I recently wrote about the unusually high number of car break-ins across Penfield, Perinton, and Pittsford and shared the Monroe County Sheriff’s Department (MCSD) message encouraging us all to lock our vehicles and keep valuables safely out of sight. One of our regular readers suggested I provide you with this link to the weekly Zone A report: http://www2.monroecounty.gov/sheriff-ZoneA-Weekly-CR. This update will give you a sense of the activity going on in and around our community that the MCSD is dealing with each week.

The next scheduled hike sponsored by the Penfield Trails Committee will be held on Saturday, August 13 in Ellison Park. Come discover the off-beat pathways that reveal the natural vistas carved by 10,000 years of Irondequoit Creek flow. The hike runs from 9:00 to 11:00 AM. Please meet at the south entrance (1008 Penfield Road) and look for hike signs. All events are FREE and held rain or shine. For more information about this hike and others go to www.penfieldrec.org and click on “Penfield Trails.”

Last week I provided a snapshot from Greg Kamp, president of Penfield Little League (PLL), regarding the progress of Penfield teams in post-season championship play. Below is an update from Greg on how the teams did last week:

- PLL 11-Year old team won their first game of the Sectionals in Wellsville, NY.
- PLL 12-Year old team are now New York State Section 1 Champions and headed to the Bronx for the New York State Championships. They are two steps away from the Little League World Series Dream.
- PLL Intermediate Team is on Long Island preparing for their first-round game in the Little League Eastern Regionals, one step away from the Little League World Series Dream.
- PLL Girls Softball Team finished 3rd in all of New York State in the New York State Championships.

We congratulate all athletes and their coaches on a great season.

The 2017 budget process is well under way. All department heads have submitted their priorities and goals and proposed budgets. The initial preliminary roll-up shows an increase in spending of about $750,000. Over the next month our town comptroller, the town board, and I will continue to meet to look for ways to reduce costs and increase revenue without impacting services. The tentative budget will be released on Wednesday, September 7 and will be available online for review and comment.

Beginning Wednesday, July 27, New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) contractors will begin work on the Route 441 and Huber/Harris Roads intersection to cut two feet off the knoll off to improve visibility. The Route 441 and Carter/Salt Roads intersection will be widened to include turn lanes in the east/west lanes. This construction will last for more than a month. Please go to www.penfield.org for all the details under “News and Announcements.” As we receive updates from the NYSDOT we will include them in this area of our website for your information.

Eldersource Care Management Services, a collaborative of Lifespan and the Catholic Family Center, is a community intake assessment and care management system. It features one telephone number entry into age-related services and professional social workers who are able to guide older adults and care-givers through the complex long-term care system. For information please call 325-2800. Also, an Eldersource case worker will be at the Penfield Community Center the last Tuesday of every month to answer questions and support you in any way.

Until next week, enjoy the rainfall we are receiving, every little bit helps — especially for our farmers who are at the peak of their season and looking to provide all of us with fresh fruits and vegetables.

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