



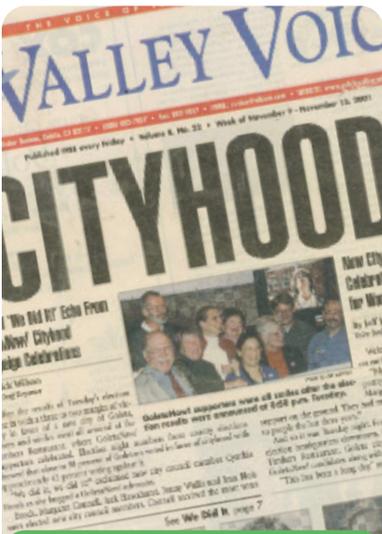
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City of Goleta Newsletter

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City Celebrates 10-Year Anniversary

Take part in the fun! See back cover for a list of festivities you are invited to and find out what this month's "special theme" is.

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www.facebook.com/CityofGoleta

Talk About Roundabouts Got Your Head Spinning? HERE'S WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

Look for a new type of intersection popping up around the City—the roundabout. A roundabout is a one-way circular intersection (without traffic signals) that flows around a center island. The intersection of Los Carneros Road and Calle Real will be receiving an upgrade this spring with a single-lane roundabout. And four additional roundabouts are being considered for Old Town Goleta as part of the Ekwil-Fowler Road Extensions Project.

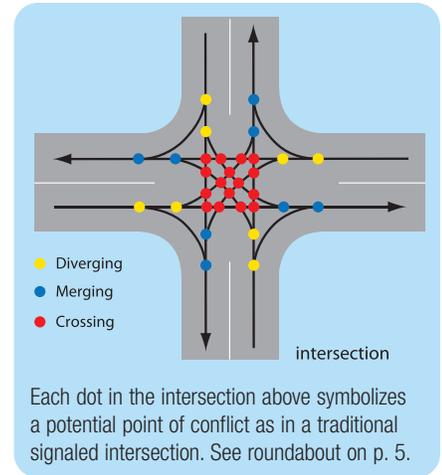
Although roundabouts are not appropriate for all intersections, they will provide our community with another tool to address traffic congestion and to further enhance the safety of our roads. Before your head starts spinning over roundabouts, let's look at WHY the City is moving in this direction and HOW roundabouts improve safety and traffic flow.

Why Go the Roundabout Route?

Safety. According to the Federal Highway Administration, installing a roundabout typically results in a **76% reduction in injury accidents**, a **90% reduction in fatalities**, and a **40% reduction in pedestrian injuries**. Why? There are 75% fewer points of conflict between vehicles as compared to a standard intersection.

Less Delays. Roundabouts are designed to handle traffic more efficiently than signalized intersections. With traffic constantly moving and vehicles entering the intersection at lower speeds, more vehicles are able to move through the intersection at any given time.

Less Environmental Impact. Since roundabouts reduce the amount of time vehicles spend idling at intersections, they reduce fuel consumption and exhaust emissions. Roundabouts do not require signals, and this reduces electricity consumption.



San Jose Creek Project Now Underway

Elected officials, City and County Staff and others gathered on November 10 to turn the first shovel of dirt marking the official start of the San Jose Creek Capacity Improvement Project. Congresswoman Lois Capps and Supervisor Janet Wolf joined Goleta City Councilmembers as well as Sammy the Steelhead for festivities kicking off the \$22 million project whose completion is anticipated in 2013. **For more information and project updates, visit www.sanjosecreekproject.com.**



All About City Hall

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 www.CityofGoleta.org

 Channel 19: Goleta TV

Goleta City Council

Mayor	Edward Easton
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Councilmember	Margaret Connell
Councilmember	Paula Perotte
City Manager	Daniel Singer

City Council Meetings

Held on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month at 1:30 pm and 6 pm

Televised live on Channel 19. Live-streamed video on www.CityofGoleta.org.

Replayed Wednesdays and Saturdays 10 am and 5 pm.

Mayor's Office Hours

By appointment, contact Mayor Easton at 961.7537 or via email at eeaston@CityofGoleta.org

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Friday, 8 am – 12 noon

Building Division 961.7552
Monday, Tuesday & Thursday only
8 am – 3 pm
Closed Wednesday and Friday

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Building Inspection Request	961.7550
Code Enforcement	961.7556
Anonymous Tip Line	961.7574

It's Back to School for Senior Deputies

Senior Deputies **George Hedricks** and **Dan Nelson** have children of their own, but they are also charged with watching over the hundreds of students at Goleta Valley Junior High (GVJH), Dos Pueblos High School (DPHS) and San Marcos High Schools (SMHS) as the School Resource Deputies (SRD). Hedricks spends most days at DPHS while Nelson covers SMHS. They each work at GVJH two days/month. Both deputies are still learning the campuses and the students since starting this past fall.

A typical day involves walking the campus, talking with students and meeting with administrative staff about issues that cross over between education and law enforcement. The deputies also patrol the surrounding neighborhoods for students who are off campus when they should be in school. Although their primary responsibilities are to ensure school safety, they also work with neighborhood watch, probation, gang enforcement and patrol officers.



Dan Nelson (left) and George Hedricks (right)

Bullying, problems at home, drug abuse and alcohol possession, and grades are just a few of the issues they are involved in addressing while on campus. Most of the time they're making connections with the students as a trusted adult and counselor.

Deputy Nelson, who stands 6'6" tall, greatly enjoys working with the students on campus. "We are able to listen and, for some, give advice. We're really a resource." Hedricks agrees, "We build rapport with the students so that they get to know us. When they're in trouble or need advice, we can be a sounding board."

The deputies encourage parents to be involved in their students' lives. Nelson tells students to "stay in school." Hedricks encourages students to try activities or sports

that they're interested in, "If you want to try it, go for it. Don't quit. Live with no regrets and start thinking about your future."

While they took different paths—Hedricks through college on a baseball scholarship and Nelson through the United States Coast Guard—both ended up working in the Sheriff's Office. Between the two of them,

they've served in the jail, custody division, training bureau, courts and on patrol in Goleta. But one thing they have in common is a love of working with students.

The SRD position at Dos Pueblos High School is partially funded by the City of Goleta. The SRD position at San Marcos High School is funded by the County of Santa Barbara.

A word of advice to parents: Don't be afraid

to check backpacks and have conversations with your teens.

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Looking to Serve Our Community?

Serving on a City of Goleta board or commission is one way members of the public can volunteer and get involved with their city government. The boards and commissions serve mostly in an advisory capacity to various city government departments and some county agencies. Boards and commission appointments are approved by the City Council.

Planning Commission

The Planning Commission is composed of five registered voters of the City. Each Council Member appoints a planning commission member to serve for the duration of the City Council term (4 years).

Design Review Board

The Design Review Board is composed of seven members appointed by the City Council. Of the seven members, a minimum of four shall be residents of the City. At least two members shall be licensed architects, and at least two members shall be licensed landscape professionals (of which at least one should be a landscape architect). The three at-large members must reside within the City. The members shall be skilled in reading and interpreting design drawings and able to judge the effects of a proposed building, structure, landscaping or sign upon the desirability, property value and development of surrounding areas.

Library Advisory Committee

Candidates must reside within the City of Goleta. Appointments are for one-year terms which run from July 1 to June 30 each year.

Vector Control District Board

Candidates must reside within the City of Goleta and have experience, training and education in fields that will assist in the governance of the District.

The City is currently accepting applications for all boards, commissions and committees. Questions regarding boards and commissions may be directed to the City Clerk's office by calling (805) 961-7505.

Grants Make a Difference in Goleta

Once again the City is offering grants for local organizations and groups that provide programs that serve City residents. The goal of this program is to benefit as many residents as possible while supporting a range of community activities.

\$12,000 will be given out this year in grants of varying amounts. Categories of projects eligible for grants include: Goleta community organizations; cultural activities such as music, art, dance and recreation; Goleta-oriented special events; and regional projects of benefit to Goleta. Applications are now available online and must be turned in by February 16. The Mayor and two appointed community members will evaluate the applications and make recommendations which the City Council will consider at a Council meeting in April.

Applications can be picked up at City Hall during business hours or are available on the City's website at www.CityofGoleta.org.



New Lights = Less Energy = Less Money

Goleta will be getting more green lights—just not the kind you drive through. The City received an **American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA)** grant from the US Department of Energy and California Energy Commission through the **Energy**

Efficiency Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) program. The grant will allow the City to retrofit existing intersection safety lighting (the street lights that illuminate the crosswalks) with new high-efficiency LED lighting. While the light emanating from the new light fixtures will look a little different, each of the 84 lights throughout the City will use approximately 55% less energy while still providing the appropriate light output. It is anticipated that installation of the new lights at each of the intersections will be completed this winter.

In addition, the EECBG grant will facilitate two additional projects in the City. The first includes installation of energy efficiency retrofits (lighting and motion sensors) at City Hall. The second involves the City sharing grant dollars with the Goleta Union School District to install occupancy sensors and retrofit existing EXIT signs with high-efficiency EXIT signs in classrooms throughout the four elementary schools within the City limits.

Goleta continues to be green and encourages you to investigate green measures for your home and business.



Improving Traffic Flow in Old Town

The community has long expressed a desire for improved circulation and connectivity for vehicles and bicyclists in Old Town. The existing roadway system has inadequate east-west circulation both north and south of Hollister Avenue. It also lacks direct access into the southern portions of Old Town Goleta and the Santa Barbara Airport. One of the proposed solutions has been the **Ekwill-Fowler Road Extensions Project**. In fact, this project was even included in the 1998 Old Town Revitalization Plan.

WHAT IS THE EKWILL-FOWLER PROJECT?

This project is a series of transportation improvements designed to relieve regional congestion, improve traffic circulation in Old Town Goleta and improve access to the airport. The existing plans include the construction of two new roadways (Ekwill and Fowler) to connect Ekwill at Fairview over to Kellogg Avenue and to connect Fowler at Fairview to Kellogg Avenue. Both extensions will have one travel lane in each direction, Class II bike lanes and sidewalks.

The project also includes two roundabouts on Hollister Avenue at the Highway 217 intersection to allow traffic to proceed more smoothly at a lower speed. In addition, the roundabout on the west side of the Highway 217 off-ramp will eliminate the forced right-hand turn off of Dearborn and the need for vehicles to make a U-turn at Kellogg Avenue. *(Please see our front page article for more on the benefits of roundabouts.)*

Other improvements such as landscaping and safety lighting will be added to the new roadways and Hollister in the vicinity of the roundabouts.

The City looks forward to beginning construction on this long-awaited project. The final design will be initiated this spring. Construction is anticipated to begin in 2014 and will take approximately 18 months to complete.



Channel 19 is Going Digital

As part of the upgrades to television services, all public access channels in the area, like **Goleta TV Channel 19**, will become digital access channels.

What does this mean for me? You will still be able to watch Goleta TV on Channel 19 and it will be solely dedicated to the City's programming. In addition, cable subscribers will be able to access City programming in the "Free Zone" which is COX's video on-demand service.

Do I need new equipment? You will only need new equipment if you do not have a digital box or clear QAM tuner TV. You can obtain these, at no cost, from COX.

Where can I watch KTLA? Cox is still in negotiations with KTLA. Look for future notices from COX on this issue.

For assistance, contact Sarah Clark, Public Affairs Manager, COX, at 681-3606 or Sarah.Clark@cox.com. She will be able to answer any questions you may have and provide you with a digital box or clear QAM tuner if you don't have one.



Project Lifesaver

Concerned about a loved one with Alzheimer's or dementia wandering away? Did you know that the Santa Barbara Sheriff's Office offers a program to help keep people with these conditions safe? More than half of those with these ailments will wander at one time or another and some will become lost, requiring an urgent, well-trained response. Due to their condition, those who are lost may become fearful or may not be able to respond or even assist with being located. If not found quickly, they are at risk of injury or death.

HOW IT WORKS: A family member or caregiver contacts the Sheriff's Department to enroll. The person is fitted with a unique, lightweight, battery-operated wrist or ankle

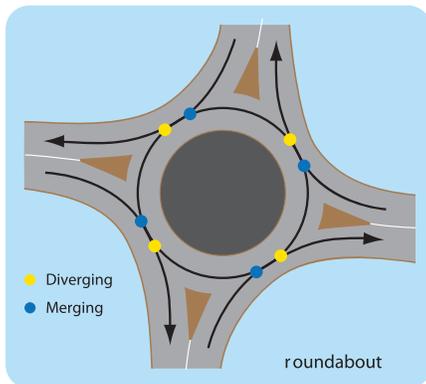
band which emits a silent radio signal 24 hours/day. The band and battery are maintained and replaced monthly by volunteers or Sheriff's Department personnel. When a participant is missing, caregivers notify the Sheriff's Department. A specially trained search team responds using a mobile locator to find the missing person.

COST: The initial cost is \$300 for the required batteries and bands with an annual renewal of \$125. Thanks to generous donations from individuals and service groups, sponsorships are also available. No one should let cost prevent them from participating.

To get further information enroll, Contact the Santa Barbara Sheriff's Department Community Services Office at 681-4136.

Roundabout cont.

CONT. FROM FRONT COVER



Much different from the “traffic circles” of years ago, the *modern* roundabouts you’ll see around the City will provide safe and efficient traffic flow. The National Institute for Highway Safety is a proponent of roundabouts because statistics prove that they are

much safer than traditional intersections.

Although changes like these can be hard to get used to—this change will keep you and your loved ones safer while driving, walking or riding within our lovely City.

USING THE ROUNDABOUT: QUICK TIPS

Roundabouts are easy to use if you pay attention to signs and ground markings. Some quick tips to remember are:

Slow down: Driving speeds in roundabouts are usually 12-25 mph.

Choose the correct lane: If you are entering a multi-lane roundabout, use the outside lane if you will be making a right turn or going straight. Use the left lane to make left-turns, U-turns or straight-ahead movements.

No passing: Never pass or overtake another vehicle after entering a roundabout.

Yield: When preparing to enter a roundabout, yield to all traffic already circulating within the roundabout.

Pedestrians and cyclists: Pedestrians must cross in the designated crosswalks. These crosswalks require pedestrians to cross a shorter distance and allow for a refuge at every crossing. The slower speeds of vehicles in a roundabout mean greater safety for pedestrians. Cyclists are required to walk their bikes if they cross in the crosswalks. Roundabouts are usually designed with Class I bike/ped paths for sidewalks which can be used by bicyclists who wish to do so. Experienced bicyclists, however, usually use the roundabout with other vehicles given the slower speeds.

What’s Ahead This Spring

The Los Carneros Roundabout project involves the installation of a roundabout at the intersection of Los Carneros and Calle Real. It will be a three-leg intersection with one lane of traffic. The project also includes landscaping, street lighting and sidewalk improvements.

Previously, this intersection had been a stop sign for those traveling on Calle Real with no stop on Los Carneros. An increased number of side impact collisions necessitated a change to a three-way stop to improve public safety.

The final design for this project is in-process and work is expected to begin this spring.

This Is Your Park—What Would You Like to See In It?

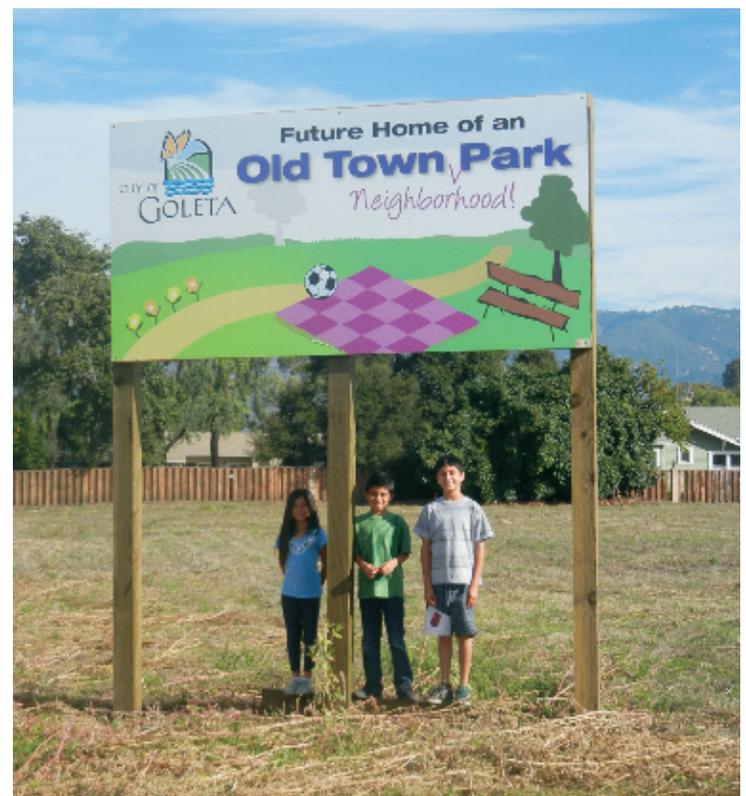
A park is coming to Old Town! The four-acre parcel of land near the **corner of Hollister and Kellogg Avenues** will become the City’s next active recreation area. The City Council is in the process of hiring a design consultant and anticipates initiating additional public meetings in the early spring to gather input from the community. The City Council allocated \$375,000 in Park Development Impact Fees for the park’s design, engineering and environmental review. In addition, the City received a \$10,000 grant from the Davenport Institute to help with the public engagement effort. They are also waiting to hear back from the State on whether an additional \$910,000 will be awarded for construction of the park.

While the City is in the process of gathering input and creating a design, you will see a construction trailer, building materials and equipment on the site. The City is allowing a small portion of the site to be used by the contractor who is building the San Jose Creek Project. Be assured that no work is being done on the site in preparation for the future park.

Tell us what you’d like to see.

Basketball courts, a picnic area, a walking trail or a multi-use field? Let us know your ideas.

Look for notices of public workshops on the City’s website or email your input to Claudia Dato, Management Analyst, at cdato@cityofgoleta.org or call 805.961.7554.





You can see large clusters of monarchs at Ellwood Main each winter from November to February. Last year there were over 27,000 monarchs at Ellwood Main.

Trailer Talk

Parking detached trailers for more than 24 consecutive hours on a public roadway in Goleta is now prohibited in the City's Municipal Code. This code section applies to detached trailers, fifth wheels and equipment. Vehicles in violation may receive a citation of \$79.50 per violation. Vehicles/trailers left in the same place for 72 consecutive hours are subject to towing.

If you have questions or need more information, please contact Greg Nordyke, Code Enforcement Officer, at 961-7556.

The monarch butterflies are back this year and are adorning the Ellwood Main with their colorful bodies and graceful movements.

Since 2007, the City of Goleta has trained docents to enhance the visitor experience at Ellwood Main and lead field trips for school and community groups.

You can find docents at the Ellwood Main viewing platform on weekends from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., November through February.

Did you know?

- Monarch butterflies that migrate to Goleta come from the western Rocky Mountains.
- The monarchs that spend their winter at Ellwood have never been to Goleta. They are five generations removed from last year's visitors.
- Migrating monarchs can fly at speeds up to 50km/hr.
- Migrating monarchs live up to nine months. Monarchs that don't migrate live two to five weeks.
- Monarch caterpillars only eat milkweed. Eating milkweed makes monarch caterpillars and butterflies poisonous.
- Wild monarchs lay 300-400 eggs in their lifetime.
- Male monarchs have a dot on each of their hind wings. This is a special sac that helps them attract a mate.
- Ellwood Main Monarch Aggregation Site is one of the largest overwintering sites in California.

Balancing Fire Concerns and Habitat Preservation in the City

Goleta has historically been a community at-risk of wildfire. It is also home to many natural resources, including the Ellwood Mesa, where thousands of monarchs migrate each winter.

In October, the City of Goleta hosted a public workshop to discuss the status of two plans that address these issues: the **Community Wildfire Protection Plan** and the **Monarch Butterfly Habitat Management Plan**. The Community Wildfire Protection Plan was developed alongside the Habitat Management Plan to ensure each plan balances the safety of our community with the desire to preserve our natural resources.

The plan provides guidelines on how to actively manage the areas that are at greatest risk for fire. Once this plan is adopted by the City Council and the City obtains the necessary per-

mits, the City of Goleta will implement the plan beginning with the highest priority areas and continue in order of wildfire risk. Treatment priority is determined by the expected size and behavior of flames in relation to its proximity to structures and natural resources.

The purpose of the Monarch Butterfly Habitat Management Plan is to determine the number of monarchs that spend the winter at the Ellwood Mesa, assess the health of their habitat and develop a plan to maintain and improve the health of identified groves. This plan is scheduled for presentation to the City Council in June 2012.

For more information on these plans, contact Dan Nemecek, Senior Planner, at dnemecek@cityofgoleta.org or call 961-7544.

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Los donativos hacen la diferencia en nuestra comunidad.

Una vez más la Ciudad ofrece donativos a organizaciones y grupos locales que ofrecen programas que sirven a los residentes de la Ciudad. El objetivo es el de beneficiar al mayor número de residentes posible apoyando una gran variedad de actividades comunitarias.

Este año se darán doce mil dólares en contribuciones que varían en el nivel del donativo. El período para solicitar los fondos es del 3 de Enero al 16 de Febrero.

El Alcalde y dos miembros de la comunidad evaluarán las solicitudes y darán sus recomendaciones, mismas que el Concilio de la Ciudad considerará durante su junta en Abril.



La solicitudes están disponibles en el portal de internet de la Ciudad en www.CityofGoleta.org o se pueden obtener en las oficinas de la Ciudad durante horas hábiles.

Este es tu parque

¿Qué te gustaría ver en él?

¡Un parque está por llegar al Centro de Goleta! Un terreno de cuatro acres de extensión cerca de la esquina de las avenidas Hollister y Kellogg se convertirá en la siguiente área recreativa de la Ciudad. El Concilio de la Ciudad está en vías de contratar un diseñador y anticipa que las juntas comunitarias, para obtener las opiniones de la comunidad, darán inicio a principios de la primavera.

Al tiempo que la Ciudad está en proceso de obtener tu opinión para crear un diseño, podrás ver en ese terreno un camión, materiales y equipo de construcción. Esto es porque la ciudad le ha dado permiso al contratista que está construyendo el Proyecto del Arroyo San José para utilizar una pequeña parte del terreno. Puedes estar seguro que todavía no se está haciendo ningún trabajo en preparación para el futuro parque. El Concilio de la Ciudad ha designado \$375,000 para pagar las Tarifas de Impacto para la Construcción del parque, para el diseño del mismo, para su ingeniería y para la revisión de la parte ambiental. Además, la Ciudad ha recibido un donativo de \$10,000 del Instituto Davenport para ayudar con el esfuerzo que se hará para involucrar al público y todavía estamos esperando noticias del Estado sobre la posibilidad de recibir \$910,000 para la construcción del parque.

Dínos lo que te gustaría ver en el parque.
¿Canchas de basquetbol, un área para días de campo, un camino para hacer ejercicio o un campo de usos múltiples?
Busca los avisos sobre los talleres comunitarios en el portal de la Ciudad o envíale tu opinión a Claudia Dato, Gerente de Análisis a cdato@cityof-goleta.org Además, las truchas tendrán la posibilidad de nadar hacia la parte alta del Arroyo San José.

Siguiendo la Corriente en el Centro de Goleta

La comunidad ha expresado por mucho tiempo el deseo de contar con una mejor circulación y conectividad tanto para los vehículos como para las bicicletas en el Centro de Goleta. En el sistema actual, las calles tienen una circulación poco adecuada este-oeste tanto al Norte como al Sur de Hollister Avenue y no tiene acceso directo a la porción sur del Centro de Goleta y al Aeropuerto de Santa Bárbara. Una de las soluciones propuestas ha sido el Proyecto para ampliar las calles Ekwil-Fowler. De hecho, este proyecto estaba incluido en el Plan de Revitalización del Centro de Goleta que se llevó a cabo en 1998.

QUE INCLUYE EL PROYECTO EKWILL-FOWLER?

Este proyecto incluye una serie de mejoras al transporte cuyo propósito es el de aliviar la congestión regional, mejorará la circulación del tráfico en el Centro de Goleta y mejorará el acceso al aeropuerto. Los planes existentes incluyen la construcción de dos calles nuevas (Ekwil y Fowler) para conectar Ekwil en Fairview pasando a Kellogg Avenue y la de conec-

tar Fowler en Fairview pasando a Kellogg Avenue. Ambas extensiones tendrán un carril en cada dirección, carriles Clase II para bicicletas y aceras.

El proyecto también incluye dos glorietas en Hollister Avenue en la intersección con la Carretera 217, permitiendo así que el tráfico fluya mejor y más lentamente. Además la glorieta en la parte oeste en la salida de la Carretera 217 eliminará la forzada vuelta a la derecha desde Dearborn y eliminará también la necesidad que los vehículos hagan una vuelta en U en Kellogg Avenue. (Favor de leer nuestro artículo en la primera página para saber más sobre los beneficios de las glorietas). Otras mejoras tales como jardinería y alumbrado serán una adición a las nuevas calles y a Hollister en las cercanías de las glorietas.

La Ciudad espera con gusto el inicio de la construcción de este proyecto. El diseño final dará inicio durante la próxima primavera. Se anticipa que la construcción comience en el 2014 y que dure 18 meses.

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¿Preguntas? Llame a City Hall 961.7500. Tenemos personal bilingüe. Queremos escuchar su opiniones.



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City Government Meetings

All meetings held at City Hall and are available to watch live on Channel 19 and at www.CityofGoleta.org

City Council

1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month

Meets at 1:30 pm and 6 pm

January 3 *cancelled**

January 17

February 7

February 21

March 6

March 20

Televised live on **Channel 19**.
Replayed on Wednesdays and Saturdays at 10 am and 5 pm.

Planning Commission

2nd and 4th Monday of the month

Meets at 6 pm in the City Council Chambers

January 9

January 23

February 13

February 27

March 12

March 26

Televised live on **Channel 19**.
Replayed on Tuesdays and Sundays at 10 am and 5 pm.

Design Review Board

2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month

Meets at 3 pm

January 10

January 24

February 14

February 28

March 13

March 27

Televised live on **Channel 19**.
Replayed on Thursdays and Fridays at 10 am and 5 pm.

*Cancelled due to holiday closures

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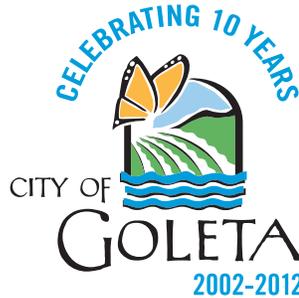
Celebrate the City's 10-Year Anniversary!

The City of Goleta turns ten-years-old on February 1, 2012. Throughout the year, we'll highlight different themes representing life in Goleta:

- FEBRUARY** CELEBRATE COMMUNITY
- MARCH** CELEBRATE EDUCATION & RECREATION
- APRIL** CELEBRATE A GREEN GOLETA

All year, we will invite the community to join in festivities. Each month we'll share things to do in Goleta on our website which are related to that month's theme.

Be part of the fun! Share outdoor photos of your favorite places in Goleta. Send them to Valerie Kushnerov, Public Information Officer, at vkushnerov@cityofgoleta.org. Post your memories of the last ten years in Goleta on our Facebook page (see at right).



Let's celebrate the good land together

Be Social

Want to learn more about what's happening at the City and around town?

Follow us on **Facebook** at www.facebook.com/cityof-goleta. Find pictures, video clips and other information that may be of interest as you live, work and play in our City.

Want to hear from us in 140 characters or less?

Follow us on **Twitter** @goletapio. For meeting notices and employment information, follow @cityofgoleta.

Prefer to see Goleta in video?

Follow us on **YouTube**. Find us at CityofGoleta1 and let us know what you think.

Only interested in hearing from us in case of emergency?

Sign up for **City Alert** to receive phone calls on your landline or mobile phone or receive texts. Go to <http://www.cityofgoleta.org/index.aspx?page=107>.

"Avenge Ellwood!"

THE JAPANESE ATTACK ON CALIFORNIA

Goleta Valley Historical Society will host a special display commemorating the 70th anniversary of the Ellwood shelling.

On February 23, 1942, a large Japanese submarine identified as the I-17 surfaced at sundown off Ellwood Mesa and fired its deck cannon at the tidelands oil-production facilities clustered along the shore. The shelling followed the attack on Pearl Harbor, which plunged the United States into World War II.

Stay tuned for news about the historic exhibition, lectures and events beginning on February 19, 2012. The exhibit will be on display until December 30, 2012, at Rancho La Patera.



CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, February 7th • 6 pm

City Hall, 130 Cremona Drive, Suite B

Recognition of the City's history with music, presentations and cupcakes

COMMUNITY BIRTHDAY PARTY

Sunday, February 12th • 2 - 3:30 pm

Goleta Valley Community Center, 5679 Hollister Avenue

Music by local school groups and birthday cake in a family-friendly atmosphere

OPEN HOUSE

Thursday, March 8th • 3 - 5 pm

City Council Chambers, City Hall, 130 Cremona Drive, Suite B

Drop by for a behind-the-scenes tour of City Hall. Have your picture taken with the Mayor and Council and learn more about what the City's various departments do