In recent conversations with the Monroe County Sheriff’s Department (MCSD) they informed me there has been an increase in vehicle and home break-ins on the east side of the county, including Penfield and into Wayne County. Suspects are targeting unlocked vehicles and locked vehicles with high value items in sight such as laptops, iPads, purses, GPS systems and more. Home break-ins are at locations where no one is at home during regular work and school hours. Sheriff patrols have been increased to help curb this activity.

What can you do? Crime Prevention Officers have asked me to remind residents of the following safety behaviors. Always lock your vehicles, do not keep valuables in cars or at the very least lock them out of sight in the trunk. At home, make sure all doors and windows are secured before you leave for work or school. If you are on vacation have a family member, friend or neighbor keep an eye on your house. Do not let papers or mail build up in your driveway or mailbox. Use timers to turn different lights on and off. If you see something or someone unusual in your neighborhood, call 911 to report it and give details or description of vehicle(s) or persons. If you do not have or participate in the “Neighborhood Watch Program,” the MCSD encourages you to consider it for your neighborhood. To do so, contact Deputy Andy Hildreth (753-4387); he will be happy to meet with you to provide the information and materials necessary to get a program going on your street or in your neighborhood. There is no minimum number to participate, but it goes without saying that the program works better when most neighbors are involved.

The Assessor’s Office will begin mailing renewal applications for the Enhanced STAR and Senior Citizen exemptions for the 2013 assessment roll in early December. The letter accompanying the application details what income information you will need to bring with you, along with your completed renewal application form. This information is due back to the Assessor’s Office no later than March 1, 2013. If you need your renewal application earlier, please stop by the Assessor’s Office or contact us at 340-8610. All other exemption renewals will be mailed in mid-December for the March 1, 2013 deadline. If you have questions or require additional information, please contact the Assessor’s Office at 340-8610 or log on to www.penfield.org, choose ‘Departments’ then ‘Assessor’s Office.’

Mark your calendars for this year’s holiday event and “Santa’s All-You-Can-Eat Pancake Dinner” that will be held Friday, December 7 at the Community Center, 1985 Baird Road from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Please note that dinner will begin at 5:30 p.m. Enjoy free activities including Christmas themed crafts and games, special visitors from the North Pole, and a musical performance by Mike Kornrich. Be sure to bring your cameras for pictures with Santa. Dinner pre-sale tickets are $4 each or $10 per family of four or more. Tickets at the door are $6 each or $12 per family of four or more. Children under three are free. Tickets are required for dinner only, all other activities are free. For more information, please call the Recreation Office at 340-8655.

I am pleased to announce the Town of Penfield employees will be holding their annual food drive to support the Penfield Ecumenical Food Shelf (PEFS). Last year we set up large barrels in the rotunda of the Town Hall and encouraged residents to drop off non-perishable foods. We collected more than four barrels of donations and delivered them to the PEFS prior to their holiday food basket program. It was a great feeling when several of us showed up at PEFS to help fill their shelves at a time when products are most needed. This year we hope to collect even more for the neediest in our community. Come to the Town Hall with your donations during business hours (Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.) and look for the large white barrels in the rotunda. Thank you in advance for your support of PEFS.

Important Dates and Events in History: November 19, 1863 – President Abraham Lincoln gives the Gettysburg Address in a ceremony dedicating the battlefield at Gettysburg, PA. November 22, 1963 – President John F. Kennedy is tragically cut down by an assassin’s bullet in Dallas, Texas. November 22, 1963 – Lyndon Johnson is sworn in as the 36th President of the United States.

Until next week, continue to enjoy the mild weather, as we know it will not last!

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