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| *http://soundoff.bizzuka.com/editor_images/image_0f35b73e/files/horse_farm.png* | *April Guest Speaker****Elizabeth "EB" Brooke****Director of Planning & Design, Lafayette Central Park Inc.The Park At The Horse Farm**The independent, non-profit, Lafayette Central Park (LCP) was created following the purchase of the property by the City of Lafayette to turn the 100-acre Horse Farm property into a world-class public park.  The board and its staff oversees the committees, contracts, and processes responsible for programming, planning, design, construction, fundraising, financing, and public relations related to the build-out of the park. LCP will enter into a long-term lease with Lafayette Consolidated Government and operate, maintain, and manage the park.The Board of Directors is comprised of a diverse group of community-minded leaders whose mission is to develop and facilitate a transparent process for park development - seeking public input to ensure that the needs and wishes of the Lafayette community are addressed during the planning and execution phases.Lafayette Central Park is thrilled that the two faces of community support for the campaign to save the property as a public park have joined forces to lead this next phase of the Horse Farm’s development.  David T. Calhoun, a former chairman of the Community Foundation of Acadiana (CFA) Board of Directors and instrumental in getting the CFA involved in this issue, serves as the Executive Director. Elizabeth “EB” Brooks, one of the co-founders and organizers of the community-driven “Save the Horse Farm” campaign, serves as the Director of Planning and Design.****Please bring a guest or two to join in the spirit of Networking. See you all there!!*** |

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| Mark Your Calendar!Connections Meeting –**April  4, 2014**Networking and business card exchange begins at 11:30 a.m.Meeting starts promptly at 12:00 noon at the Petroleum Club.Connections Monthly Board Meeting - **Tuesday, April 8 at noon...Bizzuka office.** Deadline to submit articles to be included in the next Connections Newsletter – April 15.Mark Your Calendar - Future Connections’ Meetings**May 2 , 2014** | *http://soundoff.bizzuka.com/editor_images/image_0f35b73e/files/2014_calend.jpg* |

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