

NOTABLE NEWS

Week Ending May 7, 2026

The Notable News was established in 2022 as an informal report compiled for the City Manager, efficiently summarizing key updates and accomplishments from various departments to be shared with City Council and City staff. It is not intended to serve as a comprehensive record of all staff activities or achievements and may contain typographical or formatting errors.

Administrative Services Department:

- Finance
 - The Budget Workshop for FY 2026-27 – 2027-28 is scheduled for Monday, May 18th.
 - For the month of April:
 - Customer Service processed 1,012 utility payments totaling \$163,725.86 and 133 animal licenses totaling \$4,546
 - 1,232 past due accounts were notified and billed a \$15.75 Delinquent Fee.
- Human Resources
 - HR Staff announced a recruitment for Water Treatment Operator I
 - HR Staff held interviews for:
 - Animal Services Officer
 - Senior Administrative Assistant
- IT
 - The new City website successfully went live.
 - Collaboration with Fleet helped resolve electrical issues on a PD vehicle that were affecting the laptops.
 - A new laptop was configured and installed in a new police vehicle.
 - Installation of surveillance cameras was completed to monitor the drone system at one location.
 - A meeting with Facilities helped resolve a power issue affecting one of the security cameras at Landacena.
 - A new wireless antenna was configured for the security cameras at Landacena.
 - Diagnosis and resolution of an issue preventing license plate returns at the Police Department was completed.

Development Services Department

- During the period of time from April 30th thru May 6th, the Building & Safety Division completed 111 building inspections, issued 34 building permits, and plan checked 14 sets of construction plans.
 - Planning Division staff reviewed 9 new zoning clearances for new businesses in the City, including a change of ownership for Red Devil pizza at 907 W. Foothill Blvd.
 - The Planning Division completed 8 Public Records Requests this week, conducting entitlement and permit record research and providing information to requesting parties.
 - The Planning Division met with Michael Baker International on the planning efforts to develop Objective Design Standards and a Bonus ADU Ordinance, which are both programs in the certified Housing Element.
 - The Planning Division released an Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Buffalo Grove Specific Plan, which includes the development of approximately 4.42 acres with 72 detached three-story residential condominium units under a proposed Specific Plan, located at 1812–1816 W. Foothill Boulevard in the City of Upland. The 30-day public review period began Wednesday May 6, 2026 and ends Thursday, June 4, 2026. Additional information can be found on the City’s website:

https://www.uplandca.gov/development_services/planning/environmental_review/

- The Director and Building Official met with a developer who is interested in development the 6 acres at the southeast corner of 7th Street and Eleventh Avenue.
- Land Development and Transportation Division updated an off-site permit for the Villa Serena Development located at 15th Street, west of Campus Avenue. The permit included public storm drain and public sewer improvements.
- Land Development and Transportation Division met with the Director, Planning and Public Works to discuss a water well easement located at the Arrow Townhomes Development located at 911 W. Arrow Hwy.
- Land Development, Planning, the Director and Public Works met with Ramirez Construction Company for the first construction progress meeting for the Tom Thomas Magnolia Plaza located on 2nd Avenue and the Pacific Electric Trail.
- Land Development and Transportation met with Public Works Water Operations to discuss water needs for various projects currently in construction and projects that are currently in the pre-entitlement stage.
- Land Development and Transportation staff met with Finance, Environmental, Planning and the Inland Empire Utilities Agency (IEUA) to discuss the upcoming IEUA audit that will be ongoing through September of 2026.
- Land Development and Transportation represented the city at the Aeris Congregate Living Open House Event on 1200 N Vallejo Way on 5/7/2026.

- Land Development and Transportation approved the engineering portion of 7 (seven) Building permit applications city wide.
- Land Development and Transportation met with Econolite, Inc to begin installation of the citywide traffic signal hardware upgrades. Work is scheduled to begin next week.
- Land Development and Transportation provided updated traffic data to Southern California Associated Governments to update the Caltrans Highway Performance Monitoring System.
- On May 4, 2026, WPH Holdings submitted an application to the State of California's Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities (AHSC) Program for the proposed Euclid Villas and Magnolia Villas Affordable Housing Project, a planned 100% affordable housing development intended to expand housing opportunities and support sustainable community investments within the City of Upland located on Stowell Street between Euclid Avenue and Sultana Avenue.
- Housing staff completed the preparation of two Emergency Repairs Program application eligibility reviews and work scopes for two program participants.
- Housing staff completed a competitive bid review submitted by a Multi-Family Rehabilitation Program participant and is currently confirming contractor eligibility. Once confirmed, staff will conduct a pre-construction meeting and job walk and execute the program construction contracts.
- Economic Development staff finalized the Business Attraction and Assistance Program application review for Iron and Kin, which is locating in Downtown Upland. Staff will present the item to the Grant Review Committee for funding consideration.
- Development Services Director and Economic Development Staff had a quarterly meeting with the Chamber of Commerce to summarize development highlights and hear about Chamber events.
- Economic Development staff attended the Upland Lemon Festival weekly planning meeting in preparation for the upcoming Lemon Festival scheduled for Friday, June 5 to Sunday, June 7.
- The Director and Economic Development staff attended the Chamber's Ribbon Cutting event for the La Michelada restaurant located in the downtown at 161 N. 2nd Avenue.
- Planning Commission Interviews are being held on Friday 5-8-26, there are 11 candidates.

Police Department:

- Over the course of the last week, Upland PD Dispatch has received 487 9-1-1 calls and 2,002 non-emergency phone calls.
- On May 2, officers responded to a burger stand in the 1800 blk of West Foothill Blvd regarding a suspicious person. The unknown male was attempting to open the door to the

vehicle, with two females inside who did not appear to know who he was. The male was holding a gas can and appeared to be under the influence of drugs. Officers quickly arrived on the scene and contacted the person. He was arrested for being in possession of drug paraphernalia, but would not provide all his information. He was subsequently arrested for delaying an investigation as well. He was identified at the county jail with his fingerprints and booked.

- On May 2, officers responded to the 100 block of West Foothill Blvd for a person sleeping in a parking lot. Officers arrived on scene and noticed the unknown male suspect, slumped over a curb in the parking lot. Next to him was a baggie with Xanax pills inside. It was discovered he did not have a prescription for the drug, and he was arrested.
- On May 4, officers were dispatched to a rehabilitation facility in reference to a female who was suffering from a panic attack in her vehicle with her 3-year-old child sitting on the front seat. The female appeared to want to drive away in an extremely disturbed state, so officers blocked in her vehicle. After some time, the woman finally unlocked the doors, allowing officers to quickly take the child to safety. Officers continued to de-escalate the situation with the female and convinced her to exit the vehicle without further incident. She was subsequently placed on a 72-hour hold.
- On May 4, officers were dispatched to a residence located in the 1800 block of W. Arrow Route reference a medical assist. Officers arrived on scene and discovered an elderly female who had passed some time ago. A death investigation was completed, and no foul play was suspected.
- On May 4, an officer observed a vehicle accelerating onto the 210 Freeway from Mountain Avenue at a high rate of speed. The vehicle began cutting off multiple vehicles on the freeway and travelled at high speeds. The officer attempted to stop the vehicle which finally yielded at Carnelian Street. The driver was cited and released for reckless driving and released to the parents.
- On May 4, officers responded to the 300 block of S. Benson Avenue to investigate a suspicious subject. Upon arrival, a neighbor reported two males attempted to break into an apartment. An officer located the two suspects on Benson Avenue between 8th Street and 7th Street. The suspects fled from the officer and they were apprehended nearby. Both suspects were found to be on probation for burglary. One suspect was found to be in possession of drug paraphernalia, burglary tools, and personal identification information in other people's names. The second suspect was found to be in possession of methamphetamine. Both were arrested for multiple charges.
- On May 5, officers responded to Benson Avenue and Foothill Blvd to investigate a stolen laptop from a vehicle burglary that occurred in Claremont. Officers stopped a possible involved vehicle and obtained information on the suspect. The suspect was found in another vehicle in the nearby parking lot. The laptop was eventually found discarded in a trash can and the suspect was arrested for possessing stolen property and an outstanding warrant.

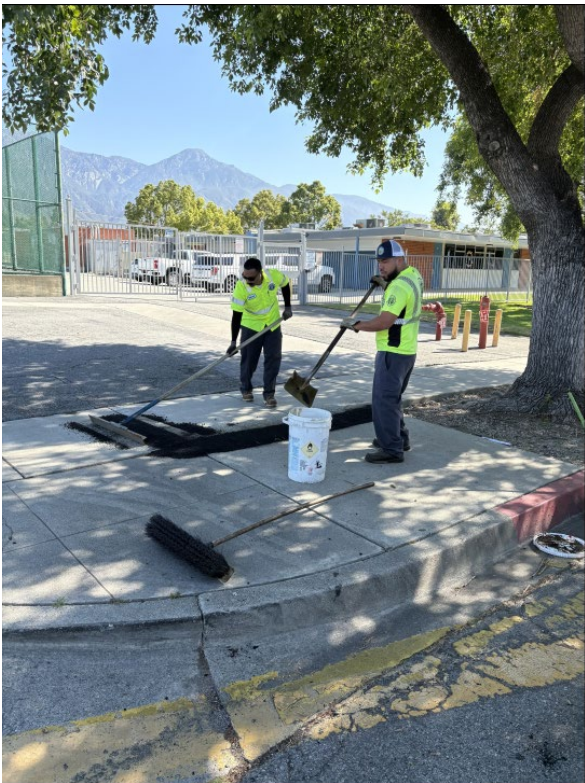
- On May 5, officers were dispatched to a residence located in the 1500 block of W. 8th Street, in reference to a mother holding her newborn child and a knife. She threatened to kill herself and her baby. Officers arrived on scene and quickly contacted the mother who was still holding her baby inside the doorway. The officers successfully de-escalated the situation and were able to convince the mother to hand over her baby to the officers. The mother was placed on a 72-hour hold, and the baby was returned safely to the father.
- On May 5, patrol officers arrested a suspect for domestic violence and assault with a deadly weapon. The detective bureau served a search warrant at the suspect's address and confiscated a firearm and other items.
- On May 5, two officers conducted a DUI saturation patrol with the specific purpose of looking for intoxicated drivers. Officers provided extra patrol to bars in the city, as well as traffic corridors with a history of DUI crashes. Two drivers were arrested for DUI during the operation.
- On May 5, officers responded to a vehicle theft of a Mercedes. The Mercedes was found abandoned in Rancho Cucamonga and the suspect vehicle was identified. The suspects used the victim's bank card at a Home Depot. Officers tracked the suspect's vehicle to Glendora where one of the suspects was arrested for burglary and possession of stolen property. The second suspect was identified and a complaint to be filed will be forwarded to the District Attorney's Office for several felony charges.
- Over the past week, Impact officers have made several arrests related to narcotics violations, trespassing, and outstanding warrants.
- Over the past week, the Quality-of-Life Team proactively located and collected 11 abandoned shopping carts during daily patrols. The businesses the carts belonged to were contacted regarding the violation(s).
- Over the past week, Code Enforcement opened 69 new cases across the city and were able to close out 59 existing cases.
- Over the past week, our Homeless Services Team got one person into residential substance abuse treatment (detox), was granted a contract amendment for increased funding for the Upland Access Program (that is grant-funded), and made 18 proactive outreach contacts.

Public Works Department:

- **PW Engineering-Capital**
 - 11th Street Signal Beacon & Alley Improvements: Retention payment is being routed for signatures and once complete, the project will be closed out.
 - 19th Street Rehabilitation and Utility Improvements (Mountain to Euclid) Staff continues preparations for a community meeting to discuss the project preliminary

design concepts. Due to public building reservations, staff is moving the meeting from late May to early June.

- Downtown Public Parking Lot Improvement (SWC of Arrow Highway & 3rd Ave.) Staff is completing the civil design drawings and specifications, along with a new way-finding sign rendering and anticipate beginning the public bidding process in late May.
 - Electric Vehicle Charging Stations at Public Works: Pads for the new charging station equipment was poured on 5/6/26. Trench asphalt base paving is tentatively scheduled for later this week.
 - Foothill Blvd. Rehabilitation (Benson Ave. to Redding Way) Water service connections and hydrant laterals are being installed south of the #2 eastbound lane, between Benson and Mountain. On 5/6/26 during excavation for a lateral run east of Benson Avenue an old cistern approximately 3 feet in depth was discovered. Engineering staff provided direction to the contractor to backfill with a 2-sack slurry cement mix.
 - Generator Installation for Water Plant 2 and Plant 6: Retention payment is being routed for signatures and once complete, the project will be closed out.
 - Mountain Avenue Rehabilitation (20th to 23rd) Staff is preparing the Professional Services Agreement (PSA) for the survey work.
 - Tom Thomas Magnolia Plaza: Contractor is performing over-excavation and grading operations for the new improvements. While excavating, an abandoned cistern was encountered requiring a 2-sack slurry cement backfill. A groundbreaking ceremony is scheduled for 5/14/26 at 3:00 p.m.
 - Traffic Signal Improvements at San Antonio Avenue & 16th Street: Engineering staff are reviewing the final plans and preparing the construction documents for public bidding
- **PW Operations**
 - Our seven-man Ops team have been busy replacing trees, installing overhead signs ramping sidewalks, and also weed abatement on the Euclid Trail.



- **PW Utilities**

- Average daily water produced for the week: 12.261 Million Gallons per Day

- San Antonio Water Treatment Plant: 2.009 Million Gallons per Day
- Import surface water purchased from WFA : 1.500 Million Gallons per Day
- Ground water sources: 10.327 Million Gallons per Day
- **Recreation and Community Services**
 - 10 facility reservations scheduled for the week.
 - 46 passengers boarded an Inland Empire deluxe motorcoach on Sunday to head down to Carlsbad for their bi-annual street faire, with over 900 vendors.
 - Our summer line up for Moonlight & Music At Magnolia Park is now available! Mark your calendar and get ready for a summer of music, fun, and community at Magnolia Park, 651 W. 15th Street, Upland! Join us Thursday evenings from June 11 through August 6, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.—now extended by an extra 30 minutes for even more music under the stars!

2026 Moonlight & Music At Magnolia Park



Magnolia Park
651 W. 15th Street, Upland
Thursdays
6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

- Free Admission
- Enjoy Music Under The Stars
- Bring A Blanket Or Low Lawn Chair
- On-Site Food Vendors & Mag. Rec. Snack Shack
- Boots & Brews
On-Site Beer Garden
Hosted By Upland Rotary

June 11	Stevie Nicks Illusion Stevie Nicks Tribute Band
June 18	The Boys Of Summer Eagles Experience Eagles Tribute Band
June 25	Patrick Howard Trampus Band Modern Country Rock Band 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. Line Dancing w/ Pepper From KEROG
July 9	The Silverados Country Rock Band <i>Dog Days Of Summer & Ice Cream Social</i>
July 16	Woody and the Longboards Classic & Tropical Rock
July 23	Neon Nation 80's Band
July 30	Mechanical Melody Teen Classic Rock & Pop Band <i>Kids Night At The Park & Kids' Swap Meet</i>
August 6	ABBA LA ABBA Tribute Band



- Food trucks and food vendors are secured for our 2026 Moonlight & Music at Magnolia Park.
- Registration is now open for our summer activities and classes! Dive into your favorites or make a splash trying something new this season.
- **Cinco de Mayo Mocktail Happy Hour**

A fun time was had by all who stopped by for the Cinco de Mayo Mocktail Happy Hour! Delicious refreshments of Elote & Churros were served along with signature drinks. Guest engaged in karaoke and a sing along. Thank you to Fabrizio and his team for making this a fun event!



- **Ladies Paint Night**

There are still a few tickets available for our upcoming Ladies Paint Night. Please call (909) 981-4501 to reserve your tickets.

Ladies Paint Night
Thursday, May 7, 2026
5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.
\$15 Per Person **Age 21+**
GUIDED PAINTING FOOD PRIZES GOODIES

- **Disco Jukebox Dance**

Come in your best disco attire and get your groove on to all your favorite disco jams at our Disco Jukebox Dance Friday, May 22, from 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. There will be food, songs played by request and lots of fun! For more information, please call (909) 981-4501.



- Recreation is excited to announce the partnership with the Upland Women’s Club for a Memorial Park Rose Garden Community Clean-Up as part of our Adopt-A-Park/Trail Program. The program is currently seeking dedicated volunteers and community adoptees who want to make a difference in our parks and trails.

The clean-up will be taking place on Saturday, May 16, 2026, from 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. with volunteer check-in at 7:30 a.m. by the Sundial.

For more information on volunteering or to become an adopter, contact the Gibson Senior Center at 909-981-450.

- In honor of the 250th Anniversary of the United States, prepare for a reimagined Light Up the Night celebration moving to Benson Avenue for an expanded community block party experience. This special relocation will include live entertainment by Pop Vision, food vendors, and more.

Upland Residents will have priority ticket access starting May 11th. Tickets will be available to the general public starting May 26th.



Interested in volunteering? There will be a mandatory Light Up The Night meeting on June 23, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. Please email Emilia Rodriguez at emrodriguez@uplandca.gov or call the Gibson Senior Center at 909-981-4501 for more volunteer information. For sponsorships, contact Toni Cova at tcova@uplandca.gov

City Manager's Office:

- City Management Staff attended Chamber of Commerce Ribbon Cutting
- Public information outreach this past week included social media postings for FURst Aid Campaign and LinkedIn posts for City Clerk's Week, our very own City Clerk, Keri Johnson, receiving The California Municipal Clerks Association (CMCA) 2026 Administration, Organization, and Communications Award!, and a welcome message for all new employees who started their careers with the City in the previous quarter.
- Monday the City Clerk's office launched our NextRequest software. All PRR requests are now processed through the software.
- The City Clerk's office celebrated the 57th Annual Professional Municipal Clerks Week with daily trivia questions related to city clerk responsibilities or the city's history and staff participated in our annual Quill photo contest.
- The City Clerk's Office received a total of 59 Public Record Requests in the month of April.