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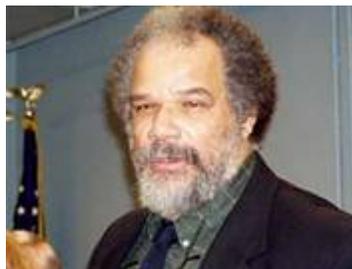
Taxi reform brings fuel efficiency standards, accessible cabs

New taxi rules will increase the number of cab companies, add wheelchair accessible cabs and bring the first fuel-efficiency standard for taxis in the U.S. Starting next year, ten percent of taxis must be fuel-efficient. Companies must have 100% fuel efficient fleets by 2016. "We are adding new opportunities for small businesses while promoting environmental sustainability," Council Member Gary Schiff said.



Previously, the city limited the number of taxi licenses. As a result, Minneapolis had one of the lowest number of cabs per capita and customers experienced long wait times. "Small minority owned businesses will now have more opportunity," said Luis Paucar, owner of the Minneapolis-based New Star Taxi and Limo. "This ordinance change will also make it easier for people in our neighborhoods to use taxis in their daily life."

October Breakfast with Gary: Superintendent William D. Green



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This month's Breakfast With Gary will feature Minneapolis Public Schools Superintendent William D. Green. Superintendent Green is an associate professor of history at Augsburg College in Minneapolis and was appointed interim superintendent in January. He also serves as an adjunct professor at St. John's University in Collegeville, Minn.

Dr. Green will talk about current issues with the Minneapolis Public Schools and take questions from the audience at Breakfast on Friday, October 27th.

Breakfast with Gary is a monthly meeting for 9th Ward constituents held from 7:30 to 9:00am the final Friday of the month at the Café of the Americas (3019 Minnehaha Avenue South). \$5 buys breakfast.

Minnesota News Council finds KSTP story inaccurate and unfair

On October 19th the Minnesota News Council ruled that an August report by KSTP television regarding a building the city ordered demolished was “unfair” and “inaccurate.” The vacant house in the East Phillips Neighborhood was the subject of more than fifty police calls in 2005. The News Council agreed that the demolition was carried out according to the City Council’s normal processes.

“I am pleased that the News Council agreed that this story unfairly represented the work the city does,” said Council Member Schiff. “This was a property that neighbors were glad to see cleaned up, and my colleagues and I approved the demolition for the right reasons, in the right way.”

Street sweeping telephone notification service begins

The city will start fall street sweeping this week with a new telephone alert system to notify residents whose streets are scheduled to be swept the next day. [Click here](#) to signup for the telephone notification system. In addition, [Street Lookup](#) enables

you to find out when your street is scheduled for cleaning. Signs will be posted the day before reminding residents that street sweeping will take place and that parking will be restricted for that day. Vehicles parked on city streets in violation of parking regulations will be towed to the [Minneapolis Municipal Impound Lot](#).



Minneapolis sweeps leaves from over 1,000 miles of roads twice a year to reduce phosphorus levels in city waterways. Leaves from yards and boulevards should be put in plastic

bags and placed alongside garbage cans for pick-up.

Metro Transit promotes Lake Street shopper discount program

The Lake Street Council is partnering with [Metro Transit](#) to bring a shopping discount program to Lake Street. To participate, riders simply show a Metro Transit pass at the time of purchase at any participating business and receive their special discount. Use any of the following passes: valid 31-Day pass, valid Stored Value Card, Metropass, U-Pass, Go-To Card or Current Transfer. Visit [Metro Transit's 21 Hop + Shop page](#) for an interactive map and guide to the program. [Click Here](#) for a complete list of all participating businesses and the discounts they are offering.

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