

NOTABLE NEWS

Week Ending in July 23, 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:

- Animal Services
 - Call Log 07/15/26-07/21/26
 - Barking Dog Complaints-1
 - Welfare Check/Dog in Vehicle-0
 - DOA-28
 - Live Stray Pickup-9
 - Bite QT Release-0
 - On Sunday July 05, 2026, AC received a call for two large dogs roaming Memorial Park (possibly dumped). AC responded and located both dogs, but were unable to catch. AC received numerous calls daily for these two dogs and we continued to monitor both. At some point they became separated and AC was only able to locate one of the two. AC attempted daily to catch the second dog but were unsuccessful. AC set a dog trap for three days in a row. On Saturday July 11th AC was successful in trapping a female beagle mix. She was severely underweight and dehydrated and currently recovering at the Animal Shelter. She is very sweet but very unsure and scared. She will be available for adoption once she has fully recovered.
- Finance
 - Customer Service / Utility Billing has processed \$55,631 from 44 accounts since delinquent letters were mailed in advance of City Council's consideration of placing delinquent accounts on the property tax roll at Monday's meeting.
 - Accounting staff have begun the Fiscal Year 2025/26 close-out process.
- Human Resources / Risk Management
 - A big thank you to Grand Canyon University for joining us at City Hall for a successful Lunch & Learn! 🎓📖

Thank you to our college partner for stopping by to share valuable resources, answer questions, and connect with our team. We appreciate partnerships that support continuous learning and professional growth!

- RM staff facilitated Back Safe Training for PD.
 - HR held 2 recruitment planning meetings.
 - HR staff held interviews for Maintenance Worker I and II.
 - HR staff opened 2 recruitments this week:
 - Custodian
 - Equipment Mechanic
- IT
 - IT staff upgraded server room hardware over the weekend.
 - Connectivity issues following the server room upgrade were resolved for Public Works.
 - A meeting was held with the vendor to review equipment upgrades for the Council Chamber at City Hall.
 - Scanning issues were diagnosed and resolved for a user at Public Works.
 - Access to a missing file was located and restored for Development Services.
 - A new desktop was installed for the Recreation Division to meet security and compliance standards.
 - Cashiering printer issues were resolved for the Finance Division.
 - The ID card printer was repaired for the Police Department.
 - Credit card machine issues were resolved for the Development Services Department.
 - Police unit laptops were upgraded from Windows 10 to Windows 11.

Development Services Department:

- During the period of time from July 16th thru July 22nd, the Building & Safety Division completed 120 building inspections, issued 35 building permits, plan checked 19 sets of construction plans, and processed 14 public records requests.

- Planning Division staff reviewed 8 new zoning clearances for new businesses in the City this week.
- On July 22, 2026, the Planning Commission met and took the following actions:
 - Approved a new Conditional Use Permit for the “3rd Base Sports Bar”, located at 914-916 N Central Avenue, which strengthened the operational standards, employee training requirements, security measures, and ongoing compliance monitoring for the existing sports bar.
 - Continued the “Buffalo Grove Specific Plan” to their regularly scheduled meeting of August 26, 2026. This project includes adopting a Specific Plan to develop a planned residential development with 72 detached residential condominium units and associated private streets, common open space, landscaping, parking, and utility improvements located at 1812–1816 W. Foothill Boulevard.
- On July 22, 2026, the Technical Review Committee met and provided comments on the following projects:
 - A Tentative Tract Map and Development Plan Review to subdivide a 2.22-acre residential property with an existing historic designated single-family residence, to remain, into 8 residential lots ranging in size from 10,000 square feet to 14,925 square feet, for the future development of 7 new single-family residences, and one lettered lot to serve as a private street, located at 200 E. 13th St.
 - An Administrative Use Permit to establish an automotive repair business within an existing 5,000 square foot industrial building, located at 988 W 9th Street.
 - An Administrative Use Permit to establish a non-profit-operated food pantry based on appointments only in an existing 2,275 square foot unit within a multi-tenant industrial business park, located at 1304 W. 9th Street.
- The Development Services Director and staff met with the owners of the Mountain Green Center to discuss new tenant interest.
- Land Development and Public Works met with the owner and the development team for AUP 25-0018, an equipment rental facility development located at 1369 W 9th St, to discuss the water conditions of approval and improvements needed.
- Land Development and Transportation attended Planning’s bi-weekly Technical Review Committee meeting to discuss three new developments.

- Land Development and Transportation staff attended an informational webinar about the Highway Safety Improvement Program Cycle 13 grant.
- Land Development & Transportation assisted Code Enforcement to confirm if a temporary storage unit is permitted to park on 11th street. The POD was not permitted prompting Code to issue a citation.
- Land Development & Transportation assisted a resident in identifying if a lot was allowed to be use for parking for special events.
- Economic Development staff attended the Historic Downtown Upland (HDU) general meeting with downtown businesses for discussion on the changes to the upcoming 2nd on 2nd Outdoor Dining event, scheduled for Saturday, August 8th from 5 pm to 12 pm.
- Development Services Director and Economic Development staff attended the Chamber of Commerce's ribbon cutting event for Charley's Cheesesteaks, located at 1398 E. Foothill Boulevard.
- Economic Development staff coordinated for recording of the Certificate of Compliance document related to the completion of the 32-unit "Towns on First" townhome project by City Ventures, located at First Avenue and A Street in the downtown.
- Economic Development staff coordinated with the Small Business Development Center for updating information on the City's website for business training events in August.
- HUD approved the City's temporary HOME Homeownership Value Limit waiver, allowing higher eligible home values for existing single-family homes and condominiums/PUDs used in the City's HOME First-Time Homebuyer Program. The new limit is \$712,500 for existing single-family dwellings and Condos. The waiver is temporary and remains effective until two months after HUD issues its next annual HOME Value Limits (anticipated in December).
- Received confirmation from the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) approving the City of Upland's 2022 and 2023 Permanent Local Housing Allocation (PLHA) funding allocations. Staff is preparing the required Request for Funds (RFF) packages and coordinating with HCD on commitment document review to facilitate reimbursement requests.
- Staff is preparing to submit the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) drawdown next week.

Fire Department:

- 7/21/26 STA 12, STA 161, & STA 164 Invited to lunch by a new business, Charley's Cheesesteaks
- 7/25/26 ME163 and MT161 Magnolia Neighborhood Block Party AOR

Police Department:

- Over the course of last week, Upland PD Dispatch has received 469 9-1-1 calls and 1,581 non-emergency phone calls.
- The following feedback was received from community members who completed a survey after contacting the Upland Police Department for assistance. These comments reflect their experiences with the service they received.
 - The dispatcher was very nice and professional. Just want to say I appreciate everything you all do. It takes a certain person to be able to do this job.
 - If I could give a 10 to Sergeant Ornelas I would. He was very helpful and attentive to my situation. I think he's an outstanding officer and credits to Upland PD. Thank you sir.
 - Upland PD was very responsive to my call. And the officer called me in a timely manner. The call taker listened to my issue and was very helpful in getting me in contact with an officer who was able to assist.
 - Call taker was very understanding and helpful in the situation and request for help to a non-emergency request.
 - Communication was essential and very professional
- The Detective Bureau was assigned a check forgery investigation. Search Warrants were written for bank surveillance video and the suspect was identified. On 07/16/26, the suspect was located in Compton where she was arrested and booked at the West Valley Detention Center for three felonies.
- On July 17, officers were dispatched to the area of Arrow Highway and 3rd Avenue in regards to a subject checking vehicle door handles in a car port area. Officers arrived and located the suspect walking away from the area. After investigation, the suspect was booked at the West Valley Detention Center for the crime of prowling.
- On July 18, Traffic officers conducted an enforcement operation targeted at violations that have been identified as being significant factors in causing most crashes. During the 8-hour operation officers stopped 45 drivers and issued 42

citations. The violations included speeding, using a cellphone while driving, running red lights, and disobeying posted traffic control signs.

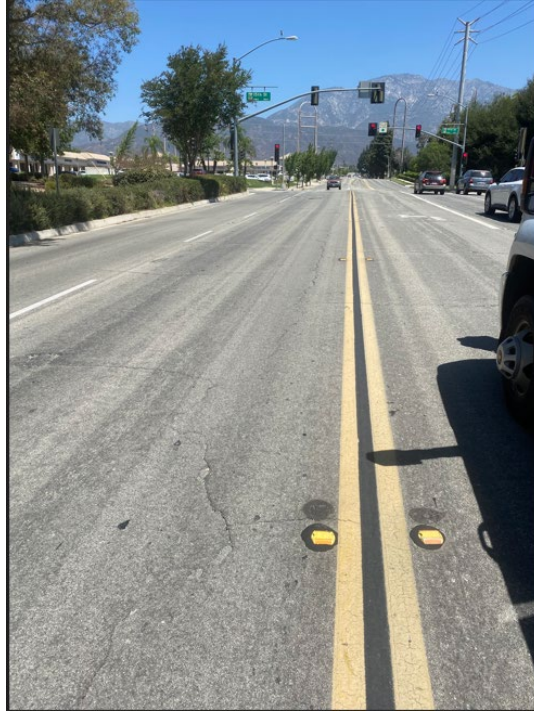
Public Works Department:

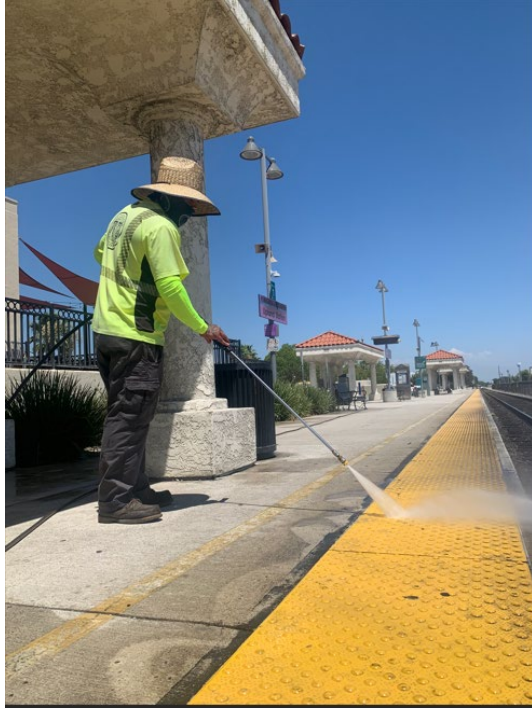
- **PW Engineering – Capital**

- Downtown Public Parking Lot Improvement (SWC of Arrow Highway & 3rd Ave.) Project is going through the bidding period advertised on PlanetBids with Bid opening date of 7/28/2026. A pre-bid meeting was held 7/16/2026 at 1:30 pm at the Carnegie Building.
- Foothill Blvd. Rehabilitation (Benson Ave. to Redding Way) The contractor continues water main construction along the south side of Foothill Boulevard from San Antonio Avenue to Redding Way. Contractor began cold milling operations for the median island work between Benson Avenue and Mountain Avenue.
- Mountain Avenue Rehabilitation (20th to 23rd) Staff received the fully-executed Professional Services Agreement (PSA) on 7/15/26 and has issued Notice to Proceed (NTP) for field survey work.
- Tom Thomas Magnolia Plaza: Contractor has poured the onsite cheek walls and north stage wall. The contractor prepared Column Mockups for review by the design team.
- Traffic Signal Improvements at San Antonio Avenue & 16th Street: A bid opening was held on 6/23/2026 at 3:00 p.m. via the City's PlanetBids platform. A total of 10 bids were received. Staff is preparing the documents for City Council consideration to award the construction contract tentatively scheduled for 7/27/2026.

- **PW Operations**

- It's been a busy week of tree trimming low hanging limbs, picked up debris, pressure washing the Downtown Gazebo & Metrolink. Staff also assisted with a homeless encampment at Cabrillo Park.





- PW Utilities**

- Average daily water produced for the week: 20.445 Million Gallons per Day
 - San Antonio Water Treatment Plant: (Off for Maintenance)
 - Import surface water purchased from WFA : 3.500 Million Gallons per Day

- Ground water sources: 16.945 Million Gallons per Day
- The Water Treatment team continued work on the SCADA system upgrade to enhance monitoring and control of the City's water production.



- **Recreation and Community Services**

- There are four park reservations this weekend.
- Registration for the Turkey Trot 5K and Kids 1K Dash is officially open! Upland Employees + friends and family wanting to participate in the run can use code "Upland26" at check out for \$10 off each participant's registration! To register please visit: <https://runsignup.com/Race/CA/Upland/CityofUplandTurkeyTrot5K1K> Don't wait as the event has sold out the past two years!
- 11 facility reservations scheduled for this week.
- The 80s are calling...and they're bringing the party! Break out the neon, tease up that hair, and join us this Thursday from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Magnolia Park for another unforgettable evening of Moonlight & Music featuring Neon Nation—the ultimate live 80s experience! Get ready to sing, dance, and rewind to the decade of big hair, leg warmers, cassette tapes, and unforgettable hits! With six incredible lead vocalists, including one powerhouse female singer, Neon Nation delivers an electrifying, family-

friendly show packed with the biggest songs of the 80s and the energy to match. Come hungry! Grab dinner and drinks from Salvi Nation and Boom Boba, serving up delicious pupusas, tacos, asada fries, refreshing boba tea, lemonade, and don't forget to save room for a sweet assortment of cookies. Bring your lawn chairs, blankets, family, and friends for an evening of music, memories, and totally tubular fun under the stars!



○ **Jukebox Dance**

With over 70-seniors in attendance all had a great time dancing the evening away at the “Parks Make Life Better” Jukebox Dance. Thank you to DJ Drake, Amy, and the entire team for making this such a fun event!



○ **World Cup Soccer Activities**

The Gibson was pleased to host several World Cup Soccer Watch Gatherings as well as a Soccer Pong Challenge. A fun time was had by all!



- **Movie Madness**

Each Monday beginning at 1:00 p.m. the Gibson offers a Free Movie & Popcorn Matinee. Come join us, we have a seat waiting just for you! For more information, please call (909) 981-4501.



- **Jacso at the Ready!**

A special thank you to Officer Jacso for his prompt response to an incident at the Gibson Senior Center this past Wednesday. His professionalism and quick assistance provided valuable support to staff, allowing the situation to be resolved swiftly and without further incident. We sincerely appreciate his dedication and service to our community. A special thanks to Drake Wright and Olga Robles for their alertness.

- **A Garden of Volunteers**



On Saturday, July 18, the City of Upland-Recreation & Community Services Division hosted a Community Cleanup at the Memorial Park Rose Garden as they continue to the rose garden's revitalization. Volunteers continued finished raking, pruning, and removing old mulch. A special thanks to the Upland Women's Club, Litter Free Upland, Upland Key Club, LDS Church Service Missionaries, and the dedicated residents of Upland. A special thanks to Emilia Rodriguez for leading this project.

- **Sparkle Session**



Staff at the Gibson Senior Center gathered on Saturday, July 18, for a Sparkle Session, a mini training and staff meeting meant to keep their sparkle bright. Staff shared ideas and questions led by Rec Coordinator Toni; reviewed Passport requirements led by Rec Leader Cecilia; experienced firsthand the joy of ClubFIT led by Rec Leader Juan, Neurographics led by Rec Leader John, and Bunko led by Rec Leader Bonnie, and ended with a Teamwork & Communication Styles presentation led by Rec Supervisor Erica.

City Manager's Office:

- The City Manager hosted the Employee Anniversary Breakfast celebrating employees who reach annual milestones in July and August.
- The City Manager attended the Chamber Membership Luncheon with guest speaker from Southern California Edison.
- Public information outreach this past week included social media postings for Planning Commission Meeting, Bulky Item and Shred Disposal Event report out, a Discover Upland promo featuring O's Ice Cream Shop, and a [LinkedIn post](#) celebrating our employee anniversaries for July and August.
- One potential candidate in the November 2026 General Municipal Election filed their nomination papers with the City Clerk.

- The City Clerk's office received 22 public records requests this week and closed 8 requests.
- City Clerk staff worked with Western AV and IT staff to test the new audio visual equipment in the Council Chambers.