

NOTABLE NEWS

Week Ending May 14, 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 accounting team finalized the staff report for the budget workshop being held Monday, May 18th at 5 PM.
- Human Resources
 - HR received 1 Worker's Comp claim this week.
 - HR Staff welcomed 2 new employees:
 - Juan Dominguez - Assistant Engineer
 - Ian Cvitan - Police Cadet
- IT
 - The City's new mobile app, UplandConnect, went live following several months of procurement, configuration, preparation, and testing by City staff.
 - The City's new website went live following several months of procurement, configuration, content development, and testing by City staff.
 - An issue that was delivering completed application forms from the City website to the wrong department was identified and resolved.
 - Multiple shortcuts were created to redirect existing published links to the correct webpages on the City website.
 - Missing emails for Police Department staff were located and restored to the correct mailbox folders.
 - Coordination with the JP Morgan account advisor confirmed that the new PGP key for secure file transmission was successfully implemented.
 - Computer equipment for the Development and Public Works departments was successfully relocated.
 - A Power BI issue affecting the Police Department was identified and corrected.
 - A critical mandatory firmware update for the City's surveillance camera system was completed in coordination with the vendor.

- Video recordings were provided and email searches were conducted to support Public Records Request responses.
- Coordination with the County was completed to schedule an upgrade to the City's existing connectivity services.
- Required documentation was provided to the Department of Justice to support the conversion of the City's circuit to an SD-WAN-based connection.

Development Services Department:

- During the period of time from May 7th thru May 13th, the Building & Safety Division completed 109 building inspections, issued 30 building permits, and plan checked 17 sets of construction plans.
- The Development Services Director met with representative from Bubba Bites and Brews to discuss a potential expansion to an adjacent space.
- The Development Services Director, City Manager, and Assistant City Managers met with the consultant to discuss the feasibility of establishing an Enhanced Infrastructure Financing District (EIFD).
- The Development Services Director conducted a windshield survey for small wireless facilities.
- Planning Division staff reviewed 8 new zoning clearances for new businesses in the City.
- The Planning Division welcomed Aleeah Aguilera in her new position of Development Services Technician I. Aleeah will be providing land use and zoning information at the Planning Division public counter.
- Planning Division staff assisted the City of Ontario with an interview panel for Assistant/Associate Planner position.
- Econolite began work on the grant-funded Traffic Signal Hardware Improvement project and is currently replacing traffic signal heads at intersections along Foothill Blvd.
- Land Development met with Public Works onsite to discuss and strategize the groundbreaking event for the Tom Thomas Magnolia Plaza, located at 2nd Avenue and Pacific Electric Trail.
- Land Development, Building, Planning, Environmental Division met with Pro-Five Brewery to discuss building permit requirements for their kitchen expansion.
- Land Development Division provided conditions of approval to the Planning Division for the Rental Use Site project located at 1369 W 9th Street.
- Land Development Division received a street closure permit application from Soundkizl for the upcoming Lemon Festival. Staff is currently working with Soundkizl to get the required documents for the permit.

- Land Development, Planning, and Public Works held a groundbreaking event to formally start the construction of the Tom Thomas Magnolia Plaza, located at 2nd Avenue and Pacific Electric Trail.
- City Council approved the Mobilehome Rent Review Ordinance using a modified version that allows for a fair return to mobilehome park owners upon the transfer or sale of a unit, while maintaining rent stabilization protections for existing residents.
- Development Services Director and Economic Development staff attended the Historic Downtown Upland (HDU) Board meeting to discuss downtown activities and events.
- Economic Development staff attended the Chamber of Commerce Advocacy in Action Zoom meeting for updates on Chamber activities.
- Development Services Director and Economic Development staff attended the Chamber of Commerce business mixer at the Foothill Federal Credit Union.
- Economic Development staff participated in the Upland Lemon Festival weekly planning meeting for discussion and coordination.
- Economic Development staff attended the Sales Tax Update meeting for 4th Quarter 2025 sales as presented by the HdL Companies.
- Economic Development staff attended the Chamber of Commerce's ribbon cutting event for Flavor Theory, located at 121 W. Foothill Boulevard.
- Development Services and Finance met to collectively test and resolve an issue resolving payment batches and held permits. It has been resolved and the permits were issued to the customers.

Fire Department:

- 5/13 & 15 /26 Division 1 Battalion1 Zoll Autopulse NXT and Glidescope Go2 Video
- 5/16/26 STA 164 Conference Room, San Antonio Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution
- 5/16/26 STA 161 KW College Park
- 5/16/26 STA 164 Colonies Annual Spring Event

Police Department:

- Over the past week, Upland PD Dispatchers handled a total of 2,096 phone calls, including 542 emergency 9-1-1 calls and 1,554 non-emergency calls.
- Police Dispatcher II Mayra Christina Mendez has successfully completed the Dispatch Training Program. As a lateral dispatcher with prior experience, Christina brings valuable knowledge and skills to the role, and we look forward to her continued contributions to the division.

- This week Traffic officers conducted extra patrol at the intersection of Benson Ave and Muirfield Ave with the goal of educating the public regarding new stop signs that were recently installed. Officers stopped numerous drivers who ran the new signs and issued warnings to the vast majority. Traffic officers will continue to monitor the intersection and will begin enforcement of the new signs.
- Over the past week, Impact Officers cleaned up abandoned debris/trash in several locations that were causing blight issues. Officers also made several arrests related to drug violations, trespassing, and outstanding warrants.
- Over the past week, the Quality-of-Life Team proactively located and collected 24 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 84 new cases across the city and were able to close out 34 existing cases.
- Over the past week, our Homeless Services Team learned one of our substance abuse graduates promoted to the housing manager at his sober living residence and is now aiding others on the road to recovery.
- Over the last week, Chief Blanco, our Homeless Services Team, and Impact officers attended the IVRS substance abuse recovery graduation and watched nearly 30 people from across the region proudly reach this milestone in their lives.
- The Detective Bureau began investigating an elaborate distraction theft targeting elderly individuals withdrawing money at ATM machines. Search warrants were written and three suspects were identified. On 05/12/26 two suspects were interviewed and are in custody at a local county jail.
- On May 9, officers were dispatched to a business in the 200 block of S. Mountain Avenue in regard to two subjects fighting in the parking lot. Officers arrived and located one subject bleeding from the face. After investigation, officers learned the victim was assaulted by the suspect, who then fled the scene. Officers were able to identify the suspect and located him a short distance from the business. He was arrested and booked at the West Valley Detention Center for battery.
- On May 11, officers were dispatched to the area of 24th Street and Euclid Avenue reference a homeowner attempting to detain a male who had just burglarized his home. Officers arrived on scene and detained the male. It was discovered that the burglary took place in San Antonio Heights, so San Bernardino County Sheriff's Deputies handled the investigation, took custody of the suspect, and recovered property.
- On May 11, officers were dispatched to a residence located in the 1200 block of N. San Antonio Avenue after an elderly male fell outside and sustained significant injuries to his head and face. Officers rendered first aid to stop the bleeding until paramedics arrived and transported him to the hospital.

- On May 12, officers were dispatched to an apartment complex located in the 200 block of S. Benson Avenue reference a male threatening to kill his ex-girlfriend while in her apartment. Officers quickly arrived on scene and detained the male who had been pepper sprayed by the victim while he was attacking her. The male was arrested on multiple felony charges, and an Emergency Protective Order was obtained on the victim's behalf.
- On May 12, officers were dispatched to the area of Washington Street and 5th Avenue with reference to a possible body in a vehicle. Officers arrived on scene and subsequently discovered a deceased male in the vehicle. The Coroner's Office handled the investigation and determined there was no foul play.
- On May 12, an officer responded to the report of a subject in the alley near 1100 N. Quince Avenue. The officer contacted the subject and arrested him for possession of drug paraphernalia and an outstanding warrant.
- On May 12, officers responded to the 600 block of N. Mountain Avenue to investigate a subject running in the parking lot. The subject was seen lying behind vehicles and dancing in the parking lot of a nearby gas station while wearing a mask. The subject was arrested for being under the influence of a controlled substance.
- On May 12, officers responded to the 1100 block of N. Alta Avenue to investigate a subject who locked himself in the bathroom. The male exited the bathroom, was yelling and chased employees. Officers arrived on scene and after conducted several tests, the subject was arrested for being under the influence of a controlled substance.
- On May 13, an officer responded to the area of Mountain Avenue and Foothill Boulevard to investigate a subject walking in front of vehicles, dancing, and trying to stop vehicles. The subject was arrested for public intoxication and booked at the county jail.



Public Works Department:

- **PW Engineering – Capital**

- 19th Street Rehabilitation and Utility Improvements (Mountain to Euclid) Staff continues preparations for a community meeting to discuss the project preliminary design concepts. The meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 9th at the Magnolia Recreation Center.
- 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: Trench asphalt paving was completed on 5/13/2026.
- Foothill Blvd. Rehabilitation (Benson Ave. to Redding Way) The water main between Benson and Mountain was loaded on 5/13/26 and will sit overnight. On 5/14/26 the city will begin pressure testing the new pipeline segment to ensure it holds 250 psi for 2

hours per engineering requirements. If successful, the chlorination and bacteria sampling/testing phase will begin. Pending the outcome of the bacteria testing, an overnight water shut-down is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, May 20th to begin customer tie-overs to the new main. Contractor has a second crew working on concrete improvements on the south side of Foothill near San Antonio Avenue.

- Mountain Avenue Rehabilitation (20th to 23rd) Staff is preparing the Professional Services Agreement (PSA) for the survey work.
- Tom Thomas Magnolia Plaza: Contractor is excavating along the south side of the property for the perforated storm drain pipeline. A ground-breaking ceremony is scheduled for Thursday, 5/14/26 at 3:00 p.m.
- Traffic Signal Improvements at San Antonio Avenue & 16th Street: Engineering staff is preparing the construction documents for public bidding.
- **PW Utilities**
 - Average daily water produced for the week: 11.978 Million Gallons per Day
 - San Antonio Water Treatment Plant: 2.012 Million Gallons per Day
 - Import surface water purchased from WFA : 1.512 Million Gallons per Day
 - Ground water sources: 11.013 Million Gallons per Day
- **Recreation and Community Services**

Ladies Paint Night

- Ladies Paint Night at the Gibson was a huge success! Sixty participants attended who enjoyed an evening of guided painting led by John, good food, music, and prizes. Thank you so much to Drake, John, and their team for making this such a great event!



Ping Pong

- Free 1-hour Ping Pong sessions are offered at the Gibson each Friday from 2:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. by appointment only. All equipment provided. For more information, please call (909) 981-4501.



Ping Pong

Fridays
2:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
One Hour Sessions
Available By Appointment Only

Mt. San Antonio College Registration

- Mt. SAC will be taking class registration at the Gibson Senior Center on Friday, May 15th from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. All are welcome to attend the wide range of classes offered for free. Must be 18-years or older to attend. For more information, please call (909) 981-4501.

**Mt. SAC
Registration Day**

**Friday, May 15
10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Gibson
Senior Center
Main Lobby**

Principles of Slow Movement

Offered by: Mt. San Antonio Community College

Tuesdays

4:30 p.m. - 5:20 p.m.

FREE!

Registration will be taken in class by the instructor.

SEWING & DESIGN

MONDAYS,
3:30 P.M.-6:35 P.M.
FREE!

- Basic Sewing & Tailoring
- Pattern Design
- Cutting & Style Design

OFFERED BY MT. SAN ANTONIO COLLEGE
REGISTRATION TAKEN IN CLASS BY INSTRUCTOR

**Principles of
Watercolor Painting**

**Fridays
12:55 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.
FREE!**

Offered by Mt. San Antonio College
Registration taken in class by instructor.

MOBILE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Offered by: Mt. San Antonio Community College

**Tuesdays,
1:00 p.m. - 3:50 p.m.
FREE!**

Registration taken in class by instructor.

City Manager's Office:

- The City Manager met with new employee – Assistant Engineer, Juan Dominguez.

- City Management Staff attended the groundbreaking for the Tom Thomas Magnolia Plaza in Downtown Upland.
- Public information outreach this past week included social media postings for Mother's Day/Route 66 Centennial, National Police Week on our stories, the City Council Meeting and Library Board meeting, and City of Upland's birthday (scheduled for Friday).
- Staff issued a press release on the new UplandConnect app.
- Staff approved the Summer issue of the Upland Today magazine which will be in homes late May and will cover June, July, & August.
- The City Clerk administered the loyalty oath to one new employee this week.
- City Clerk staff participated in the CMCA Legislative update webinar.
- Vote by Mail Ballot boxes are now open in the City Hall parking lot and Magnolia Recreation roundabout. These boxes are open 24/7 until 8 pm on June 2nd. The City Clerk's office also offers a staffed Vote by Mail Ballot box inside City Hall at our window during normal business