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## Mayor John Noak Presents the Annual State of the Village



On Tuesday, March 24, 2015, Romeoville Mayor John Noak presented the 25th Annual State of the Village address hosted by the Romeoville Area Chamber of Commerce. 500 business leaders, elected officials, and citizens attended the address at the Edward Hospital Athletic and Event Center.

Mayor Noak presented an overview of 2014 and explained current and future projects. The address focused on industrial, commercial and residential development along with transportation projects.

Following are some highlights from 2014:

- The Edward Hospital Athletic and Event Center opened and received the 2015 Outstanding Facility Award from the Illinois Park and Recreation Assoc. The Center has already had nearly 400,000 visitors this past year.

- Several departments received noteworthy distinctions including the Finance Department's Certificate of Achievement from the Government Finance Officers Association for Excellence in Financial Reporting and Public Works received four awards for the new Ultraviolet Disinfection System for Well No. 3.
- Completed upgrades to the Lakewood Estates and Boucher Prairie Parks
- 88 new businesses were welcomed in 2014

Mayor Noak highlighted several development projects completed in 2014 that accounted for 1.3 Million square feet of new industrial construction, 79,000 square feet of new commercial construction, and over 1,300 jobs created.

Since 2008 the Village has brought in 3.75 Million square feet of new industrial space, 432,000 square feet of new Commercial and created nearly 8,000 jobs.

Planned projects for 2015 include:

- Franconi's Grocery and Fat Ricky's Restaurant to break ground this year
- Proposal for a new retail center at NW corner of Route 53 and 135th
- Decorative lighting and streetscaping throughout the historic areas within the community
- The opening of Mistwood's 9.5 Million dollar clubhouse which will include a restaurant and banquet facility for 300
- Pizzuti is proposing to build 1 million sq ft of industrial space

"We are pleased with the progress we made in 2014 and are optimistic about the coming year," said Mayor Noak.

The full presentation of the State of the Village will be available on the Village's website, as well as RPTV Comcast Channel 6 or AT&T Channel 99.