



## City of Gulf Shores

### Gulf Oil Spill Update – Thursday, June 24, 2010 – 8:00 PM

- **The beaches of Gulf Shores to Fort Morgan received significant oil impacts today, in the water and at the shoreline. Double Red flags are flying; indicating the waters are CLOSED for swimming within the corporate limits of the City of Gulf Shores.** City officials and staff are working with BP and its contractors to clean the beaches as quickly as possible and oil skimming vessels are working offshore under the direction of the US Coast Guard. The public is reminded, please **DO NOT TO TOUCH OIL IN ANY FORM** and to leave it for clean-up crews. If you happen to come in contact, clean the affected area with soap and water or use baby oil to remove the residue. To report oil impacts to wildlife, contact **1-866-557-1401**.
- **Jimmy Buffett & Friends July 1<sup>st</sup> concert SELLS OUT.** All the free tickets made available Wednesday morning (June 23) were claimed in less than 10 minutes. It is recommended that you DO NOT purchase tickets on the secondary market. It is possible for people to double print tickets, or even produce fake tickets. Once a ticket has been scanned, it is void. The goal of the concert is to promote awareness and tourism in the Gulf Region and CMT will telecast the concert live, Thursday, July 1, from 7-8:30 PM Central. Parking and traffic information will be available soon. Check for updates and information by visiting [www.concertsforthecoast.com](http://www.concertsforthecoast.com).
- **July 4<sup>th</sup> Fireworks Celebration still on schedule.** At this time, the annual July 4<sup>th</sup> fireworks celebration is a “go.” The City of Gulf Shores will once again celebrate our past and present with a spectacular fireworks display at 9:00 PM. The show will originate from a barge anchored directly offshore from Gulf Place at the southern end of Highway 59.
- **The City of Gulf Shores has temporarily suspended the beach parking convenience fees.** As a way to thank visitors for traveling to the coast, the parking fees typically collected at Gulf Place (Hwy. 59 south) and West 2<sup>nd</sup> Street public parking areas have been waived. [Click here](#) to see a map of all public beach access locations and available public parking areas.
- **The waters of the Little Lagoon remain OPEN to fishing and boating.** To access to the Little Lagoon, please visit the recently opened Lagoon Park and Boat Ramp on the north side of the lagoon located on the Fort Morgan Road (Highway 180W.) just west of Highway 59. The Little Lagoon Pass remains closed to further protect the inland waters.
- **Business Support Center (BSC) is now OPEN.** 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.
- **The Alabama Department of Conservation & Natural Resources has CLOSED state gulf waters to fishing, as well as some inshore waters.** NOAA's current closed fishing area includes federal waters eastward to Panama City, Florida. To view a map of the closed fishing area, go to <http://sero.nmfs.noaa.gov/>

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.