

NOTABLE NEWS

Week Ending in September 17, 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:

- Human Resources
 - Risk Management attended a SB County Office of Emergency Services Training.
 - HR Team members are assisting with the Quality of Life community meeting tonight at MagRec.
 - Risk Management received 3 claims this week.
 - HR received 2 Worker's Comp claim this week.
 - HR Staff welcomed 7 new employees:
 - Joel Albarran - Recreation Leader
 - Rachel Rodarte - Recreation Leader
 - Ana Texta Lopez- Recreation Leader
 - Johanna Valdivia - Recreation Leader
 - Janine McAllister- Recreation Leader
 - Sharon Tillman - Recreation Leader
 - Angelina Flores - Recreation Leader
 - HR Staff held interviews for:
 - Assistant Planner
 - Administrative Intern
 - HR Staff opened 1 recruitment this week:
 - Engineering Technician
- IT
 - Migrated user workstations from Landacena to MagRec and installed network equipment to provide Internet access.
 - Increased the storage quota limit for a network drive to restore the ability for Recreation staff to save files.
 - Collaborated with the City Clerk's Office to audit and update permissions to the City's electronic document management software.
 - Prepared new environment with additional power and data access to accommodate Finance customer service to the public during upcoming City Hall renovations.
 - Assisted a vendor with the fiber project for the Animal Shelter and Landecena Community Building.
 - Configured and deployed computers for the Police Department, Public Works, and Finance.
 - Resolved a location services issue on the drone computer for the Police Department.
 - Resolved issues with the payment system and the software PaperCut for the Library.
 - Configured and deployed new iPhones and iPads for Public Works and Animal Services.
 - Added multiple new staff to the active directory and also deleted staff who have resigned from the city.
 - Staff attended configuration training to secure privileged accounts.
- Library

- The Upland Public Library's recent **Block Party** was a great success, giving children ages 12 and under an afternoon filled with creativity and hands-on fun. Young builders put their imaginations to work designing and creating with LEGOs, Magna-Tiles, and other building materials.
- The Library also continued its partnership with Upland High School through a special storytime featuring members of the Upland High School Key Club. Key Club members read stories to young participants before giving children an opportunity to practice reading aloud to the high school students. The program created a safe, comfortable, and welcoming environment where emerging readers could build confidence and enjoy connecting with positive role models.
- The fun continues in October with programs for readers of all ages. On October 2, **Camp Book Club** tween participants will discuss Victoria Schwab's *City of Ghosts*.
- On October 3, the Library's adult book club, **Bookenders**, will kick off the season with a discussion of Joshua Davis's *Spare Parts*, featuring special guest speaker Doug Hutchings.

Development Services Department:

- During the period of time from September 24th thru September 30th, the Building & Safety Division completed 144 building inspections, issued 50 building permits, plan checked 32 sets of construction plans, and processed 9 public records requests consuming 3 hours of staff time.
- Planning Division staff reviewed 15 new zoning clearances for new businesses in the City this week, including Big T's Pizza, located at 1261 W. Foothill Boulevard.
- Planning Division staff conducted comprehensive property research for 8 public records requests which consumed 5 hours of staff time.
- Planning Division staff attended the Upland Heritage's Restoration Workshop, held on Saturday, September 26th, and provided an educational session on the Mills Act and Accessory Dwelling Units for members of the public.
- The Planning Division held interviews to fill a vacant Assistant Planner position.
- Land Development and Transportation is coordinating with contractor to issue a permit for grading and utilities for a new truck dock and driveway at old Big Lots building on Foothill Boulevard.
- Land Development and Transportation met with Public Works Water Department on various development project relative to design issues.
- Land Development and Transportation issued a permit to ASD (Contractor) to install a monument sign at Mountain Avenue near the I-10 Freeway.
- Land Development and Transportation issued a permit to Calmex for a traffic detour for a City of Rancho Cucamonga paving project.
- Land Development & Transportation approved overtime work for Southern California Edison (SCE) this coming 10/8 -10/9 along Arrow Route for power pole replacement.
- Land Development & Transportation assisted a resident who inquired about construction activity along Drake Avenue and were able to identify the permit number and activity, resident was informed.
- Land Development and Transportation has updated, published, and distributed the Division's application forms.

- Land Development and Transportation reviewed cost estimates, requested bonds, and coordinated with owners/developers of Tract Map 20247, located at the 15th Street basin, to take the map to an upcoming City Council meeting.
- Land Development and Transportation updated the street closure permit for the 2nd on Second Event, held at the downtown, to include an additional event date on October 10, 2026.
- Land Development and Transportation coordinated with Public Works Water Department for approval of the water mylars for the Black Rock Coffee, located at 1382 E Foothill Boulevard.
- Land Development and Transportation and Public Works attended the concrete pour for the Tom Thomas Magnolia Plaza's band stage. The plaza is located on 2nd Avenue and the Pacific Electric Trail. The Development Services Director along with Land Development staff and PW Capital Projects staff attend the bi-monthly meetings with the contractor.



- The City Council approved a resolution authorizing staff to use HOME Program Income funds for a Mortgage Assistance Program to help eligible lower-income households purchase a home.
- Housing staff conducted a Loan Review Committee meeting to approve three CalHome Manufactured Home Improvement Program (MHIP) loans for eligible senior applicants to complete necessary housing rehabilitation repairs. Loan documents and construction contracts will be prepared, followed by preconstruction meetings with the respective contractors to prepare the projects for construction.
- Housing staff conducted a final progress inspection for an Emergency Repairs Program senior participant's roof replacement project, executed a Notice of Completion, and processed payment to the contractor.
- The Development Services Director and planning and economic development staff met with the potential buyer for 376 N Second Avenue.

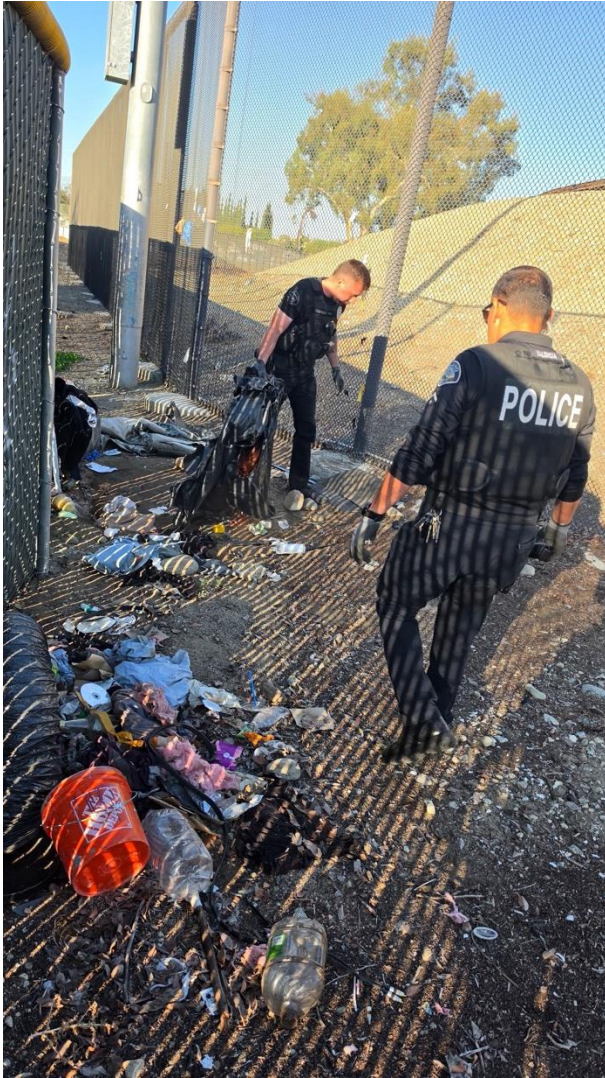
- Economic Development staff conducted progress inspections at Second Avenue Boutique and Iron & Kin to monitor façade improvements being completed under the Commercial Rehabilitation Program.
- Economic Development staff coordinated for the Small Business Development Center's (SBDC) business training event, "Securing Funding under \$50,000: Microloans for your Business", which was held at the Magnolia Recreation Center.
- Economic Development staff attended the Historic Downtown Upland's (HDU) general meeting with downtown businesses for discussion on the changes to the upcoming 2nd on 2nd Outdoor Dining event, scheduled for Saturday, October 10th from 5:00 pm to 10:30 pm.
- Economic Development staff coordinated with the Small Business Development Center for updating information on the City's website for business training events in October.
- Economic Development staff contacted Upland businesses to update information on the Top 10 Employers in the City for the year-end statistical section of the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR).
- Staff prepared and submitted to the County Auditor/Controllers office our Prior Period Adjustment (PPA) and supporting documentation for the 24/25 Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule (ROPS).

Police Department:

- Over the course of the last week, Upland PD Dispatch has received 560 9-1-1 calls and 1,650 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:
 - We live in Upland because the police department and their officers are professional and keep this city safe.
 - The dispatcher did an amazing job getting all the information. Additionally, I was very grateful for the response and professionalism of the police officers that responded. I was even more impressed with how the drone arrived at the same time as the first officer. That was very helpful because the drone spotted the officer trying to take the man into custody. Overall I give our entire police department an A plus as usual.
 - I appreciate the fast response and insurance of our safety 🙏 Thank you for you excellent service.
 - Officer Chen came in and escorted my hostile customer out quickly. He went straight to the point and asked her if she was ok and walked her out. He continues to talk to her hit most importantly he got her out safely so we could close safely
 - They responded quickly and we appreciate them patrolling the area
- In just nine months since its inception, the DFR (Drone First Responder) program has flown nearly 7,000 miles and contributed to 141 DFR-related arrests, demonstrating the program's significant impact on public safety and law enforcement operations.
- Over the past week, Impact Officers have made several arrests related to drug violations, trespassing, and outstanding warrants. Impact officers also conducted several debris clean-ups to rid our community of blight.
- Over the past week, Code Enforcement opened 46 new cases, closed out 43 existing cases, and continued their ongoing investigations.

- Over the past week, our Triage Engagement Support Treatment (TEST) Team responded to several calls for service and assisted several individuals going through a mental health crisis. For the month of September, the team followed up with 94 individuals who needed some level of mental health assistance and responded to 22 patrol calls relating to an active mental health crisis.
- On September 18, Traffic officers organized a traffic enforcement operation in the area of 20th St and Campus Ave in response to multiple complaints of reckless driving and other vehicle code violations being committed by juveniles after high school football games in the area. Officers stopped 38 vehicles and cited 31 drivers for various vehicle code violations. This operation was funded by the Office of Traffic Safety.
- On September 25, officers were dispatched to a parking lot in the 100 block of W. Foothill Boulevard in regards to the reporting party stating his ex-wife had intentionally rammed his vehicle with her vehicle. Officers located the suspect in the area during the course of the investigation. The suspect was arrested and booked at the West Valley Detention Center for assault with a deadly weapon and domestic violence.
- On September 28, officers responded to a department store in the 200 block of S. Mountain Avenue to investigate suspicious subjects. Officers contacted the subjects and one subject was in possession of an open container of alcohol. One subject was arrested for a no bail warrant for a parole violation, and the other subject was arrested for public intoxication.
- On September 29, an officer conducted a traffic stop at 11th Street and Mountain Avenue. The driver was found to be in possession of methamphetamine and was arrested.
- On September 29, an officer witnessed a subject swerving on 8th Street, east of Campus Avenue. The driver almost struck the median on Campus Avenue near the railroad tracks. A traffic stop was conducted and the driver had objective signs of being under the influence of alcohol. The driver was eventually arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol. The driver had a blood alcohol level over twice the legal limit.
- On September 29, officers responded to an apartment complex near Euclid Avenue and 9th Street to investigate a disturbance involving two males. Upon contact with the males, one male was arrested for being under the influence of a controlled substance and for possession of Xanax without a prescription.
- On September 29, officers responded to a call for service regarding a transient male who was reportedly harassing female juveniles at a business on Foothill Boulevard. Officers quickly located and detained the individual, who was positively identified by the victim(s), and subsequently arrested. The individual was booked at the West Valley Detention Center for Terrorist Threats and Child Molestation/Annoyance.
- On September 29, officers responded to a critical missing elderly female. During the investigation, it was determined that both the female and her husband had received scam calls threatening harm to a family member unless money was sent. Emergency phone pings were initiated, and the female was located shortly thereafter. Detectives located the husband in a neighboring city, and both were safely reunited with their family.
- On September 29, a 17-yr-old student at a High School approached his substitute teacher and told her he was going to bring a firearm to school and that she would be his first target. The substitute teacher immediately reported the incident and the School Resource Officers responded to investigate. After interviewing the substitute teacher and other students/witnesses, they arrested the suspect for Terrorist Threats. He was subsequently booked at Juvenile Hall. The SRO's also conducted a search for the suspect's residence for firearms but none were located.

- On September 29, Traffic officers responded to the parking lot of a grocery store near Foothill Blvd and Grove Ave for a vehicle that struck a pedestrian. The pedestrian suffered minor injuries, and the driver was refusing to exchange insurance information. Traffic officers arrived on scene and were able to facilitate the exchange of information without any further issues. A report was taken for the injury crash.





Public Works Department:

- **PW Engineering – Capital**
 - 19th Street Rehabilitation (Mountain Avenue to Euclid Avenue) Engineering staff has preliminary plans with proposed improvements and is currently reviewing internally.
 - Downtown Public Parking Lot Improvement (SWC of Arrow Highway & 3rd Ave.) Project is scheduled for City Council consideration to award a construction contract on 10/12/26.
 - Foothill Blvd. Rehabilitation (Benson Ave. to Redding Way) Fire hydrant lateral improvements continue between Mountain Avenue and San Antonio Avenue. Storm drain catch basin construction continues between Mulberry Avenue and San Antonio Avenue. Grouted rock cobble median landscaping improvements being installed between San Antonio Avenue and Redding Way. Water shutdowns and connections for the south side of Foothill Blvd. between Mountain and San Antonio are being scheduled for overnight work on 10/13, 10/15, and 10/20 when most businesses are closed.

- Mountain Avenue Rehabilitation (20th to 23rd) Surveyor provided the topo drawings to the City. Engineering staff is beginning the design for the street improvement work.
- SCADA System Upgrade: Project implementation continues to upgrade the water SCADA control system. Contractor is continuing to install new hardware at sites throughout the City. Estimated project completion is end of October
- Tom Thomas Magnolia Plaza: Contractor backfilled structural soil and poured the stage area on 9/30/26.
- **PW Operations**
 - In addition to their routine maintenance schedules, Colts Landscape Inc. (North ROW landscape contractor) removed 36 bundles of pine needles, shrub trimmings along Mountain Avenue and completed a re-landscaping project along 15th Street with new irrigation, plants and installed 80 yards of planter mulch.
 - West Coast Arborist (WCA)trimmed 275 trees as they continue the FY 26/27 Grid Trim schedule, they also removed 19 trees and replanted 64 trees.





- **PW Utilities**

- Average daily water produced for the week: 17.303 Million Gallons per Day
- San Antonio Water Treatment Plant: Offline - Under Construction
- Import surface water purchased from WFA: 3.502 Million Gallons per Day
- Ground water sources: 13.801 Million Gallons per Day
- **Treatment Plant Renovations:** All 3 filters have been painted and cured. Filter process equipment has been replaced from pneumatic to electric actuation. Valves and components will now rely on electricity to function. Awaiting a few internal filtration parts before filter media is poured/prepared within the 3 beds.
- **San Antonio Water Canyon Treatment Plant:** Infrastructure improvements are underway as part of the ongoing treatment plant renovation project, including upgrades to filtration equipment, valves, and electrical controls to improve reliability, extend the life of critical assets, and support continued treatment operations.
- **Plant 12:** Infrastructure improvements are underway, including rehabilitation and servicing of Booster #2 and upgrades to the split-case booster pump to improve reliability and extend the life of the station's equipment.











- This week, the City of Upland Utilities team hosted members of the City of Redlands utility team for a tour of Reservoir 15, our newest 7.5-million-gallon reservoir, which has been in operation for the past couple of years.
- The visit provided a valuable opportunity to share experiences, discuss reservoir construction and rehabilitation, and exchange ideas on challenges both agencies are seeing as we continue to improve and maintain critical water infrastructure. Redlands is currently working on a new reservoir project, and hearing about their planning process, lessons learned, and coordination efforts gave our team additional perspective as we look ahead to future reservoir rehabilitation projects throughout Upland.
- One particularly interesting topic was Redlands' coordination with their Fire Marshal to incorporate "heli-hydrant" connections into their new reservoir. These connections can provide an additional water source for firefighting aircraft during a wildfire or emergency event. Given Upland's location near the foothills, this was an especially valuable idea to learn about. As future reservoir rehabilitation projects are evaluated, features like this may be worth considering for the added emergency-response capability they could provide and the potential benefit of having another means to help protect life and property during a major fire event.
- Opportunities like this demonstrate the value of collaboration between neighboring water agencies. Sharing ideas, lessons learned, and different approaches helps

strengthen our team's knowledge and supports better decision-making as we continue investing in reliable infrastructure and looking for new ways to serve and protect the Upland community.

- The free Shred Event, held this past Saturday at Memorial Park in partnership with County Supervisor Curt Hagman, was a great success, with 9,660 pounds of documents securely shredded.
- In the months of July, August, September, Upland's Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Facility served a total of 2,092 participants, providing residents with a safe and convenient way to properly dispose of and recycle household hazardous waste.
- **Recreation and Community Services**
 - 7 facility reservations scheduled for this week
 - The Magnolia Recreation Center welcomed two additional Recreation Leaders, Rachel Rodarte and Ana Texta.
 - There are 314 participants registered for the Turkey Trot 5K and Kids 1K Dash.
 - Scary-a-faire is Saturday October 24 in Downtown Upland from 4:00-8:00 p.m. There are 12 confirmed food and treat vendors this year ranging from firebrick oven pizza, to dirty sodas and lemonades, and assorted sweet treats for everyone's sweet and savory preferences. There are 35 confirmed candy vendors and the application deadline will be extended until October 8 or until there are 45 candy vendors, whichever comes first.
 - **Adopt-a-Park Teams Keep Upland Beautiful!**



- Adopt a Park/Trail Program encourages community residents and organizations to adopt City owned trails and keep them clean. Thanks to The Upland Apartments for adopting the Memorial Park and completing a park cleanup on September 25 in preparations for the Route 66 Centennial Celebration Scheduled for this Saturday at Noon.



- Sierra Vista Park looks beautiful thanks to the Upland Lions Club volunteers who conduct monthly cleanups. For more information or to Adopt-a-Park/Trail call (909) 981-4501 or email ErRodriguez@uplandca.gov

City of Upland's ROUTE 66 Centennial Celebration

KID'S CARDBOARD CAR COMPETITION

GET READY TO ROCK!

FOOD TRUCKS & VENDOR FAIR

CLASSIC CARS DISPLAY

FAMILY FUN ZONE

Thank you Sponsors!

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"We'll Take Care Of It"

JUAN POLLO
ROTISSERIE

ROUTE 66 CAR WASH * SGC AUTO COLLISION * SMILENEEDS DENTAL
THE TACO MAN * THE THINNERY * UPLAND MARTIAL ARTS

Saturday, October 3 | 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Memorial Park

- Get your crew ready and join the City of Upland's Centennial Celebration of Route 66, on Saturday, October 3, 2026, from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Upland Memorial Park. This commemorative event will honor the 100th anniversary of the iconic "Mother Road" and the memories we've made along the way.

You are invited to join Upland for a day full of family-friendly activities. Upland Memorial Park will be transformed into a nostalgic experience featuring:

- Performance by Cherry Bomb Revival Band
 - Classic Car Display
 - Kid's Carboard Car Competition
 - Family Fun Zone with bouncers, bumper cars, maze, and giveaways
 - Food Trucks and Vendors
 - Local Community Exhibitors
 - And much more!
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- **A special thanks to our sponsors and volunteers who create community connections. For information, please call (909) 981-4501 or email ErRodriguez@uplandca.gov.
Upland Volunteers are the best!**





- Throughout the summer volunteers completed over 1000 hours and brought joy to Upland residents. From long event days to detailed tasks, and all the preparation in between; our volunteers are essential and greatly appreciated. To join the “Sparkle Squad” and become a beloved volunteer, call (909) 981-4501 or email recvolunteers@uplandca.gov

Rummage Sale

- The Annual Gibson Rummage Sale was a huge success. Over 30-vendors participated in selling their wares with over 100-guest coming through. Thank you to Drake, John, and their team for their hard work in making this such a successful event!



Gibson Health & Wellness Fair

- All are welcome to attend Gibsons Annual Health & Wellness Fair, Friday, October 2nd, from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Flu Shots will be offered, Vendors providing resourceful information, Free Health Screenings, Holistic Wellness Lecture, a Tai Chi Demonstration, and a Healthy Lunch will be available for purchase! For more information, please call (909) 981-4501.



Upland Recreation & Community Services



2026 HEALTH & WELLNESS FAIR

Hope to
see you there!



Friday, October 2, 2026
9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.



* Flu Vaccines Offered By Albertsons



* Free Health Screenings

* Vendors



* Tai Chi Demonstration



* Ayurvedic Wellness Lecture

\$5 Healthy Lunch Meals



Every Detail Remembered



For more information, please call (909) 981-4501.



George M. Gibson Senior Center, 250 N. 3rd Avenue, Upland, CA 91786



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2026 HEALTH & WELLNESS FAIR



Free
Ayurvedic Wellness Lecture
Presented By:

Yael Steinfeld, MSN, RNP
Ayurvedic Practitioner, Hypnotherapist

"Ayurvedic
For Vata Imbalance"



Friday, October 2, 2026
10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

For more information, please call (909) 981-4501.

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2026 HEALTH & WELLNESS FAIR



Free
Tai Chi Demonstration
Offered By:

*Instructor
Robert Zailo*



Friday, October 2, 2026
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Tasty Mingle Cooking Social

- A good time was had by all who attended the Tasty Mingle Cooking Social this past week. Over 15-guest joined this fun cooking social where they learned how to make a Broccoli Cheddar Soup meal and dine with others. Thank you to Olga, John & Amy for leading this fun event!



City Manager's Office:

- The City Manager hosted the Employee Anniversary Breakfast celebrating employees who reach annual milestones in September and October.
- The City Manager attended the San Bernardino County Technical Advisory Committee.
- City Management staff attended the VFW grand opening.
- Public information outreach this past week included social media postings for City Council Meeting, National Preparedness Month, Route 66 Centennial Celebration, and stories for Quality of Life Community Meetings.
- The City Clerk's office received 102 public records requests in September and closed 109. Our office has received 676 requests this year.
- The City Clerk administered the loyalty oath to seven new employees this week.
- City Clerk staff participated in a legislative advocacy webinar.