

# CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S WEEKLY REPORT

**May 31, 2010**

## **CITY TREASURER**

### **Unclaimed Funds**

The City Treasurer, pursuant to Government Code Section 50050-50056, on April 22, 2010, and again on April 29, 2010, the Huntington Beach Independent published a list of funds which have been unclaimed for three years. Once published, these unclaimed funds will be held by the Office of the City Treasurer until midnight on June 23, 2010, and those remaining unclaimed will be permanently escheated to the City on June 24, 2010. Check out the listing and claim form at <http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/UnclaimedFunds/> and if you are on the list, file your claim today.

## **COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

### **The Avatar Day Camp – Earth, Fire, Water, Air,**

Earth, Fire, Water, and Air – all the qualities the Avatar needs to lead the nations! Youth, ages 6-12 years, will divide into tribes and compete in various competitions! This is a Monday thru Friday camp offered the week of June 21 from 9am to noon. For more information, contact the City Gym and Pool at 714-960-8884 or sign up at [www.hbsands.org](http://www.hbsands.org) today!

### **Marine Safety**

While lifeguards were busy keeping holiday crowds safe at the beach, the Marine Safety Division hosted an Open House at Lifeguard Headquarters over Memorial Day weekend. The event was held in conjunction with National Beach Safety Week. Over 400 visitors stopped by to learn about rip currents, safety tips, rescue equipment, the Junior Lifeguard program, and the hit TV-series “Ocean Force: Huntington Beach, OC”.

### **25th Annual Concours d’Elegance Classic Car Show**

The 25th Annual Huntington Beach Concours d’Elegance is a popular family event with car, motorcycle, and vintage bicycle enthusiasts descending on the picturesque lawns of Huntington Central Park located at 7111 Talbert Avenue. This event is scheduled for June 5 and June 6, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. More than 60 classes and 450 entries are expected. Musical entertainment, auto memorabilia, food vendors, merchants, and youth activities are also highlights of the show. For additional information, please log onto their website at [www.hbconcours.org](http://www.hbconcours.org). Proceeds benefit the Huntington Beach Library Children's Resource Center.

### **The Association of Volleyball Professionals Open (AVP)**

The AVP is the country’s most authentic professional beach volleyball league. The AVP Nivea Tour travels around the country bringing the world’s best professional beach volleyball players, including current and past Olympians, together to battle it out on the sand. The Huntington Beach event is scheduled for June 3 through June 6, 8:00 am to 6:00 p.m. Expected at this year's event is Olympic gold medalist Misty May Treanor with new partner

Nicole Branagh. In addition to the tournament action, volleyball clinics and camps will be run throughout the weekend, along with merchandise and concession booths. Tickets are now available at [www.avp.com](http://www.avp.com). If you're not able to catch the action in person, be sure to watch the live broadcasts on your local ABC station or on ESPN 2.

### **The 2010 US Open of Bodyboarding**

The 2010 Sport Chalet US Open will be held at the historical Huntington Beach Pier from June 4 through June 6. Riders from all over the country and Globe will be touching down in HB for the largest gathering of professional bodyboarders in the past decade. The event will be held in conjunction with the AVP (Association of Volleyball Professionals) and have live coverage at [www.usbatour.com/live](http://www.usbatour.com/live).

### **Art, Brews, & Bites at The Strand**

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Huntington Valley will benefit from Art, Brews, & Bites at The Strand on Sunday, June 6 from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Enjoy eight brew tastes from Stone Brewing Co., Green Flash Brewing Co., The Lost Abbey, and Port Brewing Co. Bites will be provided by Zimzala Restaurant + Bar. Experience live music by Orange County's Sombra Quieta Trio and see a professional chalk artist on 5th Street.

### **Sunset Vista Camping**

The popular Sunset Vista camper facility closed for the season at the end of Memorial weekend. Campsites were reserved months in advance for the final weekend and patrons were rewarded with fantastic weather. This season Sunset Vista had sold out almost every weekend and all holidays. The camping year was very successful despite the very cold and unusually long rainy season. Memorial Day is traditionally the last day of overnight camping, when camping gives way to the high demand of "day use" parking for beach goers. The Sunset Vista camping facility is open October 1 through May 31 each year. The 2009/2010 season hosted over 7,000 campers and staff processed more than 2,000 reservations. Patrons have already started planning for next season.

### **Huntington Beach Senior Services**

Free Facial – Live long and look great doing it! On Tuesday, June 8, from 10:15 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. at the Michael E. Rodgers Seniors Center, 1706 Orange Avenue, Magdalena Reyes is offering free facials with all natural quality Jafra skincare products. The facials are limited to the first ten to sign-up at the Rodgers front counter. For more information, call 714-536-9387. Follow the soothing facial with a lunch of Honey Glazed Chicken. Community SeniorServ serves lunch each weekday at 11:30 at the senior center for a recommended donation of \$2.50 for those 60+.

## **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

### **Mickey Mouse at the Strand**

In an effort to kick off the festivities for Major League Baseball's All Star Game at Angel Stadium, the MLB will place 7 ½ foot Mickey Mouse Statues at key Southern California landmarks leading up to the 81st All-Star Game on July 13, 2010. The Mickey Mouse Statue sporting the Milwaukee Brewers colors will be in place at The Strand in Downtown Huntington

Beach starting this Friday June 4 through the All Star game on July 13. Make sure to stop by and grab a photo with Mickey while visiting the Strand.

## **FIRE**

### **Traffic Collision**

On May 25, 2010, firefighters were dispatched to Newland St. and Indianapolis Ave. for a traffic collision heavy rescue. When the firefighters arrived on scene, it was declared a multiple casualty incident involving three patients. One of the patients was trapped in the vehicle. All were transported to local hospitals. Three off-duty Huntington Beach Firefighter Paramedics, Eric McCoy, Kevin Shanahan, and Zac Wright came upon the accident prior to the Fire Department's arrival. Eric McCoy removed an injured child from one of the vehicles and provided care to her. Kevin Shanahan and Zac Wright found the driver of the same vehicle unresponsive with an obstructed airway and barely breathing. Zac Wright entered the vehicle, and with Kevin Shanahan's assistance, they opened the patient's airway at which time her respiratory rate increased. They maintained her airway until care was transferred to the arriving fire units.

### **Body Found In Car Fire**

On Monday afternoon, May 31, 2010, the Fire Department responded to a car fire in the underground parking garage of the Pelican Cove complex located on Algonquin Street. The fire was quickly extinguished and contained to the one vehicle due to the efforts of the fire resources and automatic fire sprinklers. No fire personnel were injured and there were no civilian victims treated. Firefighters discovered a body in the vehicle after the fire was extinguished. Police and Fire Arson Investigators are investigating the origin and cause of the fire as well as circumstances concerning the body.

## **LIBRARY SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

### **Community Connections**

On May 17, 2010, the Central Library hosted its annual Volunteer Appreciation Event to acknowledge those who have dedicated their time and talents in making the Huntington Beach Library System a valuable community resource. The library is proud to say it had over 400 volunteers donate their time during 2009, contributing over 54,608 hours, which equates to 26 full-time library staff employees. This year's theme was *You Serve Us, Let Us Serve You*. The library staff united to create a fun environment that made the volunteers feel appreciated.

Each year, as a part of the Volunteer Appreciation Event, the library selects one of the extraordinary volunteers to be honored as the Volunteer of the Year. LeRoy Lucian was selected as the 2009 Volunteer of the Year. LeRoy is an active volunteer sharing his time and talents with many programs throughout the Library System. He has been a key player in the Used Book Sales, as both Assistant VP and Vice President of Used Books, and he has been involved with the HB Reads One Book Program since its inception in 2008. He consistently promotes the Friends of the Library, while supporting and participating in programs for the Children's Library, conducting workshops and special programs for children related to HB Reads One Book and assists with many library fundraising projects. In Used Books alone he

volunteered over 800 hours in 2009. LeRoy is a real asset to the Library System and the community as a whole.

### **Free Computer Classes at Central Library**

The Central Library continues to offer free, weekly computer classes each Monday morning at 10:00 a.m. These classes are taught by a team of staff and highly skilled volunteer instructors. Classes are limited to 10 students, allowing us to offer hands-on, personalized assistance. Each week a different class is featured, including: Email Basics (setting up an email account for the first time), Consumer Information on the Web (smart shopping online, avoiding scams), Computer Basics (simple introduction to desktop computing), Job Searching Online (tips for job searching, help filling out job applications), and Photosharing (managing your photos online). Register online at [www.hbpl.org](http://www.hbpl.org), select "Events" and search event type "Training". You can also stop by the Central Library Reference Desk or call 714-842-4481. Register early for the best selection! *This program is supported by the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act, administered by the California State Librarian.*

### **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

#### **Suspects in Custody for Attempted Murder**

On May 31, 2010, at about 5:40pm, three males got into an argument in the 16700 block of Bardon Lane. The argument escalated and one male armed himself with a knife. The first suspect stabbed the victim in the neck and the second suspect hit the victim with a blunt instrument. Neighbors called 911 to report the fight. The victim and both suspects fled the scene as officers were responding to the location.

Huntington Beach police officers located James Stephen Walls, a 20 year old Huntington Beach resident and Alan Owen Emerson, a 19 year old Newport Beach resident, in Murdy Park a short time later. Officers located the knife and obtained other evidence linking Walls and Emerson to the crime. The victim, a 22 year old resident of Huntington Beach, had driven himself to Huntington Beach Hospital. His injuries are severe but he is expected to survive the attack.

Walls and Emerson were both booked at the Huntington Beach City Jail for charges of attempted murder.

## **PUBLIC WORKS**

### **Slater Avenue Project Completion**

The Slater Avenue Rehabilitation project is substantially complete. The objective was to replace the worn pavement on Slater Avenue from Graham Street to Goldenwest Street and overlay the entire street with rubberized asphalt. Additional work included limited removal and installation of concrete curb and gutter, concrete sidewalk, curb access ramps, and new traffic loops & striping. The project utilized rubberized asphalt concrete (RAC) which contains crumb rubber derived from scrap tires. A two-inch layer of RAC uses over 2,000 waste tires per lane mile. This project diverted more than 10,000 waste tires, that otherwise would end up in a landfill. Including this project, the use of RAC in the rehabilitation of the City's arterial streets has resulted in the diversion of over 193,000 waste tires. The project was completed ahead of the anticipated schedule due to good weather conditions and a competent contractor. All funding for this project was provided by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009. Total costs were approximately \$1.3 million.

### **Newland Street Widening Project Completion**

After two years, the Newland Street Widening is complete. The long-running project was designed to widen the street and realign the grade over the channel bridge. Many challenges and unavoidable delays complicated this project, including channel work, utilities relocation, and wet weather. All overhead utilities, electric, telephone and cable, between Pacific Coast Highway and Hamilton Avenue, and on Edison Way now are underground. The project added a sidewalk along the east side of Newland, bike lanes in each direction, and sanitary sewer pipelines and manholes for future infrastructure upgrades in that area. A new storm drain was installed between Edison Way and PCH to better evacuate rainy season run-offs in the area. The project also included new street lights, traffic signals, loop detection and striping. Project costs were approximately \$6 million, funded by Traffic Impact Developer Fees and Gas Tax.