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City of Goleta and National Weather Service Seek “Citizen Weather Spotters” for Rainy Season

Training to be held Wednesday, November 19, 2008
6:30 – 8:00pm at Goleta City Hall

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[Goleta, CA – November 17, 2008] The City of Goleta is seeking residents who are interested in being part of the National Weather Service Weather Spotter Program.

The National Weather Service Spotter Program is a volunteer organization of people who report to the National Weather Service office in Oxnard whenever significant weather is occurring. These reports provide important information for forecasters to improve their forecasts and warnings.

“The Weather Spotter Program is just another tool in our toolbox to ensure that our community has the best and most accurate information on current weather conditions,” said Steve Wagner, Community Services Director.

Mr. Wagner continued, “due to the Gap Fire, this rainy season there is an increased chance of flooding in the City of Goleta. The best thing City residents and businesses can do – if they live in or near the Flood Zone - is to have an emergency plan in place with the supplies they need, including sandbags, a flashlight and radio.”

Weather Spotters do not need to have weather equipment to become an official spotter for the National Weather Service. New spotters will receive a personal spotter ID number and a packet with spotter instructions. Weather Spotter Training will be held Wednesday, November 19 from 6:30 – 8:30pm in the City Hall Council Chamber, located at 130 Cremona Drive Suite B.

For questions or more information please call 961-7510.

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