

NOTABLE NEWS

Week Ending in September 3, 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 07/29/26-08/04/26
 - Barking Dog Complaints-3
 - Welfare Check/Dog in Vehicle-2
 - DOA-24
 - Live Stray Pickup-11
 - Bite Quarantine Release-0
- Finance
 - For the month of July, Customer Service processed 888 utility payments totaling \$195,623 and 139 animal licenses totaling \$4,048.
- Human Resources
 - HR Staff attended CA Cities Personnel and Employee Relations Department Business Mtg
 - HR received 1 Risk Claim this week.
 - HR Staff held interviews for Animal Services Officer.
 - HR Staff opened 1 recruitment this week:
 - Police Dispatcher II
 - HR Staff welcomed 4 new employees this week:
 - Geselle Hernandez – Administrative Assistant
 - George Gutierrez – Police Officer
 - Oliver Rocha – Police Officer
 - Shama Curian – Part-time Risk Management Coordinator
- IT

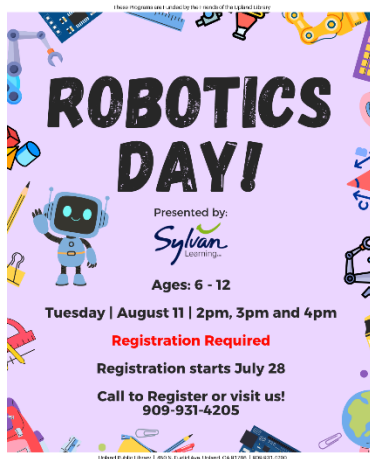
- A connection issue between the Traffic mapping software and Google Earth was resolved for the Police Department.
- Surveillance camera settings were reconfigured after replacing a faulty TV for the Police Department.
- An internet outage at the Police Department was resolved through coordination with the telecommunications provider.
- Secure MFA login was configured for a newly added application at the Police Department and Public Works.
- Wi-Fi connectivity was reestablished at the Library through the replacement of a fiber module on a network switch.
- Functionality to a critical Dispatch console was restored by bypassing a faulty USB hub.
- The VPN profile was reapplied to reestablish secure access to critical databases on a Police Department mobile device.
- A stable connection to the Wi-Fi equipment at the Senior Center was resolved through the diagnosis of the causal issue.
- The replacement of a critical virtualization hardware component at City Hall was actualized through coordination with vendor support.
- Library
 - The Upland Public Library wrapped up its Summer Reading Program with a successful TruckTopia finale, welcoming hundreds of families for a day of fun and community engagement. Through the Lunch at the Library program, 410 free lunches were served to patrons ages 0-18. Participant organizations from Upland included Upland Public Works Department, Upland Police Department and San Bernardino County Fire Department. These departments brought trucks and equipment for children to explore. Kids had the opportunity to climb aboard vehicles, meet community service professionals, and honk the horns.



- The July 29, Adult Summer Reading: Book Swap welcomed more than 40 adults into an evening of carnival games, snacks and swapping books.
- Starting Monday, August 3, children began picking up their Week 7 Summer Reading prize. Children age 12 and under who completed all seven weeks of the Summer Reading Challenge will receive a prize drawing ticket. Prizes include; age-based toy baskets, Sylvan Learning tutoring basket, AMC movie tickets, Knott's Berry Farm tickets, and Kiwanis-sponsored prize boxes. Prize drawings take place on August 14.
- On August 8 the Library will be having a special Adult Happy Hour: Beer Science program. Learn how beer is made and then test your knowledge with trivia. Alcoholic & non-alcoholic beverages provided. 2 drink max. ID required for entry.



- Beginning the week of August 10, The Library introduces Storybook Adventures, this storytime combines storytelling, music, movement, and activities to inspire a child's imagination and love for learning.
- August 11 is Robotics Day at the Library. Young engineers between the ages of 6-12 will learn how to build a small working robot. In partnership with Sylvan Learning. Registration required.



Development Services Department:

- During the period of time from July 30th thru August 3rd, the Building & Safety Division completed 113 building inspections, issued 45 building permits, plan checked 14 sets of construction plans, and processed 10 public records requests.
- Planning Division staff reviewed 10 new zoning clearances for new businesses in the City this week.

- Planning Division staff conducted comprehensive and in-depth property research to coordinate and fulfill 2 public records requests.
- Planning Division staff approved three Special Event permits for upcoming events in Upland, including:
 - Upland Lobsterfest 2026, hosted by the Rotary Club of Upland - September 12, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. at the Scheu Family YMCA at 1150 E. Foothill Boulevard - <https://www.uplandlobsterfest.com/>;
 - I.E. Pupusa & Taco Festival 2026 – September 13, 2026 from 11:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Cooper Museum patio area and adjacent public parking lot, located at the northwest corner of A Street and 3rd Avenue - <https://www.instagram.com/p/DZbPMpVGdvi/>
 - 19th Annual Chili Cook-Off hosted by Inland Valley Recovery Services - October 2, 2026 from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Upland City Hall Veteran's Plaza, 460 N. Euclid Ave - <https://e.givesmart.com/events/Ozt/>
- Planning Division staff met with representatives of the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) and San Bernardino County Transportation Authority (SBCTA) regarding their local data exchange process as part of the development of their Connect SoCal 2050 Plan, a long-range regional planning document outlining a comprehensive vision, policy framework, and transportation investments through the year 2050.
- Land Development & Transportation coordinated a Southern California Edison deposit for the Regional Utility Support Housing grant project, processed invoices and met with stakeholders for an update.
- Land Development & Transportation submitted invoices for the Highway Safety Improvement Program project doing signal upgrades city wide.
- Land Development & Transportation submitted the final invoice for the Active Transportation Project to CALTRANS for processing.
- During the month of August, Housing staff will complete the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER), a requirement of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The report summarizes how federal funds were invested during the program year of July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026.
- Housing staff continues the setup process for the 15 subrecipients awarded FY 2026–27 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding.

- Housing Staff inspected two Multifamily Rehabilitation Program projects as part of ongoing construction management activities and processed payment requests accordingly to contractors.
- Housing Staff conducted inspections for two Manufactured Home Improvement Program projects and prepared detailed work scopes for the required improvements.
- Housing Staff inspected one Emergency Repairs Program project and issued a correction notice to the contractor outlining the required corrective construction actions.
- Development Services Director and Economic Development staff met with Historic Downtown Upland staff for coordination in preparation of the 2nd on Second Outdoor Dining event, which is scheduled for this Saturday, August 8th from 5:00 pm until 12:00 pm.
- Development Services Director and Economic Development staff met with a business owner who is seeking to open a new business in Upland. We provided assistance to the business owner in finding available retail spaces for lease.
- Economic Development staff coordinated with a few tenants on City-owned property relating to resolving missing lease rent payments.

Police Department:

- Over the course of the last week, Upland PD Dispatch has received 542 9-1-1 calls and 1,453 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:
 - They responded and came to my door to get rid of the intruder very quickly. Thank you
 - She was calm, listened intently, asked clarifying questions that were sensible, and remained on the line until an officer arrived.
 - Officers were very thorough. They inspected the property well and reassured me we were safe, nothing had been taken and provided suggestions on how to maximize our property's security.

- Kind, attentive and sent officers right away. Thank you for your help, I was genuinely worried for the man's safety and not wanting him to get in any sort of trouble, and he was so grateful.
- Took the info, very matter of fact. Let me know that they were having a high call volume and would get out to check as soon as possible. Polite and professional
- Over the past week, Impact Officers have made several arrests related to drug violations, trespassing, and outstanding warrants. Impact Officers also performed several proactive debris cleanups across the city.
- Our Homeless Services Team helped reunite a homeless man with his family in Texas. The man had been living in a tent in Upland and shared that he had traveled to California in search of work. Unfortunately, he was unable to find employment, exhausted his resources, and became homeless. He explained that he had no way to return home, and because of his circumstances, no one was willing to give him a ride.

Our Homeless Services Team contacted his family in Texas, who were relieved to learn their loved one was safe. They asked for our assistance in helping him return home. Our team was able to fund his bus ticket and secured a hotel room for the night before his departure so he could shower, get a good night's rest, and begin his journey home with dignity and confidence.

As our team saw him off at the bus station, he asked for a hug, knowing their paths would likely never cross again. A short time later, his family confirmed that he arrived home safely and expressed their heartfelt gratitude for the compassion and assistance provided by the Upland Police Department.

- Our Homeless Services Team planned and hosted a Tri-City homeless outreach operation that included Upland, Montclair, and Chino. All three cities joined forces, collaborated with other outreach organizations that came out, and contacted dozens of homeless individuals in each city - starting in Upland, then Montclair, and finishing the day in Chino.
- Over the past week, the Quality-of-Life Team proactively located and collected 14 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 52 cases and closed 55 existing cases.
- On July 30, a search warrant was conducted in Azusa. Detectives arrested two suspects involved in a robbery. They were booked at the jail.

- On August 1, San Antonio Hospital contacted the UPD and reported a victim of a stabbing had been dropped off in their ER. Officers responded and learned the victim was drinking at a bar that is on the border of Rancho Cucamonga and Upland. The victim and suspect got into a verbal argument, and they left the bar and walked across the street into the City of Upland. The verbal argument escalated into a physical altercation, and the suspect produced a knife and stabbed the victim. The victim was uncooperative, and the case is currently being investigated by the Detective Bureau.
- On August 3, Officers responded to a report of a hit and run. The suspect vehicle was located by responding officers, and the driver was detained for investigative purposes. During their investigation, the driver was found to be operating a vehicle while under the influence of illegal narcotics. Incident to arrest, a large amount of narcotics and drug paraphernalia was in the vehicle. The suspect was booked on multiple felony charges.
- On August 3, officers stopped a stolen vehicle in the area of Mountain Avenue and 8th Street, and seized illegal narcotics contained therein. The occupants were arrested for multiple charges and a warrant.
- On August 4, officers were dispatched to a convenience store located on Euclid Avenue and 9th Street after a male stole a bag of Lays BBQ chips. Officers located and detained the suspect, who had numerous prior convictions for theft-related crimes, which permitted officers to arrest the suspect on a felony theft charge.
- On August 4, officers were dispatched to a residence in the 1400 block of W. Springfield Street reference a male who was possibly deceased. Officers arrived on scene and determined the male was deceased. Due to potentially unusual circumstances, officers worked with the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Coroner's Office to complete a death investigation, and they made the preliminary determination that no foul play was involved.
- On August 4, officers responded to a residence located in the 1400 block of E. San Bernardino Road in reference to a female who wanted to kill herself. The female did not initially open the door to the officers, but once she did, they were able to successfully transport her to a local hospital for medical attention and a 72-hour hold.
- On August 5, a Traffic officer stopped a truck near 8th St and Mountain Ave for a traffic violation. The officer contacted the driver and learned that he had a suspended driver's license and a warrant out of Orange County. The officer also noticed that the driver appeared to be under the influence of drugs and later found drugs and drug paraphernalia inside the truck. The driver was arrested for DUI, possession of drugs and drug paraphernalia, and his warrant.



Public Works Department:

- **PW Engineering – Capital**

- 18th Street Rehabilitation (Mountain Avenue to Euclid Avenue) Staff completed the RFP for engineering surveying and design services and 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) The new 12" diameter water main segment between San Antonio and Redding Way is installed. Contractor is scheduled to perform two overnight tie-ins next week on Tuesday, 8/11/26 and Thursday, 8/13/26.
- Median Island construction between San Antonio Avenue & Euclid Avenue is scheduled to begin on 8/03/26. 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. Contractor began installing median curb on 7/29/26 between Benson Avenue and Mountain Avenue utilizing a curb extruding machine.

- Measure I 5-Year CIP & CPNA: Engineering staff prepared the annual Measure I 5-Year CIP and CPNA for City Council approval on 8/10/26 to ensure the City receives continued funding from the Measure I Program administered by SBCTA.
- 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: The contractor prepared Column Mockups for review by the design team. Engineering staff is reviewing submittals for engineered soil backfill, skate deterrents, and are coordinating with third party material testing.
- Traffic Signal Improvements at San Antonio Avenue & 16th Street: City Council awarded the construction contract on 7/27/2026 to DBX. Staff is coordinating the execution of the contract agreement, bonds, insurance, and project submittals for engineering review.

- **PW Operations**

- Preparation is underway for the 'Hydration Station' which will be placed at Euclid X 18th Street. This project is sponsored by Girl Scout Troop 377. Ops workers pressure washed the trash enclosures at the parks & attended the 'Touch A Truck event held in the courtyard at city hall.





- **PW Utilities**
 - Average daily water produced for the week: 19.926 Million Gallons per Day

- San Antonio Water Treatment Plant: (Off for Maintenance)
- Import surface water purchased from WFA : 3.520 Million Gallons per Day
- Ground water sources: 16.406 Million Gallons per Day

- **Recreation and Community Services**

- There are 8 park reservations this weekend.
- Registration for the Turkey Trot 5K and Kids 1K dash is live. There are currently 35 participants registered.
- Landecena staff have begun purchasing supplies and planning for the Scary-a-faire taking place in Downton Upland on Saturday, October 24. We can't wait for another spook-tacular year.
- The Kids In The Kitchen Cooking Adventure took place on Saturday. Kids In The Kitchen is a hands-on, exciting cooking event where kids create their own delicious meal while learning basic cooking skills and kitchen safety. From fun food prep to tasty creations, the day was filled with culinary adventures, games, crafts, and a movie. Parents were able to enjoy some time on their own, knowing their children were in good hands with our friendly, trained Recreation staff.



- 7 facility reservations scheduled for this week.
- Join us this Thursday, August 6, for the final Moonlight & Music At Magnolia Park concert of the season! Don't miss your chance to enjoy an unforgettable evening of live music, great food, and summer fun. ABBA LA brings the iconic hits of ABBA to life with an authentic sound performed by an incredible group of national and international musicians. From Dancing Queen and Mamma Mia to Waterloo and Take a Chance on Me, you'll be singing and dancing all evening long! Come hungry and enjoy delicious

offerings from our on-site food vendors and the Mag. Rec. Snack Shack. Adults 21+ can also stop by the Boots & Brews Beer Garden, hosted by the Upland Rotary. Bring your lawn chairs, blankets, family, and friends for one last summer celebration under the stars. We can't wait to see you!



- **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.



City Manager's Office:

- The City Manager attended several National Night events in support of the community and the Police Department.
- The City Manager met with new employees Police Officer - George Gutierrez and PT Risk Management Coordinator - Shama Curian.
- Public information outreach this past week included social media postings for Special City Council Meeting, Wood chip refresh at parks citywide, Public Works July Round Up, stories for National Night Out and 2nd on 2nd, and a LinkedIn post celebrating [Professional Engineers Day](#).
- The City Clerk's office received 15 public records requests this week and closed 21 requests.
- The City Clerk administered the loyalty oath to one new employee this week.
- James Breiting, District 2, Carlos A. Garcia, District 3, and Rudy Zuniga, District 4 are qualified candidates in the November 3, 2026, General Municipal Election. All incumbents have filed nomination papers so the nomination period for the November 2026 election closes at noon tomorrow, Friday, August 6th.