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"Educate and inform the whole mass of the people... They are the only sure reliance for the preservation of our liberty."

-Thomas Jefferson

November 1, 2011

The Paradigm Shift or Teaching an Old Dog New Tricks

I admit that I am an old dog and teaching me new tricks is not going to be easy. Allow me to publicly apologize to my running coach, Lori Abbey, for being such a difficult student. It seems, however, that after spending a lifetime as a sprinter retraining the body and mind for long-distance endurance is going to be harder than I ever imagined.

At the beginning of October, I decided that I wanted to run a marathon. Coach Lori insisted I start with a half-marathon goal and after much argument she won. (I have a feeling she is always going to win.) The problem I am having with my training program thus far - I want to run as fast as I can and running that fast will not get me to the finish line in a thirteen mile race.

Our nation has a grand history of reaching the finish line. Whenever we have had a problem we have solved it with determination, great resolve, and, oftentimes, expediency - an approach that is perfect when the problem allows for a quick fix. I think most of us have that mindset and we want our solutions not now, but right now. The problem with this mindset, however, is that the solutions of the past no longer apply to the problems of today. Just as a virus can adapt to antibodies, so the problems of our people adapt to the circumstances of life.

With the passing of the great Steve Jobs, I was led to remember that innovation is not just a way of life it is imperative to the success of our nation. Our founding fathers were innovative in finding solutions to the problems of a new nation, and so must our leaders remain innovative in their approaches to the problems of a progressing nation. It is all about the paradigm shift.

"And no, we don't know where it will lead.
We just know there's something much bigger than any of us here."
~ Steve Jobs

Commission Meeting Schedule

November 8, 2011

12:00 pm: Workshop on the Educational Facilities Authority
1:30 pm: Workshop on Non-Ad Valorem Assessments
3:00 pm: Regular Meeting
6:00 pm: Public Hearings (full listing below)

November 15, 2011

12:00 pm: Workshop on the Utilization of Tourism Development Taxes
3:00 pm: Reorganization of the Board and Regular Meeting

Upcoming Public Hearings

November 8, 2011 - 6:00 pm



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Public Hearing Regarding Intent to Use the Uniform Method of Levy, Collection and Enforcement of Non-Ad Valorem Assessment for Windwood Hills 2/3 Paving Project

First and Only Public Hearing to Consider a Proposed Ordinance Amending Chapter 11, Article III of the Code of Laws of Leon County Regarding the Tourist Development Tax

First and Only Public Hearing for the Board to Consider the Adoption of a Proposed Ordinance Amending Chapter 11, Article VI of the Code of Laws of Leon County, Florida, Regarding Dealers in Precious Metals and Copper

Conduct the First of Two Public Hearings to Consider a Proposed Ordinance Designating the Boundaries of the Park Place Regional Activity Center

Second and Final Public Hearing to Adopt an Ordinance Amending the Official Zoning Map to Change the Zoning Classification from the RA (Residential Acre) Zoning District and the RP (Residential Preservation) Zoning District to the OS (Open Space) Zoning District

First of Two Public Hearings to Adopt an Ordinance Related to Implementation of Comprehensive Plan Amendment PCT110111, Regarding Urban Fringe and Conservation Subdivisions

***Public hearings are held at the Leon County Courthouse, 5th Floor (301 South Monroe Street)*

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