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Mayor John Noak Presents the Annual State of the Village

On February 11th, Mayor Noak delivered his 8th Annual State of the Village Address at the Athletic and Event Center to one of the largest crowds for this event, with over 500 attendees.

For the second year, the event was held at the Edward Hospital Athletic and Event Center. The Mayor noted that in 2015, the Center welcomed over 550,000 visitors for a variety of sporting and special events. New Events coming to the center in 2016 include the Romeoville Beer & Bacon Festival scheduled for April 2nd and the Chamber of Commerce Business Expo in August.





Mayor Noak began the presentation by ensuring the crowd that the Village's financial condition is strong and that staff remains conservative with ongoing financial decisions. The Village continues to make great strides in reducing costs by implementing new programs and training, which recently resulted in a reduction in insurance premiums of \$1.3 Million.

Since 2008, the Villages fund balance has doubled while still reducing the tax rate from \$1.32 to an estimated \$1.29 this year per \$100 equalized assessed value.

Romeoville has given back over \$1 million to the residents since starting the rebate program in 2010.

Transportation highlights included the announcement of the ground breaking for the new Metra Station which will be held in October; 3 miles of additional multi-use paths connecting Weber Road to I55 and also, as part of the added industrial development, the Village has worked with developers to extend Pinnacle Drive as another north-south road to relieve traffic from Weber Road.

Mayor Noak announced approximately 3.0 million s.f. of Industrial and 250,000 s.f. of commercial/retail coming in 2016 including Blain's Farm and Fleet, Thornton's, Presence Health Care and additional developments along the Route 53 corridor.

Mayor Noak saved the largest retail announcement for 2016 for the end of the presentation, which was Thomas Toyota. The 40,000 s.f. facility will be located at Grand Haven Circle and Weber Road.

The Chamber surprised Mayor Noak by presenting him with an Award of Excellence for his continued support to the Chamber.

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.