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The Freedom Foundation of Minnesota just released its report on city-owned golf courses, [***Municipal Enterprise Funds in Minnesota: Teeing Off on Taxpayers***](#). The scorecard shows that muni-golf enterprise funds lost approximately \$2 million in 2007, the most recent year for which comprehensive data are available. At \$50 per round, that's the equivalent of about 40,000 rounds of taxpayer-subsidized golf a year. [Click here](#) to see KSTP-TV's report on the municipal golf report.

In other news, FFM released a web video responding to legislative leaders' proposal to tax virtually all digital download purchases. The sales tax would apply to music and video downloads, video games, ring tones, electronic books, even e-cards. [Click here](#) to view FFM's video.



FINAL REMINDER: Government watchdog training May 9

There are a few spots available for the Freedom Foundation of Minnesota's upcoming government watchdog training session on Saturday, May 9 from 8:30am-1:30pm. The half-day training session is open to any interested citizen that would like to learn how to track their local government and hold their elected officials accountable.

The session will feature instruction and panel discussions on issues including:

- Legal issues involving the Freedom of Information Act, Minnesota Data Practices Act, and Minnesota Open Meeting Law
- How to work with traditional and new media
- How to analyze local government documents and financial data

The training will be held at a convenient Twin Cities location.

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Speakers and further conference information for those of you who have already registered will be e-mailed to you shortly. In addition, we've started a waiting list for future training opportunities for folks who are unable to attend the May 9th conference. Send an e-mail to the address listed below if you'd like to join the wait list for summer training.

We hope you'll join us for the May 9 session and help bring greater transparency to all levels of government in Minnesota. Space is limited, so if you're interested in attending or would like more information, please contact info@freedomfoundationofminnesota.com



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