

NOTABLE NEWS

Week Ending April 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:

- Administrative Services held their 2nd Annual Administrative Professionals Day event on Wednesday. Thank you for joining us in celebrating our Administrative Professionals!





- Finance

- Accounting is working on the budget and finished the budget presentation for the Special Finance Committee Meeting next Wednesday.
- Human Resources
 - The Risk Team conducted a CPR Training at Mag Rec this week.
 - HR Staff received 2 Risk claims this week.
 - HR Staff held interviews for Development Services Technician I.
 - HR Staff welcomed 3 new employees:
 - Nya Hardaway, Communications Information Specialist
 - Evelyn Perez, Administrative Intern
 - Daniel Rios, Administrative Intern
- IT
 - New wireless WAN cards were installed in Mobile Data Computers to provide cellular network access for patrol cars at the Police Department.
 - Access to view the live security camera feed was provided for users at City Hall.
 - A walkthrough was conducted with the vendor to obtain cost estimates for the fiber installation project at the Animal Shelter and the Landecena Community Building.
 - A meeting was held with Public Works staff to discuss and troubleshoot issues with conference room equipment.
 - The new Animal Services badge project was completed for Human Resources.
 - Meetings were held with vendors to determine the appropriate solution for securing privileged account access.
 - A meeting was held with the Water Department team to discuss costs related to installing site security hardware.

Development Services Department

- During the period of time from April 16th thru April 22nd, the Building & Safety Division completed 115 building inspections, issued 39 building permits, and plan checked 14 sets of construction plans.
- Planning Division staff reviewed 10 new zoning clearances for new businesses in the City, this included a change of ownership for Red Devil pizza at 907 W. Foothill Blvd.
- On April 22, 2026, the Planning Commission met and took the following actions:
- Workshop on an ordinance to allow an additional deed-restricted accessory dwelling unit on residential lots larger than 15,000 square feet.
- Approved a Development Plan Review to establish the site design, architectural design and landscape design for a 1,490 square foot drive-through coffee shop (Black Rock Coffee) on a 0.68-acre out-parcel, located at 1382 E. Foothill Boulevard.
- Revocation Hearing on the Conditional Use Permit for 3rd Base sports bar, which previously approved by the Planning Commission on September 23, 2015 to establish and operate a 1,774 square foot sports bar, with a Type 48 On-Sale Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) license for the sale of beer, wine and distilled spirits, located at 914-916 N. Central Avenue. The Planning Commission decided to note revoke the CUP, but allow the applicant within 30-days to submit an application to amend the CUP's conditions of approval to address the issue that were raised by Upland Police Department .
- Recommended Approval to the City Council on Specific Plan Amendment No. 4 to the Historic Downtown Upland Specific Plan regarding modification consisting of text and map changes to

Section 5(D)(7) (Citrus Transportation District), Table 5-1 (Permitted Land Uses), Section 5(H) (Definitions), and other minor revisions. These amendments include:

- 1. Add New Development Standards for Properties Adjacent to East 9th Street within the Citrus Transportation District to address building height, setbacks, architectural design, access, and compatibility with the adjacent Pleasant View single-family residential neighborhood.
- 2. Update the Definitions Section to include new and refined land use definitions, including but not limited to “Unique Retail”, “Brewery (Craft Brewery/Microbrewery)”, and “Light Industrial”, “restaurant” and “bars” to better reflect contemporary uses and provide clearer regulatory guidance.
- 3. Revise Permit Terminology to ensure consistency with the Upland Municipal Code, including replacing “Minor Conditional Use Permit” with “Administrative Use Permit.”
- 4. Update Land Use Terminology by replacing “Second Dwelling Unit” with “Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU)” consistent with State law and current City regulations.
- 5. Amend the Permitted Land Use Table (Table 5-1) to reflect updated definitions and permit classifications.
- Land Development and Transportation finalized Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities grant application for submittal to Southern California Association of Governments.
- Land Development and Transportation coordinated material submittals with contractor for Tom Thomas Magnolia Plaza.
- Land Development and Transportation coordinated the meeting with the Colonies Partners on median maintenance issue.
- Land Development and Transportation reviewed and approved the civil plans for the San Antonio Regional Hospital Maternity Ward addition.
- Land Development and Transportation issued an encroachment permit to Ferreira Power West to replace a deteriorated transmission pole.
- Land Development & Transportation issued 10 (ten) encroachment permits to SOCALGAS for various locations city wide.
- Land Development and Transportation assisted RCCI dba Ramirez Company in securing a Fire Hydrant Water meter.
- Land Development reviewed a total of 5 (five) Building permits at various locations in the city for easements, waste management and utility services.
- Housing staff conducted a preconstruction meeting with the contractor and property owner of a Multi-Family Rehabilitation Program participant and issued the notice to proceed.
- Housing staff collaborated with Code Enforcement on a property in need of assistance to resolve deferred maintenance code violations.
- Economic Development Staff received and will initiate an eligibility review for a Business Attraction and Assistance Program application for Iron and Kiln Café seeking to locate in Downtown Upland.
- Economic Development staff provided Upland marketing brochures and swag to the San Bernardino County Economic Development Agency staff to share at their booth during the Las Vegas International Council of Shopping Center (ICSC) conference in May.
- Economic Development staff provided the Upland Farmer's Market operator information on no-cost business resources from the Small Business Development Center (SBDC) to share with the market vendors to help their business grow.
- Economic Development staff coordinated with HdL Companies for sending out an email blast seeking Upland businesses to apply for the Discover Upland Business Spotlight Video Series. As a result, we received a total of 17 businesses wishing to participate in the Business Spotlight Video Series.

- Economic Development staff provided the San Antonio Regional Hospital (SARH) their annual lease payment amount, with CPI escalation, for the use of the City-owned flood control channel area, south of San Bernardino Avenue, for parking purposes.
- Staff is notifying the applicants and scheduling Planning Commission Interviews, in which there are 2 upcoming vacancies.
- Staff held interviews for the Development Services Technician.

Fire Department:

- Station Tour at Station 161 for Rooted Learning

Police Department:

- Over the past week, Impact officers made several arrests relating to narcotics violations, trespassing, and outstanding warrants.
- Over the past week, the Quality of Life Team proactively located and collected 13 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 48 new cases across the city and closed 38 existing cases. Code Enforcement also made several proactive advisals on code violations and blight matters they came across. These proactive initiatives help maintain a beautiful city and advance the mission of UPD and the City.
- Over the past week, our Homeless Services team made several outreach contacts and successfully got two individuals placed into substance abuse treatment.
- On April 17, officers were dispatched to a business in the 1900 block of N. Campus Avenue regarding two subjects inside concealing property. Officers contacted both suspects and an additional suspect as they walked out of the business. After the investigation, officers learned that all three suspects had stolen items from the business. All three suspects were arrested and booked at the West Valley Detention Center for theft and drug-related charges.
- On April 18, officers responded to a critical missing person on Pluma St. The 17-year-old juvenile with a mental illness was causing disturbance in the home before running away, which he had never done before. Officers quickly arrived on the scene and began checking the area. The juvenile was located about a mile away from his home, and his family was notified.
- April 19, dispatch received a report of a carjacking. The suspect told the victim to exit the vehicle while keeping his hands in the front pocket of his hoodie and making gestures that led the victim to believe he was armed. The victim's phone and purse were inside the vehicle at the time of the carjacking. With the help of Upland dispatch, officers obtained the cell phone GPS location. At approximately 0803 hours, the vehicle was located in the 1800 block of Raymond Avenue. The vehicle was unoccupied, subsequently recovered, and returned to the victim. The detective bureau is investigating several leads to capture the outstanding suspects.
- On April 19, officers worked an ABC grant, specifically looking for open container violations. Several parks and bar parking lots were walked, with one person being cited.
- On April 19, officers and Code Enforcement attended the annual Earth Day celebration event.
- On April 22, Traffic officers witnessed a driver crash into a fire hydrant in the parking lot of a grocery store in the 2100 blk of W. Baseline Rd. The driver was backing her car out of the lot when she struck another parked car, then continued into the hydrant, shearing it off and

spraying water into the parking lot. The driver was not injured, so Traffic officers took a crash report for the damaged property and contacted the Fire Department to shut off the water.

- On April 23, officers assisted CalTrans and CHP with a cleanup along the 10 Freeway between San Antonio Avenue and Mountain Avenue.

Public Works Department:

- **PW Engineering-Capital**

- 11th Street Signal Beacon & Alley Improvements: Notice of Completion (NOC) is scheduled for City Council consideration on 4/27/26.
- 19th Street Rehabilitation and Utility Improvements (Mountain to Euclid) Staff is reviewing the preliminary environmental report. Staff met with the traffic consultant on 4/15/26 to provide feedback on potential traffic calming concepts. Staff is beginning preparations for a community meeting to discuss preliminary design concepts.
- Downtown Public Parking Lot Improvement (SWC of Arrow Highway & 3rd Ave.) Staff is completing the civil design drawings and specifications, along with a new way-finding sign rendering and anticipate beginning the public bidding process early next month.
- Electric Vehicle Charging Stations at Public Works: Trenching for the new electrical conduits continues. Benson gate access is open but will be subject to intermittent closures during trenching, conduit installation, and backfill across this area. Advance notice will be emailed
- out to everyone as the need arises.
- Euclid Avenue & Railroad Crossing Striping Warranty Improvements: SBCTA's contractor will be performing warranty related striping improvements on Euclid Avenue at the railroad crossing overnight on Thursday, 4/23/26.
- Foothill Blvd. Rehabilitation (Benson Ave. to Redding Way) Water service connections and hydrant laterals are being installed south of the #2 eastbound lane, between Benson and Mountain. Staff is reviewing signing and striping submittals.
- Generator Installation for Water Plant 2 and Plant 6: Notice of Completion (NOC) is scheduled for City Council consideration on 4/27/26.
- Mountain Avenue Rehabilitation (20th to 23rd) The RFQ issued for surveying services is due back to Engineering staff on 4/22/26 @ 10:00 a.m.
- Mulberry Ave. Rehabilitation and Water Improvements (Foothill to Pine St.) On 4/13/26 City Council approved a contract change order with Gentry Brothers, Inc. to construct roadway and water utility improvements. Specific improvements include a new 8" CML&C water main, service laterals, and fire hydrants; reconstruction of asphalt concrete pavement; replacement of displaced concrete curbs, gutters, sidewalks, curb ramps, driveways, cross gutters, spandrels; and replacement of traffic striping and markings.
- Pavement Management Program: On 4/14/26 Engineering staff provided a PowerPoint presentation to the Public Works Committee regarding the current status of the pavement management program. On 4/27/26 staff is scheduled to present the PowerPoint presentation to the City Council.
- Traffic Signal Improvements at San Antonio Avenue & 16th Street: Engineering staff are reviewing the final plans and preparing the construction documents for public bidding.

- **PW Operations**

- The Ops team is continuing the 'Beautification Project' on San Antonio Avenue which include pressure washing & removed graffiti from various locations. Crews also installed signs, removed debris, and put up the Lemon Festival banner in Downtown Upland.











- **PW Utilities**
 - Average daily water produced for the week: 14.802 Million Gallons per Day
 - San Antonio Water Treatment Plant: 1.935 Million Gallons per Day
 - Import surface water purchased from WFA : 2.000 Million Gallons per Day
 - Ground water sources: 10.867 Million Gallons per Day
- **Recreation and Community Services**
 - 3 facility reservations scheduled for this week.
 - 46 participants boarded a deluxe motorcoach and headed to Village Square in downtown Fallbrook for the annual Avocado Festival. Guests enjoyed a wide variety of vendors, delicious food trucks, artisanal crafts, contests, beer garden and live music. Fun extended to the Artisan Walk on Alvarado, an exciting artist venue featuring unique, handmade items from talented artisans. Led by Kim.
 - Virtual Bingo is happening tomorrow night—and it's already a full house! Thirty participants will enjoy a fun night from the comfort of their own home with multiple games, giving participants plenty chances to win exciting prizes. Led by Kim.
 - Puzzle Palooza is officially full and happening Friday evening! Teams of up to four (adult & family) will gather at the Magnolia Recreation Center for our annual Spring Puzzle Palooza — where speed, teamwork, and fun come together for a chance to win prizes. Teams will race to complete a 500-piece, spring-themed puzzle in under two hours, and

the fastest team to finish accurately will be crowned our Puzzle Palooza champions! A popular event each year – don't be the missing "piece" next year! Led by Kathy.

- The excitement heats up this summer! Food vendors are locked in for Moonlight & Music at Magnolia Park, serving up everything from personal pizzas and flavorful tacos to juicy smashburgers, cool frozen treats, and sweet mini donuts—perfect for a warm evening under the stars. Join us on Thursday nights beginning June 11, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. for this lively concert series filled with great music, delicious bites, and summer vibes. Stay tuned—the full summer lineup is coming soon! Led by Nadine & Kim.
- **Makers Art Market**
Over 20-Local Creators & Artist were on hand this past Saturday selling a variety of one-of-a-kind handmade home décor and unique treasures. Thank you to Drake & John for leading this event!



- **Tasty Mingle Cooking Social**
A great time was had by all who attended the Tasty Mingle Cooking Social. Participants learned how to make a creamy roasted red pepper with chicken meal and enjoyed dining together. Thank you to Olga & Fabrizio who led this event.





City Manager's Office:

- The City Manager met with new employee – Communications Information Specialist, Nya Hardaway
- Public information outreach this past week included social media postings for Planning Commission Meeting, Finance Committee Meeting Cancellation, Earth Day and Arbor Day report out, stories for last day to turn in detergent bottles and raffle winner, LinkedIn posts for [National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week](#), [Police Department Promotions](#), and [Admin Professionals Day](#) celebration. City Clerk staff conducted NextRequest training for City Staff.
- The Deputy City Clerk conducted the final NextRequest training for city staff. We are set to go live with the software on Monday, May 4th.
- The City Clerk administered the oath of office to three new employees this week.
- City Clerk staff attended a regional city clerk networking lunch.
- CPS returned boxes of scanned records and picked up the next batch of records for scanning. The total number of boxes scanned to date is 1,021. CPS picked up an additional 139 boxes for scanning including our microfiche building plans.