

NOTABLE NEWS

Week Ending in August 20, 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 08/12/26-08/18/26
 - Barking Dog Complaints- 3
 - Welfare Check/Dog in Vehicle- 3
 - DOA- 38
 - Live Stray Pickup- 8
 - Bite Quarantine Release- 2
- Finance
 - For the 20th consecutive year, Upland received GFOA's Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for the 2025 ACFR.
- Human Resources
 - Our University partner Claremont Lincoln University hosted Degrees and Donuts information sessions.
 - HR held 1 recruitment planning meeting.
 - HR Staff opened 2 recruitments this week:
 - Administrative Intern
 - Senior Administrative Assistant
- IT
 - Installed a surveillance camera at the Animal Shelter.
 - Restored editing access to the City's website after the City's firewalls detected a security vulnerability.
 - Reinstated remote access to SCADA devices for standby Water Treatment staff at Public Works.
 - Increased the storage quota for the Development Services shared drive, allowing staff to save data again.
 - Completed coordination with a vendor to schedule replacement of City Hall's backup power delivery equipment.
 - Ordered upgrades for malfunctioning cell phones used by Public Works field staff.
 - Successfully obtained a credit for a Wi-Fi internet outage affecting the Police Department and Public Works.
- Library
 - The Upland Public Library launched its new Storytellers Writers' Club, providing local writers with an opportunity to share their work, receive feedback, and connect with others in the community. The inaugural session was well received and supports the Library's ongoing efforts to foster creativity and lifelong learning.
 - The Library also hosted a special Back-to-School Movie Night for families, offering a fun community gathering as students prepared to return to school. The program provided an opportunity for families to connect and enjoy a free educational and recreational activity at the Library.

- On August 22, the Library will host author and art historian Dr. Wendy Slatkin, who will present on the influential artists and creative community of the Pomona Valley and their impact on the broader arts landscape.
- Adults are invited to explore the ancient Japanese art of paper folding at Craft Corner on Saturday, August 22, at 10:30 a.m. Participants will learn to create elegant origami designs, including the traditional crane, while enjoying a relaxing and creative morning at the Library. All supplies are provided. Ages 18+.
- The Library's Book-ish Fair on September 12, 7 p.m. - 10 p.m. is an upcoming adults-only celebration of reading and literary culture featuring more than 20 vendors offering books, comics, stationery, book-themed merchandise, and other specialty items. Guests can also enjoy food vendors and complimentary beer, wine, and nonalcoholic beverages while exploring offerings from local authors, booksellers, artists, and makers. The event is open to ages 21 and older.

Development Services Department:

- During the period of time from August 13th thru August 19th, the Building & Safety Division completed 112 building inspections, issued 51 building permits, plan checked 10 sets of construction plans, and processed 14 public records requests consuming 4 hours of staff time.
- Planning Division staff reviewed 10 new zoning clearances for new businesses in the City this week, including a request to relocate the retail store known as "Cats and Comics Rescue" from 136 E 9th Street to 216 N 2nd Avenue in Downtown Upland.
- Planning Division staff conducted comprehensive and in-depth property research to coordinate and fulfill 5 public records requests which consumed 3 hours of staff time.
- The Development Services Director, Planning Manager, and Principal Engineer conducted a presentation and field visit for the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) Board as part of its Mobile Workshop, highlighting projects in Downtown Upland, the Magnolia and Euclid Villas affordable housing project, and how Regional Utilities Supporting Housing (RUSH) grant funds are helping facilitate affordable housing development in Upland by addressing constraints related to utility and infrastructure improvements.
- Planning Division staff met with Michael Baker International as part of ongoing planning efforts to develop an Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) Bonus Program and Objective Design Standards.
- Planning Division staff coordinated with the City of Claremont in reviewing the "Scope of Work and Cost Estimate for the Mountain View Commercial Center Specific Plan Program Environmental Impact Report (EIR)," supporting interagency coordination on the proposed redevelopment of an approximately 52.4-acre former quarry site at the southeast corner of Baseline Road and Monte Vista Avenue, which spans the cities of Claremont and Upland and is proposed for a mixed-use business park and commercial development.
- Land Development & Transportation coordinated a Southern California Gas for inspection of the gas monitoring station at 7th Street and Sultana Avenue.
- Land Development & Transportation submitted final invoice for the Upland Mobility Master Plan covering bike lanes and pedestrian paths city wide.
- Land Development & Transportation coordinated with residents to address their concerns on construction activity for Tract 20245 at 15th and Fernando.
- Land Development & Transportation completed the form from California Department of Housing & Community Development (HCD) for a Flood Permit as requested by a contractor to set up a mobile home at Arrow Highway and Benson Avenue.
- The contract with DBX, Inc has been fully executed, and staff has requested project submittals for the 16th Street and San Antonio Traffic Signal Improvement Project.

- Land Development and Transportation issued a permit to Holliday Rock to perform street sweeping at four locations.
- Land Development and Transportation Division issued a driveway permit to Claremont McKenna College for a driveway approach on Monte Vista for the sports bowl project.
- Land Development and Transportation Division met with Planning Division to strategize an update to the City's Truck Route element of the General Plan to comply with Assembly Bill 98 and Senate Bill 415.
- Land Development and Transportation is working with the Roaming Trucks organizers to issue a permit to close 2nd Avenue in the Downtown area for the Pupusa Festival on September 13, 2026.
- City staff participated in the Regional Housing Trust meeting to discuss and help develop a fair and transparent process for allocating discretionary funds, including consideration of project readiness, housing need, local commitment, and geographic equity. The outcomes and recommendations from this discussion will be presented at the upcoming Regional Housing Trust Meeting.
- Economic Development staff coordinated for the reimbursement of the Parking and Business Improvement Area funds to the Historic Downtown Upland merchant board related to downtown activities.
- Economic Development staff provided City Ventures the Certificate of Compliance document related to the completion of the 32-unit "Towns on First" townhome project, located at First Avenue and A Street in the downtown.
- Economic Development staff coordinated with Public Works for installing the next date sign on the 9th Street Gateway for the Historic Downtown Upland's (HDU) upcoming 2nd on 2nd Outdoor Dining event, scheduled for Saturday, September 12th from 5 pm to 12 pm.
- Economic Development staff contacted real estate brokers and shopping center owners for coordinating meetings at the International Council of Shopping Center's (ICSC) event scheduled for September 15th and 16th in San Diego.
- Staff submitted a final reimbursement request to San Bernardino County for our \$350,000 grant.

Police Department:

- Over the course of the last week, Upland PD Dispatch has received 447 9-1-1 calls and 1,431 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 that took my call was competent and efficient. She was able to receive my information, relay it to patrol and have the suspect detained within 4 minutes my call. Outstanding work!
 - Responsive, knowledgeable, and genuine care about my concern, quick response and attentiveness
 - Very nice, calm and collected. Handled my son very well and spoke to him to just reassure everything is ok and for him to just take his meds to keep everything calm
 - Everyone was pleased to thank you very much for your hard work out there today. Be safe
 - All a bunch of super friendly guys working hard to get the job done thank you very much for your response
- Over the past week, Impact Officers have made several arrests related to drug violations, trespassing, and outstanding warrants.

- Impact Officers, Code Enforcement, and our assigned San Bernardino County Probation Officer also conducted a massage parlor operation targeting several businesses performing illegal sexual activity, three arrests were made.
- Over the past week, our Homeless Services Team:
 - Made several outreach contacts to offer services.
 - Placed an individual in substance abuse treatment.
 - Continued working on their caseloads for pending transitional housing placements.
- 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).
- An officer conducted a traffic stop at Grove Avenue and 7th Street. During a consent search, the officer located a controlled substance and the subject was arrested.
- Officers responded to a grocery store in the 900 block of N. Mountain Avenue. Upon arrival, one subject was arrested for a warrant, and another subject was cited for possessing an open container.
- Dispatch received a call regarding a drunk driver and officers located and stopped the vehicle on 9th Street and Vallejo Way. The suspect's rear tire was blown out. The subject was heavily intoxicated and was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol.
- On August 15, dispatch received a call regarding shots fired in the area of the 300 block of S. Euclid Ave. Officers arrived on scene and began searching the area for any potential victims or evidence. Officers located spent shell casings in a driveway and they contacted the resident. Upon further investigation it was discovered the resident had fired his own handgun into the air. A search warrant was written for the residence and two firearms were recovered. The subject was taken into custody and booked for a felony.
- On August 15, officers responded to 8th St and 11th Ave for reports of a crash involving a motorcycle and a car. Responding officers arrived and found the motorcyclist unresponsive in the street. The motorcyclist was transported to a nearby trauma hospital where he ultimately succumbed to his injuries. Traffic officers responded to the scene and took over the fatal crash investigation.
- On August 17, officers were dispatched to an alley in the 1300 block of N. Redding Way, reference a transient setting something on fire. Upon arrival, officers located and detained the male, who was on parole and an arson registrant. He was arrested for arson and booked at the West Valley Detention Center.
- On August 17, officers were dispatched to a residence in the 1000 block of E. San Bernardino Road reference a male who was addicted to controlled substances and extremely aggressive. While attempting to evacuate family members from the residence, the subject followed immediately behind them. Officers quickly approached and apprehended the subject without further incident.
- On August 17, officers were dispatched to an apartment complex located in the 1500 block of W. 11th Street with reference to a disturbance arising from a private party impound for a repeat offender at the complex. The wife of the registered owner assaulted one of the tow truck drivers resulting in a laceration to his hand. Officers arrested the wife for battery and the vehicle was impounded.
- On August 18, officers assisted with a rollover traffic collision on the 210 eastbound just west of Campus Avenue until CHP Officers and paramedics arrived on scene to take care of the collision investigation and render medical aid to one of the drivers.

- On August 18, officers arrested a known drug dealer who was in his vehicle in a residential area located in the southwest portion of the city. The male possessed a significant amount of cocaine, methamphetamine and PCP, which were all seized and tagged into evidence.





Public Works Department:

- **PW Engineering – Capital**

- 18th Street Rehabilitation (Mountain Avenue to Euclid Avenue) RFP for engineering surveying and design services is published on PlanetBids. Proposals are due 9/1/2026 @ 2:00 pm.
- Downtown Public Parking Lot Improvement (SWC of Arrow Highway & 3rd Ave.) Project bid opening was held on 7/28/26 via PlanetBids. City staff are currently evaluating the bids received and verifying the bonds. Project is scheduled for City Council consideration to award a construction contract on 9/14/26.
- Foothill Blvd. Rehabilitation (Benson Ave. to Redding Way) Overnight on 8/19/26 the contractor is scheduled to tie over an 8" main to the existing 6" main at San Antonio Avenue. The north and south service roads were paved on 8/18/26. Contractor is currently grinding and base paving Foothill Blvd. between San Antonio Avenue and Redding Way. Engineering staff is working with the contractor to complete as much of the work as possible in front of Upland High School prior to school beginning on 8/24/26.
- 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. Surveyor completed the field survey data collection and is processing the data.
- Public Works EV Charging Stations: The electric vehicle chargers have been received. Staff is reviewing the scope required to solicit contractor proposals for the installation of the chargers.
- SCADA System Upgrade: Project implementation continues to upgrade the water SCADA control system. New antennas and radio communication systems have been installed at various water sites throughout the City. Estimated project completion is at 70%.
- Tom Thomas Magnolia Plaza: The contractor formed and poured the radius wall on 8/12/26. Engineering requested concrete cylinder break test for the cheek walls. Engineering staff is reviewing change order request documentation for steel fabrication and entry sign letters.

- **PW Utilities**

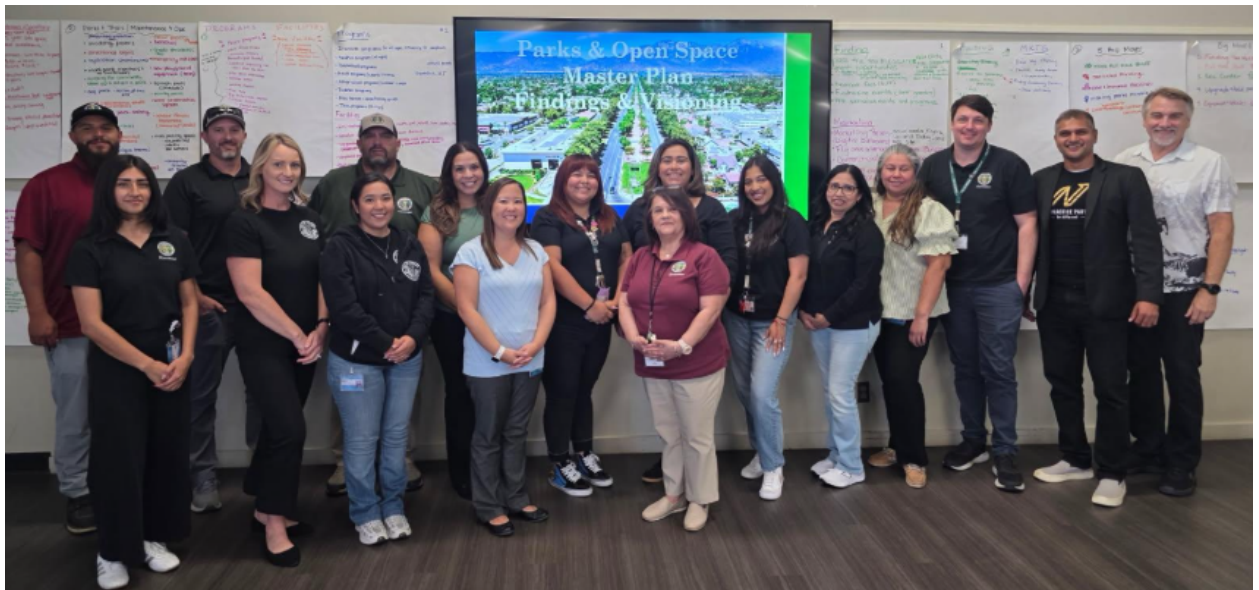
- Average daily water produced for the week: 17.812 Million Gallons per Day
- San Antonio Water Treatment Plant: Offline
- Import surface water purchased from WFA: 5.0 Million Gallons per Day
- Ground water sources: 13.276 Million Gallons per Day

- **Recreation and Community Services**

- 13 reservations scheduled for this week.
- Staff is working with Cal Cities team members to help coordinate a meeting and luncheon at the Carnegie Library on Thursday afternoon.
- This Saturday, all Recreation staff members will come together for our quarterly professional development training. Katie Distalrath with JGA will be on site to lead "Upland Leading with SOUL: Show Up With Purpose. Own Your Light. Uplift Others. Lead With Legacy." The day will provide an opportunity for staff to learn, connect, and celebrate another successful summer. The itinerary will also include new employee introductions, a preview of upcoming fall special events, a Strategic Plan update, the announcement of the Part-Time Employee of the Year, and a Leadership Lowdown Panel. These quarterly trainings are a great opportunity to invest in our team, reflect on the past season, and look ahead to another successful year of serving the Upland

community. Most importantly, it is a chance to thank our Recreation staff for their hard work, dedication, and contributions throughout the year.

- Members of the Rec/CS and Ops teams met with consultants with RHA Community Works and Next Practice Partners to continue developing the City's first ever Parks and Open Space Master Plan. This week's focus was setting values, mission, and vision for the future!



- **Rummage Sale**
- Downsizing? Organizing? Cleaning out your closet? Be a vendor at our upcoming Rummage Sale and let that stuff go! One person's junk is another person's treasure! This event will be held indoors at the Gibson Senior Center. For more information, please call (909) 981-4501.



- **Gibson Barkfest**
- The Gibson Senior Center will be hosting a Barkfest in observance of National Dog Day! Bring your furry friend. There will be fun activities, vendors, special treats and more! This event is open to the entire community. For more information, please call (909) 981-4501.



City Manager's Office:

- The City Manager presented City updates at the Kiwanis Breakfast.

- Public information outreach this past week included social media postings for a Girl Scout Hydration Station Project, Parkway Tree Water Summer Reminder, and a story for the Friends of Upland Animal Shelter Foster Party.
- The City Clerk's office received 20 new public records requests this week and closed 18.
- City Clerk staff met with our eScribe representative to go over features in an upcoming upgrade.