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ABEL HARDING - POLITICAL COLUMNIST

Successful Banker, Successful Blogger, Times Union Columnist

[Next Meeting Friday March 18](#)

Time: 7:30 a.m. Networking -

Location: Currents Riverview Bistro, 841 Prudential Drive

Speaker: Abel Harding , Times Union columnist

Abel Harding is a new media journalist covering politics and business for the Florida Times-Union. He's also a regular contributor to First Coast Connect, a local radio show on NPR's Jacksonville station, and First Coast News, the news program for Jacksonville's ABC and NBC affiliates.

Abel is a former banker who most recently served as a vice president and commercial lender for IronStone Bank. During his fifteen year banking career, Abel began exploring his love of politics and journalism, leading him to launch a blog in 2008. After the award-winning blog garnered statewide attention, Abel took the plunge and began a full-time career in journalism.

Abel is a seventh-generation Floridian and the proud father of one son. He holds a degree in Education from Southern Illinois University at Carbondale.

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.**

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.



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