



City of Gulf Shores

Gulf Oil Spill Update – Saturday, June 26, 2010 – 4:00 PM

- **The beaches of Gulf Shores to Fort Morgan are receiving impacts from oil 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 1st concert is SOLD OUT.** All the 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.
- **July 4th Fireworks Celebration still on schedule.** At this time, the annual July 4th 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 2nd 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.
- **BP is opening an additional claims office in Gulf Shores, tomorrow, Sunday June 27th, at 1709 Gulf Shores Parkway (the old Prudential Cooper Realty Office) directly south from the Municipal Court building.** The Gulf Shores BP Claims Center will be open 7 days a week from 8:00 AM to 6 PM.
- **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.

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