



eNews March 21, 2011

Don't Forget to Vote Tuesday March 22 !

[Next Meeting - Friday April 1st](#)

Time: 11:30 a.m. Networking -

Location: Hyatt Riverfront, Bay Street

Speaker: John Peyton ; Mayor, City of Jacksonville

Downtown Council 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 to follow.

Update: Proposed Meeting Change

As you know, we scheduled a lunch meeting on March 4th to test the viability of having lunch meetings in addition to our traditional breakfast meeting. The meeting at the University Club was a tremendous success with attendance at 68, as opposed to our normal 35 to 40. The reason for the increased attendance may have been attributed to the University Club venue, or our great speakers, Hugh Greene and Preston Haskell.

We will have another lunch meeting on April 1st at the Hyatt Riverfront, in Grand Ballroom 3. The Guest Speaker will be Mayor John Peyton. This will give us a comparison of lunch locations with prominent speakers to help determine if a permanent change is in order.

The Downtown Council Board of Directors will discuss this in their meeting on March 25th and make a tentative recommendation whether or not to move forward with

alternating lunch and breakfast meetings, assuming attendance results are similar to the March 4th meeting. If approved, a permanent lunch meeting location would be determined after the meeting at the Hyatt.

If the board approves the change, the meetings would be held as follows:

The 1st Friday of each month would be a lunch meeting at the University Club or Hyatt, and the 3rd Friday of the month would be a breakfast meeting.

The permanent lunch location would be announced prior to the May 6th meeting. Networking would begin at 11:30. Meeting would begin at 12 noon, and end at 1pm.

Breakfast meetings will be held as usual at Currents Riverview Bistro, 841 Prudential Drive (The Aetna Building), 2nd Floor with Networking & Breakfast beginning at 7:30 am. The meeting will begin before 8am, and end at approximately 9am.

About Downtown Council, Jacksonville Regional Chamber of Commerce

Our Council is devoted to enhancing and improving the business climate in Jacksonville through the association of business professionals and the core district of our community.

Members enjoy an exceptional networking experience and valuable programs at our meetings, and mix business with pleasure at our social events. We work together to cultivate ideas to grow business opportunities, and improve the quality of life for all our residents. In the process, we help develop business owners and managers into business leaders, while they grow their businesses.

Great cities are known for their great downtowns. If you want to be part of the excitement and opportunities at the center of our community, check out www.downtowncouncil.org. The time is now, the place is Downtown.

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 of 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.



DOWNTOWN COUNCIL NEWS and EVENTS

DOWNTOWN ENHANCEMENT COMMITTEE

The DEC will meet Wednesday, March 23, 2011 at Einstein's Bagel shop located at 1661 Riverside Ave, across from Memorial Park and Publix. Come over for coffee early and the meeting will begin promptly at 8:00 .

DOWNTOWN COUNCIL EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The Downtown Council is Proud to Sponsor the Julia Landon School

If you would like to become involved in the Downtown Council's Education Committee, please contact: Cynthia Farmer at cbell@nova.edu , or Ray Hays at RHays@PRCdigital.com . *Or, attend any Downtown Council meeting and volunteer.*

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