

# NOTABLE NEWS

Week Ending in May 21, 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 FY 26-28 Budget Workshop was held on Monday, and staff are working on putting together the biennial budget book.
  - Staff met with BBK experts to discuss potential entering into a Voluntary Collection agreement with AirBNB.
- Human Resources/Risk Management
  - Congratulations to Cecilia Todd for being voted onto the Board of Directors of the California Intergovernmental Risk Authority (the City's insurance risk pool) as a Member at Large!
  - This week the City received 4 new risk claims.
  - HR conducted interviews for:
    - Recreation Leader
    - Animal Control Officer
  - Wellness Committee brought a Petting Zoo to the Landecena Community Center.
  - HR Staff welcomed new hires:
    - Emily Hester – Police Records Technician
    - Eileen Campisi, Police Records Technician
  - The Risk Management team finalized staff report for annual AB2561 reporting and Labor Agreements.
- IT
  - Multi-function printers were migrated to a new secure network.
  - Electronic data for several public records requests was provided to the City Clerk's office.
  - A security vulnerability on the email servers at City Hall and the Police Department was patched.
  - Software demos for new security applications were attended.

- A new conference room phone was installed in the Public Work Department.
- Surveillance camera access for the Police Department was configured.
- Badge software issue for Human Resources were resolved.
- Assisted TRL with installing cameras at the Magnolia Recreation Center.
- Staff assisted County staff and upgraded the circuit that connects Upland with SB County.
- Staff attended meeting at Public Works to review the uplandconnect app.

**Development Services Department:**

- During the period of time from May 14th thru May 20th, the Building & Safety Division completed 106 building inspections, issued 54 building permits, and plan checked 6 sets of construction plans.
- Planning Division staff reviewed 11 new zoning clearances for new businesses in the City.
- Planning Division staff conducted a final inspection on Building #4 of the City Venture's Towns on First project, located at the northwest corner of A Street and First Avenue, as they wrap up the final building in their townhome development.
- Planning Division staff met with Michael Baker International as part of ongoing efforts to development Objective Design Standards and an ADU Bonus Program.
- The Director and Building Official met with the property owners of a vacant drive-through dairy on Foothill Boulevard to discuss options to revitalize the property.
- The Director made a presentation on Accessory Dwelling Units for a group of 35 Realtors that work in the area at the Red Hill Country Club.
- Land Development and Transportation oversaw a new stop sign installation at Benson and Muirfield, and new high-visibility crosswalks at 2nd Ave and 9th Street in Downtown Upland.
- Traffic signal head upgrades were completed by Econolite Inc. at six intersections along Foothill Blvd.
- Land Development, Building and Environmental met to discuss current Development Impact fees and collection process.
- Land Development and Public Works met with Ramirez Company for the second construction progress meeting for the Tom Thomas Magnolia Plaza located on 2nd Avenue and the Pacific Electric Trail.

- Land Development Division approved and signed public landscape, street light location, and traffic signal modification mylars for the Claremont McKenna College's sports complex located on the northwest corner Arrow and Monte Vista Avenue.
- 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.
- Development Service Director and Economic Development staff met with the project manager at the Upland Town Square locate at the northwest corner of Foothill Blvd. and San Antonio Avenue to discuss a conceptual design for a 4,500 sq. ft. building on a vacant lot at the western part of the property. Staff also provided prospective businesses that are expanding in California that occupy the intended square footage from a report that HdL provides called California Retail Analytics.
- Economic Development staff attended the Chamber of Commerce's ribbon cutting event for the 100-year anniversary celebration of the Upland Women's Club located at 590 N. 2nd Avenue.
- Economic Development staff coordinated the relocation of the representative from the Small Business Development Center (SBDC) from the Gibson Senior Center to the Carnegie Upstairs for conducting no cost, one-on-one professional business consultation services for Upland businesses. The office hours will continue to be every other Wednesday from 9 am to 5 pm at the Carnegie Building located at 123 E. D Street.
- Economic Development staff coordinated the Small Business Development Center's (SBDC) in-person workshop at the Carnegie Building, "Start. Run. Grow with AI".
- Staff are working on professional services contracts and amendments for the upcoming fiscal year. These items are anticipated at the Council Meeting on June 8<sup>th</sup>.
- Staff are preparing to submit a \$350,000 grant reimbursement to San Bernardino County that was used for design and construction drawings for the Downtown Parking Structure.

**Police Department:**

- Traffic officers continued extra patrol at the new stop sign-controlled intersection at Benson Ave and Muirfield Ave. Officers issued a total of 17 citations for drivers who ran the stop signs.
- Over the past week, Impact Officers have made several arrests related to drug violations, trespassing, and outstanding warrants.
- On May 18, Impact offices, along with Claremont PD, worked a grant funded ABC detail where 8 liquor stores were inspected to ensure compliance with ABC requirements.

- Over the past week, the Quality-of-Life Team proactively located and collected 8 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 57 new cases across the city and were able to close out 48 existing cases.
- On May 15, officers conducted a traffic stop for vehicle code violation in the area of 16th Street and Euclid Avenue. During the officer's investigation she conducted a search for the vehicle and located a loaded unregistered firearm. The driver was taken into custody and booked on several felony charges.
- On May 15, a caller reported several juveniles starting a fire in the street near 12th Ave and A St. The UPD Drone pilot responded within 3 minutes. Using the High-magnification camera the UPD drone pilot was able to record a juvenile pouring gasoline on a shoe and lighting it on fire. Additionally, the drone pilot recognized and identified the juvenile as a local gang member. Later, the juvenile was located at his home and cited for arson.
- On May 16, the UPD drone responded to a pending theft at a retail store in the 1900 blk of north Campus Ave. The drone pilot monitored the exit of the store. The suspect was seen leaving the store as loss prevention attempted to stop him. The suspect fled in his vehicle as the drone followed, leading patrol officers to stop the suspect in the area of Mountain Ave and 19th St. The suspect was arrested for petty theft with prior convictions - a felony.
- On May 18, officers responded to the 200 block of N. 10th Avenue to investigate an assault with a deadly weapon. Officers learned the suspect hit the victim with a hammer and fled into the residence. Officers set up a perimeter around the house, and the suspect surrendered without further incident. The suspect was arrested for assault with a deadly weapon and criminal threats.
- On May 19, officers responded to a department store in the 1500 block of W. Foothill Boulevard to investigate a suspicious subject in the bathroom, concealing merchandise. Officers contacted the subject, and he was found to be in possession of a controlled substance.
- On May 19, an officer stopped a vehicle near Laurel Avenue and 9th Street. The female was found to be heavily intoxicated and had a blood alcohol level of over three times the legal limit. The female was arrested for D.U.I.
- On May 20, at UPD's request, CalTrans conducted a clean-up at the WB 10 Freeway at Euclid Avenue (Second Ave off-ramp). Additional clean-ups are scheduled for next week along the 10 Freeway.
- On May 21, two officers were driving an unmarked police vehicle. They conducted a traffic stop at 3rd Avenue and 11th Street. One occupant had prior arrests for possession

of a controlled substance, theft, and resisting arrest. The other subject had prior arrests for burglary, possession of a stolen vehicle, and felony theft. One subject was arrested for an outstanding warrant for burglary.

- On May 21, officers responded to a subject running in and out of traffic in the area of Campus Avenue and Foothill Boulevard. When officers approached the female, she ran into traffic, nearly causing a collision. A short foot pursuit ensued, and the female was detained in the parking lot of a local business. Upon further investigation, the female was discovered to be under the influence of a controlled narcotic; she was taken into custody and booked at the county jail.

### **Public Works Department:**

- **PW Engineering – Capital**
  - 19<sup>th</sup> Street Rehabilitation and Utility Improvements (Mountain to Euclid): 30% design plans are under review. Community Meeting is scheduled for June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2026.
  - Downtown Public Parking Lot Improvement (SWC of Arrow Highway & 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave.) Staff is completing the civil design drawings and specifications, City staff is working with the City Housing Division regarding CDBG specific requirements. City staff is working with the City Planning Division for a new way-finding sign rendering. City staff anticipate beginning the public bidding process in late May.
  - Scada System Upgrades: Contractor has received building permit for radio antenna tower foundations Contractor to begin work this week
  - Electric Vehicle Charging Stations at Public Works: Parking Striping and wheel stop installation was completed on 5/15/2026. The Southern California Edison contractor is scheduling to pull conductor wiring for the future charging stations. City staff accepted delivery of Chargepoint Fleet Chargers.
  - Foothill Blvd. Rehabilitation (Benson Ave. to Redding Way) Proposed water shutdown is scheduled for 5/20/2026 at 9:00 PM to 5/21/26 at 5:00 AM. Customers affected have been notified. Contractor continues with 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 continues excavating onsite for storm drain pipeline installation. Electrical trenching and conduit installation proposed for the upcoming weeks.

- Traffic Signal Improvements at San Antonio Avenue & 16<sup>th</sup> Street: Engineering staff is preparing the construction documents for public bidding.
- **PW Operations**
  - The Operations Tree crew has been working all week on staying on top of the incoming request like split trees, raising/pruning obstructions, and dead tree removals.





- **PW Utilities**

- Average daily water produced for the week: 10.967 Million Gallons per Day
- San Antonio Water Treatment Plant: 1.998 Million Gallons per Day
- Import surface water purchased from WFA : 2.002 Million Gallons per Day
- Ground water sources: 9.809 Million Gallons per Day

- **Recreation and Community Services**

- Two sessions of Butterflies in May took place this week with 50 children in attendance each. Each participant received a caterpillar, decorated a small home for their caterpillar, received an activity booklet educating participants on the life cycle of a butterfly, and created a butterfly-stained glass craft.



- **Recreation and Community Services**

- Kids in the Kitchen 50's Diner event took place last Saturday. There were 24 kids in attendance. Participants had the opportunity to make cheeseburger balls with tater tots, fruit cups, and milk shakes.
- There are 7 park reservations, and 5 facility reservations scheduled this weekend.
- A disco themed Jukebox dance is taking place this Friday at the Gibson Senior Center. There will be food, music, and lots of fun!



- Recreation & Community Services' all staff training will be held on Thursday at Landecena. Staff will be presented with the finalized Strategic Plan (presented by The Organizational Network), hear a summer preview from their colleagues, and get an update on the new website.
- NEW LOCATION. SAME AMAZING CELEBRATION:



- We're bringing the party to Benson Avenue with a fresh new block-party atmosphere designed for even more family fun and patriotic celebration! Event will be located between 16th Street and Howard Access Road. PRIORITY REGISTRATION for UPLAND RESIDENTS! Space is limited, Upland residents

can purchase tickets through Saturday, May 23 before anyone else. A special thanks to San Antonio Community Hospital for their Liberty Sponsorship and their ongoing community support. For more information visit [uplandca.gov/special-events](http://uplandca.gov/special-events) or call (909) 981-4501.

- COLLABORATION IN FULL BLOOM:



- The City of Upland-Recreation & Community Services Division hosted a Community Cleanup at the Memorial Park Rose Garden on Saturday, May 16 for phase one of the garden's revitalization. The community is out in full force this morning raking, pruning, and making the site beautiful. A special thanks to Paul Bird who initiated the project, the Upland Women's Club, Litter Free Upland, SSP Western University, and the dedicated residents of Upland. A special thanks to Emilia Rodriguez for leading this project.
- Join us for the next Community Cleanup for the Memorial Park Rose Garden on Saturday, July 18 beginning at 8:00 a.m., for more information or to register, please [CLICK HERE](#) to join the volunteer team or call: (909) 981-4501.
- A DAY OF SOLEMN REMEMBRANCE:



- On Monday, May 25, the Veterans Monument Plaza will be decorated with red roses for Memorial Day as the Upland community honors the lives and sacrifice of military personnel who passed or are missing. Red Poppies have become symbolic with Remembrance/Memorial Day around the world, the first 200 in attendance will receive a poppy courtesy of Upland VFW Post #10489. The Ceremony will feature guest speakers, the traditional laying of the laying a wreath, and conclude with three Volleys and taps. The day is somber, and flags are flown at half-mast to show gratitude and mourning. This event is hosted by the Veterans Day Monument Committee in collaboration with the City of Upland-Recreation & Community Services Division.
- Why travel alone when you can travel with your new best buds?



- Join this exciting new travel club on Thursday, March 28 at 4:30 p.m. at the Gibson Senior Center. Explore new friendships with adventurous individuals who enjoy exploring the world. Discover new destinations and a future travel buddy. Light refreshments will be served. For more information call (909) 981-4501.

**City Manager's Office:**

- The City Manager met with new Police Records Technician I - Emily Hester.
- The City Manager attended the Inland Empire/Desert Mountain & Riverside Divisions Joint Meeting.
- The Police Chief and Assistant City Manager attended Supervisor Hagman's Open House.
- City Management Staff attended the 100-year anniversary of the Upland Women's Club Building.
- Public information outreach this past week included social media postings for the Special City Council Meeting Budget Workshop, Tom Thomas Magnolia Plaza Groundbreaking, Upland Lemon Festival, Public Works Week, and Annual Flag Installation on Euclid and a story for the SCE PSPS meetings.
- The Summer issue of the Upland Today Magazine will begin delivery to Upland homes this weekend through early next week.
- The Deputy City Clerk administered the loyalty oath to one new employee this week.
- City Clerk staff attended GoGov training.