



# PRESS RELEASE

City of Pompano Beach

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Accidental Sewage Spill Community Meeting  
E. Pat Larkins Community Center located at 520 MLK, Jr. Boulevard.  
Wednesday, January 16<sup>th</sup>  
7:00 p.m.

The City of Pompano Beach is holding a public meeting provide updated information on the accidental sewage spill and environmental clean-up efforts. The City, along with other involved government agencies, will be in attendance to update residents and answer questions. The meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at the E. Pat Larkins Community Center located at 520 MLK, Jr. Boulevard.

Restoration and clean-up efforts due to the FDOT construction accident at NW 15 Street continues. The original 42" force main pipe has been permanently repaired and is back in service. Restoration of the road is underway.

The waterway and fish clean-up continued through the weekend and will continue every day. Numerous aerators are in operation in the canals to increase oxygen and minimize odor. Vacuuming of the canals continues. Crews are on the water in boats and on canal banks removing debris.

There are several surface water sample sites where daily water samples are taken and sent to the Broward County laboratory to estimate the number of bacteria measured in colony-forming units (cfu) in the canals. Both Broward County Environmental Protection Division (EPD) and the City of Pompano Beach are taking daily samples. The cfu results are decreasing daily which is a good indication, however, until we have a series of consistent positive results and Broward County and State DEP declares the water safe, the City is advising no one come in contact with or irrigate with canal water.

The City's website, Facebook and Twitter have been updated daily with information and sample results. A Garden Isles community e-mail distribution list has been created providing daily updates emailed to residents who signed up at the Garden Isles Community meeting which was held on Thursday, January 10<sup>th</sup>.