



eNews January 2011

## **Downtown Council Breakfast Meeting**

**Meets 1st and 3rd Friday of each month**

Place: Currents Riverview Bistro, 841 Prudential Drive (The Aetna Building), 2nd Floor

Time: 7:30 am Networking & Breakfast, 7:45 Self Introductions and Program

**Meeting This Friday January 21st,**

***Program:* Downtown Development Status**

***Speaker:* Ron Barton, Executive Director -**

**Jacksonville Economic Development Commission**

[www.jaxdevelopment.org](http://www.jaxdevelopment.org)

Ron Barton joined the City of Jacksonville in 2005 as the Executive Director of the Jacksonville Economic Development Commission (JEDC). Primary responsibilities include business recruitment, negotiation of public incentives, administering programs for the Enterprise and Empowerment Zones, serving as the Community Redevelopment Agency and implementing four redevelopment areas including the Downtown Urban Core, serving as Master Developer of both the Cecil Commerce Center and the Downtown DRI and in general structuring of public/private development projects to achieve public policy objectives. Mr. Barton's previous experience includes serving as the Economic Development Director for the City of St. Petersburg, Florida and as a partner with KPMG, LLP spending over 20 years as a real estate and development consultant working for organizations such as the New York State Urban Development Corporation, the City of San Antonio and the Office of Policy and Management for the

State of Georgia.

## Next Program: February 4

The [Downtown Council](#) meets on the first and third Friday of each month at Currents Bistro on the 2nd floor of the Aetna building 841 Prudential Drive ([Click for directions](#)) on the south bank downtown. Pull into second driveway, get ticket from attendant, and drive into parking garage. Ticket will be validated for free parking at the Council Registration Table. Cost is \$17 for members and \$22 for non-members. Registration and networking at 7:30. Buffet breakfast from 7:40-8:00. We accept checks, cash, MasterCard, Visa & American Express.

REGISTER in ADVANCE ON-LINE : (event registration)



## -DOWNTOWN COUNCIL NEWS and EVENTS -

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### [Chamber Night With The Symphony, An All- Council event](#)

**January 21, 2011. Times Union Center for the Performing Arts.**

Doors open at 6:30 pm and concert begins at 7

Enjoy a great downtown event with pre-concert food, drinks and a post concert mixer with musicians. Tickets have been discounted for chamber members.

Tickets \$33 or \$43 with food-

Call Bill Cosnotti for tickets 356-0426 (you must purchase from Bill to receive the Discount)

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