

## **\*\*Gulf Breeze: Oil Spill Update\*\***

June 23, 2010

72 Hour Forecast: Oil may be drawn in to Pensacola Pass over the next few days, we do not expect any Gulf Breeze landfall tonight. **We expect to close the Bayous Thursday morning (6/24) starting at 8am. The City is constantly monitoring and evaluating tides, winds and the prospect for impact. Large amounts of tarballs and oil mats and continue to impact and threaten the Gulf beaches over the next several days.**

- **Access to the bayous will be closed beginning at 8am Thursday morning.**
- We have observed higher activity levels of BP-deployed vessels in the Bay and near the Pass which is an encouraging sign in the protection of the Bay waters.
- Coast watchers and Emergency Response Team (Spill Crew) have been very active every day searching for evidence of oil in the Bay and responding to verify potential sightings, as well as helping to inspect and maintain protective measures, as well as assist in on water cleanup efforts until BP crews arrive.
- All turbidity curtains acquired by the City have been deployed to protect grass beds, bayous and wetland access areas, and to create deflection to reduce the potential for impact on Gulf Breeze. No passive protective measures should be considered impervious in all circumstances.
- If you spot indications of oil please report it to **Report Oil Sightings - 1-866-448-5816 with specifics (Location, Type of oil, Approx size or amount, time); please also report the sighting to Gulf Breeze Police Dispatch 934-4050**

Please visit the [City of Gulf Breeze Oil Spill Information](http://www.cityofgulfbreeze.com/oil%20spill.html) page, paste to browser: <http://www.cityofgulfbreeze.com/oil%20spill.html> and click on "Volunteer Training Registration Information"

The City of Gulf Breeze will provide periodic updates as more information becomes available.

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