

Our CEO's speech for the Firestone Opening

(Ribbon cutting followed by speech)

Thank you Julia and the entire chamber for welcoming us to the Firestone community.

I'm happy to see many new faces, and some familiar ones at this wonderful event.

For those of you who don't know, my name is Tom Tolkacz and I'm the CEO and Owner of Swingle Lawn, Tree & Landscape Care.

Swingle was started almost 70 years ago by local arborist John Swingle. Since then, we've grown into one of the most respected and innovative landscape care companies in America.

This new facility expands upon our rich history and our commitment to always stay ahead of the pack.

Opening a new business location can be stressful and frustrating at times. But Swingle's been incredibly fortunate, throughout every stage of the process, to have a dedicated team of professionals always there to guide us.

First and foremost, I'd like to thank Mickey Leyba of Permontes Group Inc., who was instrumental in communicating with the city and Patrick Fairfield of UMB Bank, for organizing and managing all the financials.

Your combined efforts have made tonight's event possible. Thank you (applause).

To Julia Davis and Judy Zewe of the Carbon Valley Chamber of Commerce. You've both been invaluable in helping us pull this event together (applause).

To Justin Herman of Unique Properties for finding us the perfect location for our northern Colorado regional headquarters (applause).

To Matt Holcomb from Cimarron Liquors for co-sponsoring our event and providing his services (applause).

And to all of you who've taken time out of your busy schedules to share in this wonderful event – thank you for being here (applause).

I'd like to turn it over to Tom Lynch, Swingle's Northern Colorado Regional Manager to add a few words of his own. Tom...

Tom Lynch:

Thank you Tom. I've had the great pleasure of working with some of the best here at Swingle over the years. I'm proud to say that our northern Colorado branch currently employs over 50 people from the community, with the hopes of adding another 75 as we continue to expand. And we'll definitely be looking to the Town of Firestone and surrounding communities to fill those positions.

We look forward to a long tenure here in Firestone - supporting the local work force and the community we now proudly serve. Thank you again for coming.