The Carpenter

Blake resigned from the department in 1979 when he endeavored to move to the Eastern Shore to work as a carpenter, a trade which he loves almost as much as police work. "I love to build things and I love drawing and drafting. I still do carpentry for my neighbors." But while working on the Eastern Shore, Blake was bitten by a tick and contracted Rocky Mountain spotted fever. He spent over a month in intensive care. When he recovered, he decided that police work was just as safe as anything else he enjoyed doing and came back to Greenbelt.

Blake describes police work as "something you get in your blood." He says he never thinks about being killed, that getting shot is a risk of the job; just as being burned is a risk of being a welder, or being cut with a knife is a risk of being a cook. "You have to WANT to be a policeman. I love patrolling and dealing with people. I would never want to be off the streets unless I retired. Then I'd like to be a high sheriff in West Virginia."

### Two Worries

Blake says that in patrol work he does have two worries; one is to keep his shift commander out of trouble by doing what he is supposed to do "I want my shift commander to trust me. I don't want him to have to worry about Blake screwing up when there may be other officers he really has to worry about." The other is getting to work on time. He alleviates this concern by coming in about two hours early.

Blake reiterates his belief about putting other people before himself, even when he's the authority. "I try to treat everybody I meet better than I expect to be treated. The citizens pay my salary and I owe them due respect." Blake always attempts to show people respect, even when he is enforcing the law. He says he tries not to put people on the spot or to belittle them,

regardless of the circumstances. "If I had to pull over somebody for speeding and he had his kids in the car, I might go up to the them and ask the kids if they knew their father had a tail light out. Then I'd ask the father to step out to the rear of the car so that I could show it to him. When we were out of earshot, I'd explain that he was speeding and I'd have to write him a ticket. That way, he wouldn't be embarrassed in front of his kids."

A local youth, Dan Flanagan testified to Blake's courteousness and understanding. Even after being "locked up" by Blake two years ago, Flanagan agrees that he's a good guy. "Blake's not like the others. He can communicate with a lot of kids down here. He doesn't make you feel like a dirtball and he doesn't let the power go to his head."

### Authority

Blake doesn't feel that his authority as a police officer has ever made him arrogant because he learned the essence of police work the hard way. In Anne Arundel County, the nearest back-up was at least 30 minutes away. He explains that "being a policeman here is totally different. If you need help here, it's here within a matter of minutes. You'd get Greenbelt officers, the State Police, Prince Georges County, and even some park police. When I started out, you had to learn survival; you had to learn to fight or you had to learn to talk and put up with a little static from people."

Blake says that since he doesn't make people feel belittled, and because he can communicate with citizens well, he gets a "thank you" from 90% of the people he has to arrest or ticket. They thank him for helping them realize how wrong they were. Blake takes the time to get to know the people he has to deal with and they, in turn, remember him. "I'd say that 80% of Greenbelt know me: 20% know me as Blake, 20% know me as Danny, 30% know my face and the rest know me as the little guy with the big ears."

### "Willing to Help"

Cindy McKnew, the office assistant at the station, attests to Blake's compassion, "He's always willing to help anybody. Sometimes it's not even police-related. He'll meet somebody in here or arrest somebody and they'll start talking, and the next thing you know, Blake will be trying to help him with something. He's really conscientious and he cares about people but he

can be tough when he has to be."

### "Agile and Fast"

Despite his slight build and quiet personality Danny Blake is agile and fast. When absolutely necessary, he resorts to force when dealing with people in custody and to pulling practical jokes when dealing with his colleagues. McKnew elaborates "That sucker can run. He really surprises you. Once I saw him tear out of here after a prisoner who tried to get away. He caught him. He can really go." Blake has also been in situations which required him to fight with prisoners. According to a co-worker, some time ago he needed to physically restrain a female prisoner who persisted in scratching, kicking and attempting to bite him. Blake resorted to force only after his repeated attempts to talk with her failed and his long enduring patience was exhausted. The co-worker stated that, "He was much more patient with her than I would have been."

### Practical Joker

Though Blake usually turns the other cheek when he is the victim of practical jokes played on him by the other officers he's not above playing unscrupulous practical jokes either. Laughing he says, "I always play jokes on someone big. I never harass the little people. I usually get away with it, too, because the right people don't catch it; they don't even know what happened."

But occasionally trouble is caused by the practical jokes the officers play and Blake is in this kind of trouble frequently. He says, "I try to stay out of trouble but I get into trouble easier than anybody else. I'm the same as I was when I was a kid . . . quiet and mischievous. You can't grow up; you can't be a man all the time . . . that would be terrible. You have to have the little boy sticking through."

McKnew agrees. "The guys mess with each other all the time, and we all get in trouble sometimes because of it. They're really a close-knit bunch. When they work under as much stress as they do, and they see a chance to have fun, they take it and run with it."

The Greenbelt department is cohesive. Their respect for each other is solid. As the department's new Cadet, Clifton Northam, sees it. "These guys kid around with each other and call each other names, but they would die for one another. They're just that close."

The department has its internal problems and problems with city officials. However, Blake and other officers feel that the police department and the city itself is one of the best on the East coast. Blake added, "We have our problems . . . not many, but they're ours." He also admits that even when there is a professional conflict between the police department and the city and he may not like the circumstances, he realizes that the city officials are "only doing their job."

### Others Recognized

The city banquet, according to Mayor Weidenfeld, was an opportunity for the city to say 'thanks' to the employees, espec-

ially to Danny Blake, the 1982 outstanding employee.

Also honored at the banquet were city employees receiving service awards. Recognized for five years of city service were Detective Douglas Sappington, Pfc. Fred Murray and Cpl. Daniel O'Neil. Ten-year service awards were presented to Danny Blake and two members of the Public Works Department, crew leader Norman Lockerman and equipment operator Kenneth Hall. Fifteen-year pins were awarded to Cpl. Thomas Miskell and Sgt. Kenneth Stair. City Manager James K. Giese was recognized for his twenty years of service to the city.

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# GHI Board Seeks Additional Funds For Refinancing; Smith to Leave

by Sandra Surber Smith

Resales financing, urea formaldehyde foam insulation inspection, and cable television all received a go-ahead at the Greenbelt Homes Inc. Board of Directors meeting on March 10. Board President Jim Smith announced that he would be leaving Greenbelt for a two-year assignment in India. He will head the Department of Agriculture's Far Eastern Regional Research Office located in New Delhi.

The board authorized management to seek an additional \$1.5 million in resales financing from the Prince Georges County Housing Authority. With an expenditure up to \$75,000 which GHI recoups from sales, the resales financing money is made available through the PGHA single family mortgage subsidy bond issue. From the same program, GHI had earlier obtained \$1.5 million dollars for resales financing. Those funds have already been used for the completed purchase of 34 homes and an additional 17 units in process.

### Urea Formaldehyde Foam Insulation

Recent changes in the law make it mandatory for GHI and realtors to disclose to potential buyers the use of urea formaldehyde insulation. One member whose house is now up for sale feels that this disclosure statement has made it harder to sell his unit. Management has located a firm which tests the insulation and provides a statement on contamination levels, safety evaluation and recommendations for any corrective action.

Various board members spoke of GHI's responsibility in this matter and approved offering the inspection now to each unit which has the urea formaldehyde foam insulation. GHI will pay for the inspection which will cost about \$300 per unit. If units elect to have the inspection at a later time or again at resale, the individual owners will be responsible for the cost at that time.

### Cable TV

The board approved counsel's recommendation that GHI advise

Storer Communications to use existing PEPCO and C&P easements for the installation of cable TV in GHI. Director John Lewis questioned GHI's right to authorize stringing the cable to each unit. Others responded that members are free to choose the service or not. Storer holds the city's only cable television franchise.

### Overpass

One of the issues which stimulated the most discussion was the placement of a path or paths through GHI from the pedestrian overpass at Gardenway to Ridge Road. Some members who live in the 4 Court of Gardenway and the 26 Court of Ridge Road objected having a path between their courts. Some preferred that a sidewalk be built along Gardenway to Crescent. Director Don Volk spoke in support of the path which channelled walkers to the inner walkways and cited the Greenbelt tradition of separating pedestrian and motor vehicle traffic. In a close vote, however, the board agreed to support the preference of the members, a sidewalk along Gardenway, as their recommendation to the city council, which makes the final decision on the route.

### Other Action

The board approved on second reading the purchase of a Tandy Mod 16, printer and accessories at a cost not to exceed \$8,500 and a \$3,200 termite extermination contract. Management was authorized to inform members of the advantages and disadvantages of heat exchangers in homes with moisture problems and install them in all units where requested as a component of the rehab program. The board wrestled again with the issue of painting

and structural repair on the brick and block homes. Board members generally approved structural repairs and debated the pros and cons of a volunteer painting program and water blasting all homes to look for structural damage. Management was directed to do further research and determine if water-blasting is necessary to discover structural damage which needs repair.

Bernie Collinane, representing several members of the 14 Court of Laurel Hill Road, spoke of poor response to maintenance and rehab calls and urged an improvement in the system of recording and responding to complaints. Management was directed to look into specific problems and also address the general concern.

At the GHDC meeting which preceded the GHI meeting the board authorized management to negotiate an agreement with Capitol Electric Contractors, Inc. to install extra heaters at set prices. This was in response to several members who have expressed an interest in getting additional baseboard units.

### Gray Panthers Meet

The Gray Panthers will present "Your Doctor and Your Pharmacist and Your Rights and Responsibilities as a Consumer" on Saturday, March 26 at 1:30 p.m. at the Greenbelt Library.

The guest speaker will be Dr. Madeline Feinberg, B.S. Pharm. Dr. Feinberg is the program coordinator of the Elder-Ed program at the University of Maryland in Baltimore. This is a consumer drug education program for older adults.

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At the annual membership meeting and election May 18-19, 1983, Greenbelt Homes members will elect five directors to serve two-year terms, three members to serve on the Audit Committee for one-year terms and five members to serve on the Nominations and Elections Committee for one-year terms. If you are interested in serving in one of these capacities, please fill out the appropriate form below and give it to the Chairman of the Nominations and Elections Committee (John Taylor, 4-H Laurel Hill Road, 345-1608). If more convenient, the completed form may be dropped off at the Manager's office for forwarding to the Committee. All forms must be received by May 8.

## GHI NOMINATIONS & ELECTIONS CONSENT FORMS

### Board of Directors/Audit Committee

I, \_\_\_\_\_ residing at \_\_\_\_\_

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(signature)

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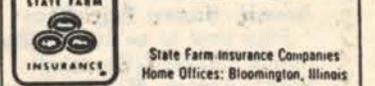
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### Recreation Review

#### Spring Recreation Class Registration

In-person registration, first-come, first serve basis. All registrants may sign up at either center for all the classes. Monday, March 28, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Greenbelt Youth Center and 7-8 p.m. at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center. Tuesday, March 29, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. and 7-8 p.m., Greenbelt Youth Center. Wednesday, March 30, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Greenbelt Youth Center.

Late registration, on a space available basis only, Thursday, March 31, at the Youth Center Business Office. All late registrants will be charged a late fee. For further information, call the Business Office, Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

#### Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Plan now to be at the "Buddy" Attick Park (Greenbelt Lake Park) Easter Monday, April 4, when Mr. and Mrs. Easter Bunny and family will again host Greenbelt's Annual Easter Egg Hunt. The hunt, for children preschool through sixth grade, will begin at 9 a.m. SHARP. Prizes and surprises will be awarded in various age categories. Immediately following the hunt, the Blue Sky Puppet Theatre will provide entertainment on the Bandstand with the performance of "Rufus Meets the Easter Bunny."

### GHI NOTES

Masonry home members are now receiving their first-quarter bills from the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC). In accordance with the membership vote at the annual meeting last May, members will directly pay WSSC for their own water and sewer.

Members with questions or problems concerning their bill or water meter may call directly to the following WSSC numbers: Water & Sewer Bill Information, 699-5600; Meter Readings, 699-5600; Emergencies, 699-4555.

### Cultural Center Holds Membership Meeting

The Greenbelt Cultural Arts Center invites citizens to attend its annual membership meeting Thursday, March 24, at 8 p.m. in the Utopia Theater. This is a chance to learn about the theater and to contribute ideas.

### At Greenbelt Library

Monday, March 28, 7:30-9 p.m. Women's Health Issues. A discussion of current health concerns of women. Presented by Mary Dallavalle, P. G. County Cooperative Extension Service, Home Economics Agent.

### Cub Scout Pack 746 Held Blue and Gold Banquet

The 1983 Blue and Gold Banquet, sponsored by Cub Scout Pack 746, was held March 4 at Mowatt Memorial Church. "Cub Scouting Around The World" was the theme for this year's event, which featured food specialties from many different countries. Scouting is a world-wide movement existing in 115 countries; many of these were represented at the banquet by means of flags and skits as well as food.

Cubs receiving awards at the annual banquet were Charles Byers, Kevin Chapman, Charles Dougherty, Tommy McHenry, Adam Boldt, Jeremiah Pendleton and Douglas Wilson. First-year pins were presented to Jay Hilbert and Ryan Mach. Webelos Scouts receiving awards were Jerome Farley, Nick Jones, Justin Marks, Brian Veitenthal, Dan Miller II, John Pryce and David Woodworth. Certificates of appreciation were presented to the Rev. Ira Keperling, Tiger Cub leader Elaine Jones, Cubmaster Laurence Woodworth and Den leaders Martha Pendleton and Dan Miller.

### Golden Age Club

by Blanche E. Lee  
Travel Chairman Zelpha Parsons has returned from a Florida vacation. She announced the "1983 Nova Scotia Fling," covering 11 days from June 17 to 27, sponsored by the Greenbelt Seniors and offered by the Caribbean Tours & Cruises, Inc.

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