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MAYOR SAYS STATE OF ROSEMOUNT IS STRONG AMID COMMUNITY GROWTH AND RECOGNITION

Rosemount Mayor Bill Droste said the state of the city is strong as shown by development in the community and its recognition as one of the country's best places to live.

"We on the City Council and staff are dedicated to supporting your quality of life. We ask your continued support to keep Rosemount a success story for everyone," the Mayor said during his annual state of the city address. He delivered it before members of the Dakota County Regional Chamber of Commerce this morning.

The speech took place at the Rosemount Steeple Center, a facility owned by the City and expanded this year to add meeting space for seniors, arts activities, and others who would like to rent it. The Mayor said the completion of the Center's expansion and the development of the privately owned senior facility next door were a prime example of the partnerships that support Rosemount's quality of life.

The Mayor quoted from Money magazine's Best Places to Live feature last year, which ranked Rosemount as 12th best in the country and 4th best place for children. "That's a pretty persuasive judgement," the Mayor said. "But it's not the most important one. The most important judgement about the success of our City comes from each one of you: the ever-growing number of people who move or stay here to live their lives and raise a family -- the businesspeople who invest in the community and provide services and jobs the rest of us need."

Mayor Droste also reviewed City initiatives, including transportation improvements and a proposal going before the voters on May 17 to authorize borrowing for new recreational facilities based on demand for services.

A videotaped version of the Mayor's address will be shown on government access cable television channels in Rosemount this spring.

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