

ROMEOVILLE

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

different and unique. In each case, the Village worked with us to find solutions that worked for everyone concerned. What sets Romeoville apart is the individual attention they offer, making for a true partnership.

Ken Koziol McDonald's Corporation



The Village of Romeoville continues to embrace the importance of community. We feel that our current branding, "Where Community Matters", adequately reflects the past and present partnerships that the Village has with its citizens, businesses and schools. By focusing our uniqueness as a "Community of Partners", we further define the essence of what Romeoville exemplifies.

As we begin our partnership together, we will demonstrate that we stay committed and keep our values simple: caring for our fellow neighbors, assisting our businesses, and providing quality services. We take pride in our partnerships and deliver on our promises.

The future of Romeoville is bright, filled with new and exciting retail developments, exceptional educational opportunities, improved infrastructure and an enhanced transportation system.

Although, these amenities will improve the quality of life for our neighbors and businesses, it is necessary that no matter how much we grow as a Village, we keep our priorities in order and stay committed to these partners.

We welcome you to explore the opportunities Romeoville has to offer. The staff and I are here to answer any questions or assist you, as you make the important decisions facing your future development.

John

John D. Noak Mayor, Village of Romeoville

INCENTIVES

The Village of Romeoville offers several forms of assistance and development incentives for the purpose of attracting and retaining businesses. These incentives are designed to help the Village achieve the long-term goals of expanding the property and sales tax base, providing new jobs, and providing for the

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enhancement of the quality of life within the community, while at the same time, meeting the legitimate cost

concerns of businesses.

TIF District

Tax Increment Financing (TIF) redevelopment tool authorized by State Statute to spur the revitalization certain areas. There are currently three TIF Districts Romeoville. within Each project within the TIF District must be approved for benefits based on a detailed analysis of the investment.

Sales & Food/Beverage Tax Rebates

A tax rebate will be considered when a retail operation is projected to generate a significant amount of tax to the Village based on the municipal share of the total sales tax generated. The Village will consider sharing a portion of the municipal sales tax with the retailer for a specified number of years based on the type of retailer, the gap it will fill in the Village's inventory of retail, and the total amount of sales tax expected to be generated.

Industrial Revenue Bonds

The Village will work with the regional authority to issue tax-exempt revenue bonds on behalf of manufacturing companies to finance the acquisition of assets such as land, buildings and equipment or to construct new or renovate existing facilities. Interest on tax-exempt bonds is exempt from federal income tax.

Downtown Façade Program

The Village of Romeoville is committed to facilitating high quality redevelopment in its Downtown Business District that is consistent with the Village's Master Plan. The intent of the Façade Improvement Program is to rehabilitate storefronts in an effort to create a more attractive retail shopping environment. Façade grants are based on the total improvements.

Enterprise Zone

The Enterprise Zone Program is an important economic development incentive in not only bringing investment and jobs to our community, but a valuable tool for the expansion of existing businesses. The current incentives offered through the zone include the State of Illinois benefits which are: State Sales Tax Abatement, Investment Tax Credits, Manufacturing Machinery and Equipment Sales Tax Exemption, Jobs Tax Credit, Income Tax Deduction for Financial Institutions, Dividend Deduction and Corporate Deduction.

State of Illinois EDGE Tax Credit Program

The EDGE (Economic Development for a Growing Economy) Program is designed to offer a special tax incentive to encourage companies to locate or expand operations in Illinois when there is active consideration for a competing location in another state. The program can provide tax credits to qualifying companies, equal to the amount of state income taxes withheld from the salaries of employees in the newly created jobs. The non- refundable credits can be used against corporate income taxes to be paid over a period not to exceed 10 years.

Will County Tax Abatement Program

This program is done on an application/weighted process. As a result of the application evaluation, a project can receive 50% abatement on improvements for 3, 4 or 5 consecutive tax levy years. Abatement can only apply to improvements done to the property, based on the equalized assessed valuation of the property. The Will County Tax Abatement Incentive is administered by the Will County Center for Economic Development.

Build Romeoville

"Build Romeoville" is intended to allow home builders to receive up to a \$5,000 reduction in building permit fees. These savings can be used by the housing developer to secure financing for the project or to entice the new homeowners to build a new house in Romeoville.

TRANSPORTATION

The Village remains proactive in addressing transportation needs. Romeoville's location continues to be attractive for local development. What is even more attractive, is Romeoville's ongoing commitment to improve existing routes and secure additional modes of transportation for residents and businesses.

Romeoville Metra Station

A new Metra Station will soon service Romeoville and surrounding Will County communities. The new station, with a parking lot for 600, will be located on 135th Street on the Citgo Refinery property. Engineering is underway with construction anticipated for 2013.

Improvements to Weber Road Interchange

The Village of Romeoville, Will County and the Village of Bolingbrook are the recipients of over \$130 million dollars for the reconstruction of the Weber Road and I-55 Interchange. Included with this project is the widening of Weber Road from 135th Street to 119th Street. Engineering is underway.

New I-55 Interchange

Phase I engineering has begun on the Airport Road/IL 126
Interchange. The new interchange at Airport Road and improvements to Route 126 will facilitate better traffic flow and access for all of northwestern Will County, as well as enhance traffic safety by reducing congestion.

Joliet Regional Port District Airport

Romeoville is home to the Joliet Regional Port District Airport. This airport provides commercial, industrial, institutional and personal aviation services to Will County as well as serving as a general aviation reliever for O'Hare and Midway Airports. Services to fit your needs include aircraft storage, corporate flight department/ hangar leasing and helicopter shuttle service to and from nearby events.

Convenient Access

Romeoville is centrally located 26 miles southwest of Chicago and is easily accessible through I-55, I-355, Route 53 and the Weber Road Corridor. All destinations lead to Romeoville.

EDUCATION/WORKFORCE

Local colleges and technical schools continue to support regional and local efforts to diversify and strengthen the area economy. Colleges provide a valuable tool with long-term benefits to local companies. Businesses can draw from several pools of employee talent from our local colleges. These educational institutions continue to produce qualified individuals who can succeed in positions of high demand.

Post Secondary Schools

Lewis University provides more than 80 undergraduate majors and programs of study, 25 graduate programs, and accelerated programs for working adults through the Colleges of Arts and Sciences, Business, Education and Nursing and Health Professions. Premier programs include Aviation, Criminal Justice, Education, Nursing and Business.

Rasmussen College offers undergraduate programs in Health Science, Business, Justice, Nursing, Technology and Design.

Joliet Junior College provides occupational education leading directly to employment, adult education and literacy programs, workforce development services and student support services.

Technical Schools

There is no shortage of technical learning opportunities in Romeoville.

The Illinois Welding School is designed around a "Learn to Earn" training concept. They provide quality education and training based on industry needs designed to maximize training in targeted welding areas.

Genesis Healthcare Institute recognizes the value of high quality education that is affordable and accessible to the diverse student population in the field of basic healthcare courses. These courses are offered to address the growing demand of personnel in the healthcare industry.

Wilco Career Center provides a technology-driven curriculum with links between high school and work.

YOUR DEADLINE IS IMPORTANT TO US

No progress is possible without collaboration and cooperation between the village staff, businesses, schools and residents.

We continue to make great strides to ensure that our neighbors and businesses have a positive, lasting impression of our community. This is done through enhanced beautification efforts, superior public infrastructure, residential and business opportunities and quality facilities to meet the needs of our growing population.

Romeoville as the site of its new world headquarters and Chicago based facilities above all competing neighboring communities. George Bernard Shaw once said 'You never get a second chance to make a first impression'. Our impression of the Romeoville community is outstanding.

Don McNeely President and CEO Chicago Tube and Iron



Romeoville understands the importance of meeting deadlines when it comes to development. With our experienced staff and on-site consultants, Romeoville makes it seamless to get your new operations up and running.

We have developed many partnerships which have been invaluable to the success of our community. Whether it be special meetings or customized inspections, we will utilize our expertise and leadership to accomplish your goals. You will see that it is our commitment to detail that sets Romeoville apart from other communities

the Pizzuti Company has been an active real estate developer in the Village of Romeoville for the past 11 years with the development of Pizzuti's 800 acre Pinnacle Business Center. Pizzuti originally chose the Romeoville site due to the proximity of its location to Interstate 55 and the diverse labor pool. However, over time it has been the partnership with the Village of Romeoville that has really assisted in the project's success. The Village Officials and Staff have a real understanding of the development process. On numerous occasions we have had to provide tenants with occupancy of their space within very short time frames, some as little 30 days. Romeoville has helped make this happen with a very fast permitting process, and a commitment, time and again, to work with us and our clients. ??

Michael A. Chivini
Executive Vice President
The Pizzuti Companies



OPERATING PHILOSOPHIES

Great service is an important aspect of providing high quality experiences to our partners. It is one of the elements of the core of the Village of Romeoville's Operating Philosophies. As you will see, Romeoville offers the best service to our partners.

- Place quality over quantity
- Always strive to do a little better today than yesterday
- Provide quality, friendly and open door services
- Provide a quick response to our residents and businesses needs
- To go above and beyond our community's needs
- To create high standards for our employees and business partners
- Empower employees to be creative and innovative in carrying out Village services and programs
- To provide leadership with a common vision among Village Officials and Employees
- To establish a positive image for Romeoville that portrays our community as a great place to live, work and play
- To provide a safe environment for our community



CORE VALUES

The following list of core values reflects what is truly important to Romeoville. These are not values that change from time to time, situation to situation or person to person, but rather they are the foundation of the Village Romeoville. These core values are the primary reasons over 600 businesses and 40,000 residents call Romeoville home.

- Accountability: We take responsibility for our decisions
- Achievement: We aspire to the highest level of excellence in management of our community
- Challenges: We push ourselves to the limit, question boundaries, continually advance and take calculated risks
- Commitment: We keep our promises to our residents, businesses and employees
- Professionalism: To treat our residents, businesses and employees in a kind, courteous and ethical manner
 - **Service:** We aspire to serve our residents with the most efficient, responsive and accessible government entity that our residents will encounter
 - Pride: To create a work environment that fosters teamwork, dedication, loyalty, and a sense of accomplishment
 - Focus: Place our residents first
 - Tradition: We aspire to create a hometown atmosphere
 - Family: Encourage family values
 - **Innovation:** To establish an environment that fosters creative thinking
 - Partnerships: Create partnerships with community organizations, governmental agencies, businesses and our residents
- Honor, Integrity, Truth and Courage: Always do what is right and be courageous to make a difference in someone's life



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Village Hall (815) 886-7200

- Administration
- Finance Department
- Community Development Department

Planning & Zoning
 Building Inspections
 Fire Prevention
 (815) 886-7213
 (815) 886-7203
 (815) 372-4045

Public Works Department

(815) 886-1870

- Engineering
- Water
- Sewer Treatment

www.romeoville.org

Will County Center for Economic Development

The CED is a dynamic organization that brings the public and private sectors together creating an environment where successful businesses will prosper by providing a forum for communication, cooperation, and collaboration between the public and private sectors. The CED assists with business recruitment, retention, development, talent development and innovation.

Phone: (815)723-1800 Fax: (815) 723-6972 info@willcountyced.com

IL Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity

The Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity's (DCEO) Bureau of Business Development administers a wide array of programs and services designed to help Illinois businesses thrive in today's economy. The Department administers a variety of grant and loan programs, many of which are targeted toward small businesses. The IL Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity's Bureau of Energy and Recycling also offers the Smart Energy Design Assistance Program to provide free technical assistance to businesses who are considering energy efficiency improvements at existing facilities or to businesses who wish to enhance baseline design of new facilities.

Phone: (877) 221-4403

www.ildceo.net

IL State Treasurer's Office

The Illinois State Treasurer's Office invests millions of dollars annually in low-interest loans to business owners through the Employ Illinois Program. The program enables eligible lenders to offer interest rate reductions to large and small business owners.

Phone: (217) 782-6540 Fax: (217) 524-3822 www.treasurer.il.gov

Small Business Administration

The United States Small Business Administration (SBA) provides a number of financial programs for small businesses, including equity financing through the SBA's Small Business Investment Company (SBIC) Program.

Phone: (800) 827-5722

www.sba.gov

answerdesk@sba.gov

Workforce Investment

The Workforce Investment Board of Will County plays a key role in the economic development of our county. The Board brings together a myriad of employment, training and educational services, transforming them into a comprehensive and easily accessed system that supports the development of a world-class workforce. They also build the workforce system to develop quality employees for employers and to develop quality opportunities for employees. This system makes it easy for businesses to make connections with a qualified pool of applicants and to access other workforce development services. This system is also intended to make it easy for people to learn about and access a broad range of employment, education and related services.

Phone: (815) 727-5670 Fax: (815) 727-5669

www.willcountyworkforceboard.com

Romeoville Chamber of Commerce

The Romeoville Area Chamber of Commerce helps businesses in the Romeoville Area by promoting economic growth by providing opportunities for businesses to make meaningful and mutually beneficial relationships. The Chamber also provides marketing opportunities in addition to learning opportunities through seminars and workshops on new techniques and trends that help maximize business growth.

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