



## City of Gulf Shores

### Update – Thursday, July 29, 2010 – 10:30 AM

- **Ken Feinberg Town Hall Meeting Announced in Orange Beach.** There will be a meeting with Mr. Feinberg, open to the public, from 7am to 8am, on Friday, July 30, 2010 at the Orange Beach Recreation Center; 4849 Wilson Blvd. Door will open at 6am.
- **Gulf Oil Response Expo:** Thursday, July 29, 3-7pm and Friday, July 30, 8-11am, at The Wharf Conference Center, hosted by BP. Learn about the Gulf of Mexico Response Effort and be able to ask your questions to representatives from BP, Coast Guard, US Fish and Wildlife, EPA and other state and partner agencies, along with the Cities of Orange Beach and Gulf Shores.
- **City of Gulf Shores beaches return to SINGLE RED Flag conditions.** The City of Gulf Shores has changed the beach flags to a **single red flag** effective immediately, changing from double red flags. The flag system is used to inform beach goers of surf conditions, and the level of hazards present. As a reminder, the posting of a double red flag indicates that the City has closed the water to entry under Gulf Shores City Ordinance 1155. The single red flag posting indicates hazards, but does not close the waters. A swim advisory remains in effect from the Alabama Department of Public Health. To read advisory information and frequently asked questions, visit the [Alabama Department of Public Health website](#).
- **Additional summer concert on the beach is being planned.** Alabama's Gulf Coast will once again host an international superstar for a beach concert. The City, working with the Alabama Gulf Coast Convention and Visitors Bureau and the State Tourism Department, is actively planning a follow-up concert to build on the positive message and economic stimulus created by the Jimmy Buffett concert. Watch for more updates and concert date(s) to be announced soon.
- **Waterways Open to Idle Speed Only-No Wake:** Effective July 21, 2010, the State of Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources has proclaimed all waterways south of Bear Point to the Easter Shore of the Mouth of Ono Harbor on Ono Island to be designated as "Idle Speed Only—No Wake" areas for all vessels. This will include Bayou St John, Terry Cove, Terry Cove Harbor, Cotton Bayou and Perdido Pass. The public boat launches at Cotton Bayou and Boggy Point are still closed.
- **The BP claims office in Gulf Shores remains open.** The office is located at 1709 Gulf Shores Parkway (the old Prudential Cooper Realty Office) directly south from the Municipal Court building. The Gulf Shores BP Claims Center is open 7days a week from 8:00 AM to 6 PM.
- **Business Support Center (BSC) is available to local businesses.** The [Alabama Gulf Coast Area Chamber of Commerce](#), [South Baldwin Chamber](#) and the [Baldwin County Economic Development Alliance](#) have created a partnership to open a Business Support Center in direct response to businesses in need due to the Gulf oil spill. [Faulkner State Community College](#) will both host and manage the Center. The center will be staffed by a number of agencies including the Small Business Development Center, Alabama Career Center, SCORE, Women's Business Center and the U.S. Small Business Administration. The BSC is located at Faulkner State Community College at the Gulf Shores Campus. The Center will be open from 8 AM – 5 PM, Monday – Friday. Please call 251-968-3118 for information.

For detailed information about the entire incident, visit NOAA (<http://response.restoration.noaa.gov/>) or Deepwater Horizon ([www.deepwaterhorizonresponse.com](http://www.deepwaterhorizonresponse.com)) response sites.