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Dedication of Daniel Penfield Statue in Penfield Four Corners July 12
~ Bicentennial sculpture of town founder ~

PENFIELD, N.Y., JUNE 27, 2012 – The Town of Penfield will formally dedicate the statue of its founder, Daniel Penfield, which is installed in Schaufelberger Park in the historic Four Corners on Thursday, July 12 at 7:00 PM. All are welcome to attend.

The town’s Bicentennial Committee commissioned sculptor Don Sottile to create the larger-than-life bronze sculpture as part of Penfield’s bicentennial celebration in 2010. Sottile is a well-regarded regional artist known for his public works including two famous sculptures of Abraham Lincoln. The statue was financed through a grant from the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation, Kiwanis Club of Penfield-Perinton, and various fundraisers including sponsorships of personalized bricks that form a path around the statue. Brick sponsors are especially encouraged to attend the ceremony so they may be thanked and see the completed project in person.

The installation features Daniel Penfield standing alongside a granite millstone as a symbol of the milling industry and settlement he fostered along the waterfalls of Irondequoit Creek. The burgeoning community was ultimately established as the Town of Penfield in 1810.

Supervisor Tony LaFountain commented, “Daniel Penfield is finally in place in our Four Corners. The sculpture installation was delayed by soil testing by Exxon Mobil, a former supplier for the Schaufelberger auto and service station operation, but we are back on track and eager to dedicate the statue to our wonderful community that made this project possible.”

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