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## EXTEND YOUR CHALLENGE

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## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR LATEST \$50 GIFT CARD WINNERS!

A winner is chosen every week – track your trips to be automatically entered to win!


**March 14 – 20**  
Ann Harris  
Bloomington

**March 21 – 27**  
Caitlin McConnell  
Minneapolis

**March 28 – April 3**  
Julie Boos  
Monticello

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## 2011 Commuter Challenge underway

Hundreds have already pledged to reduce drive-alone trips in the first few days of the 2011 Commuter Challenge. If you haven't pledged yet this year, please consider doing so at [mycommuterchallenge.org](http://mycommuterchallenge.org). Tell your friends and family – lucky **Grand Prize** winners will be drawn in early July. Prizes include iPads, Kindles and Netbooks. You can keep tracking trips to be entered into weekly prize drawings too!

## AAA: \$8,776 to drive in 2011

The American Automobile Association (AAA) has released its annual report, "[Your Driving Costs](#)," which estimates the cost to



own and operate an automobile in 2011. The average is \$8,766 based on an average-sized vehicle travelling 15,000 miles at 58.5 cents per mile. This is a 3.4 increase over 2010. The report, which AAA has issued since 1950, looks at a number of factors such as maintenance, depreciation, insurance and, of course, fuel. The report used \$2.88 per gallon as the factor for gasoline based on prices at the time. In the Twin Cities, the average gasoline price currently is about \$3.77 per gallon. Parking costs are not included in the report.

"Healthier Finances" is one of the principles of the Commuter Challenge. For many households, transportation is the second highest expense behind housing. Reducing the number of drive-alone trips you take saves you money one mile at a time.

## Twin Cities ranked in Top 5 for transit

*US News & World Report* has ranked the Twin Cities the **5th best**

region for transit in the US. The ranking was based on the best combination of public transportation investment and ridership as well as safety, for which the Twin Cities tied for first.



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## Living Green Expo returns: May 7 & 8

Living Green Expo is a free, family-friendly event that inspires people to lead healthier and more sustainable lives with scores of exhibits, demonstrations and seminars. The Expo is held at the Grandstand at the State Fairgrounds. Ride to the Expo FREE on Metro Transit buses and light rail with a downloadable Go Greener Pass – it's an easy, free way to extend your challenge. Visit [livinggreenexpo.mn](http://livinggreenexpo.mn) for more information.



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## Going to Target Field ?

The Twins have started their second season at Target Field! The ballpark is easily accessible by trains and buses, on bicycles and by foot. If you're heading out to the ballgame, learn about all of your travel options at [metrotransit.org/twins](http://metrotransit.org/twins).



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