

NOTABLE NEWS

Week Ending February 19, 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:

- Finance
 - Accounting staff have finalized the Mid-Year Budget report going to Council on Monday. Attention is now shifting to work on the two-year budget for FY 2026/27 and FY 2027/28.
- Human Resources
 - HR congratulated Curtis Clesceri as he prepares to welcome his new baby! We wanted to share our excitement for him and his growing family by gifting him a baby basket! It features a cute Upland onesie, diapers and wipes. Congratulations Curtis!
 - Team members from HR and Public Works attended a Job Fair at Upland High School.
 - HR staff received 1 Worker's Comp claim this week.
 - HR Staff welcomed 1 new employee:
 - Oliver Rocha – Utility Worker I – Water
 - HR Staff announced 1 recruitment
 - Utilities Manager
 - Police Cadet
- IT
 - Coordination with the Verizon account representative resulted in several cellular accounts being moved to lower-cost 5G plans and the disconnection of unused plans.
 - A new wireless access point was installed and configured to boost Wi-Fi coverage at the Police Department.
 - Cellular data connectivity issues affecting laptops in patrol vehicles were resolved for the Police Department.
 - Staff collaboration with the California Department of Technology to renew the City's Office 365 contract, and the item was placed on the agenda for Council approval.
 - Staff attended a meeting with a new app vendor and work order app vendor to discuss system integration.
 - Collaboration with a vendor was completed to securely provide 200 GB of historical data for import into the new Code Enforcement application.
 - Finalization of the division budget was completed by staff.

Development Services Department

- During the period of time from February 12th thru February 18th, the Building & Safety Division completed 158 building inspections, issued 30 building permits, and plan checked 20 sets of construction plans.
- Planning Division staff reviewed 14 new zoning clearances for new businesses in the City.
- The Director and Planning Division staff met with Upland Heritage representatives to discuss historic preservation topics of importance and on-going projects.

- Planning Division staff attended a lunchtime learning webinar, hosted by the California Preservation Foundation, on the development history, historic preservation efforts, and preservation techniques related to Carnegie Libraries, of which our own local Upland Carnegie Library was included.
- The Director and Planning Division staff met with Michael Baker International as part of on-going planning meetings related to the Division's projects on the development of Object Design Standards and an ADU Bonus Program.
- Planning Division is releasing a community visual preference survey, seeking input from residents, property owners, business owners, developers, and interested stakeholders on desirable architecture and building design elements for multi-family residential development, which will aid in developing local Objective Design Standards for future development projects. This can be taken at: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/UplandODS_VisualPreferenceSurvey
- Land Development and Transportation Division approved revision #2 to the grading plans for the Foothill Storage project located at 1382 E Foothill Blvd. The project is revising the grading to accommodate a Southern California Edison transformer.
- Land Development and Transportation Division coordinated with developers for the bond reduction of the Rose Glen Specific Plan development containing 64 condo units located at 1400 Arrow Hwy.
- Land Development and Transportation Division coordinated with developers of the new Starbucks coffee shop at College Park, located at 2430 W Arrow Route, for their third grading plan check and Water Quality Management Plan agreement.
- Land Development and Transportation Division received grading and street improvement mylars for review and signature of the Villa Serena project located at the 15th Steet Basin.
- Land Development and Transportation Division provided clarification and special provisions on equipment recommendations for the signal upgrade at Monte Vista Ave and Arrow Route to the engineers of the Claremont McKenna College Sports Bowl project.
- Land Development and Transportation received peak-hour turning movement counts for the intersection of San Antonio and 11th Street.
- Land Development and Transportation coordinated with vendors to order new traffic signal poles and LED stop signs.
- The Weed Abatement Program inspected 10,000 parcels as of 2/19/2026.
- Housing Staff conducted comprehensive eligibility reviews for two applicants participating in the Emergency Repairs Program. As part of this process, staff reviewed the submitted documentation, verified program qualifications, and identified outstanding items necessary to complete the review. Formal correspondence was prepared and issued to both applicants outlining the missing and/or additional documentation required to proceed toward final eligibility determination.
- Housing Staff confirmed the eligibility of two Emergency Repairs Program participants whose applications were deemed complete and compliant with program guidelines. Pre-inspections were subsequently scheduled for these approved participants for next week to assess property conditions and determine the full scope of work required under the program.
- The Director and Economic Development staff met with representatives of 42nd Street Bagel to discuss their application submission for the Business Attraction and Assistance Program. The meeting included a detailed review of program requirements, eligibility criteria, required documentation, and anticipated project timelines. Staff also discussed project-specific details, potential funding considerations, compliance obligations, and next steps to ensure the

application advances through the review process. The business owners indicated that they are planning to have a soft opening during the week of February 23rd.

- Economic Development staff participated in the bi-weekly Upland Irish Festival meeting for discussion and coordination.
- Economic Development staff reserved the Carnegie for the upcoming Historic Downtown Upland (HDU) annual board meeting, which is set for March 3rd at 6:00 p.m., to discuss HDU's upcoming activities and conduct their board elections.
- Economic Development staff participated in a meeting with Discover Inland Empire to discuss the upcoming travel industry and Route 66 Expo events.
- Staff submitted a draft FY26/27 & 27/28 budget to Finance for review.
- Staff reviewed and reconciled the Successor Agency's Prior Period Adjustment for the Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule with the County.
- Staff requested a time extension with the County Board of Supervisors for their contribution of funds that were used for the Downtown Parking Structure plans.
- Staff is in the beginning phase of designing our Decision Engine, a software overlay to our permitting software that will help the public more easily navigate to the correct application.
- Staff posted the notice of cancellation for the Planning Commission scheduled for 2/25/26.

Police Department:

- The Impact team contacted a subject in the 100 block of N. Euclid Avenue. The subject was found to be in possession of methamphetamine and was arrested. The team responded to a complaint of people trespassing in the 1300 block of E. 9th Street. Two subjects were arrested for trespassing. Upland Police Department Homeless Services found placement for one individual at a substance use treatment facility.
- On February 13, Traffic officer stopped a teenager who was riding an electric bicycle in the area of 13th Street and San Antonio Avenue at a high rate of speed. The officer learned that the bicycle had been made to look like an electric bicycle, but was in fact an electric motorcycle capable of traveling in excess of 60 MPH. The teenager was cited and the e-motorcycle was impounded.
- On February 14, officers were dispatched to a suspicious circumstances call at a residence. The caller said he saw two subjects enter his elderly neighbor's yard. When officers arrived on the scene, they contacted a male running away from the house. A perimeter was established around the area. The Drone First Responder (DFR) drone was used to check the area including the backyard. Officers checked the backyard and could not locate the second suspect. The first subject was arrested for prowling.
- On February 14, officers were dispatched to the area of Euclid Avenue and the railroad tracks regarding a homeless male subject seen holding a gun. Officers arrived and located the subject on the railroad tracks. Officers were able to safely detain the suspect and found to be in possession of a BB gun. The suspect was arrested and booked at the West Valley Detention Center for various drug related charges.
- On February 17, the Detective Bureau assisted a Federal Task Force to locate and arrest a subject wanted for international smuggling and immediately began to search the area where the suspect was believed to be. Upon locating the suspect, the Detective Bureau coordinated with officers from the traffic and patrol divisions to apprehend the suspect without incident, and he was subsequently taken into custody by the Federal Task Force.

- On February 17, the Detective Bureau assisted the patrol division with the identification of a suspect and his vehicle after he shot at another motorist during a road rage incident in the area of Foothill Blvd and Monte Vista Avenue. The suspect was located and arrested later that same day, and the Detective Bureau obtained a search warrant for his vehicle where evidence related to the shooting was recovered. He was subsequently booked at the West Valley Detention Center.
- On February 17, officers responded to a residence in the 2000 block of N. Euclid for a family disturbance. Officers ultimately detained a male due to a mental health crisis and took him to a behavioral health hospital.
- On February 17th, three subjects were contacted at Memorial Park. All three were cited for being in the park after hours.
- On February 17, officers responded to a collision in the 1200 block of E. 9th Street. Officers learned the intoxicated driver crashed into a parked vehicle. He was arrested and booked for DUI.

Public Works Department:

- **PW Engineering – Capital**
 - 19th Street Rehabilitation and Utility Improvements (Mountain to Euclid) Staff report and professional services agreement with Huitt-Zollars has been prepared and submitted for City Council consideration on 2/23/26.
 - Alpine / Vernon / Palm Rehabilitation: NOC tentatively scheduled for 3/9/26.
 - Baldy View Park ADA Improvements: ADA improvements are underway consisting of concrete path of travel improvements and installation of new accessible benches. The work is being coordinated with the Operations Division annual turf maintenance. Three new ADA tables were delivered on 2/16/26.
 - Foothill Blvd. Rehabilitation (Benson Ave. to Redding Way) Due to the heavy storms that rolled through this week, the water main construction was pushed back 1 week.
 - Foothill Blvd. SCE Rule 20A Electrical Undergrounding Project (Benson Ave. to Central Ave.) Electrical lateral tie-overs to the businesses is complete. SCE distribution poles on the north side of Foothill have been topped. Communications tie-overs remain (telephone, cable, etc.)
 - Generator Installation for Water Plant 2 and Plant 6: Contractor is addressing punch list items and coordinating final inspection.
 - San Antonio Canyon Water Treatment Plant Filter Upgrade: On 2/11/26 staff met with the contractor on site to discuss coordination and scheduling of the rehab work.
- **PW Operations**
 - Operation crews have been busy with the after affects from this week's rainstorm which resulted in many fallen trees & limbs as well as debris clean up throughout the city.













- **PW Utilities**
 - Average daily water produced for the week: 14.448 Million Gallons per Day
 - San Antonio Water Treatment Plant: 0 Million Gallons per Day (Offline for the Season)
 - Import surface water purchased from WFA : 2.028 Million Gallons per Day
 - Ground water sources: 12.42 Million Gallons per Day
 - On February 17, 2026, Brandon Morales and Allison Now attended the SoCal Trades Tour event at Upland High School to represent the City of Upland. During the event, they provided guidance to high school students about potential career paths and future employment opportunities within the City of Upland, offering insight into public service roles and professional development in local government.
- **Recreation**
 - 5 reservations scheduled for this week.
 - Thirty residents will spend their Thursday evening enjoying a night of fun from the comfort of home with Upland Recreation & Community Services. A variety of games will be played throughout the evening, giving everyone multiple chances to win exciting prizes! Led by Kim.
 - Staff have been hard at work collecting generous donations from local businesses for the 4th Annual Egg Streme Egg Hunt for Adults and the 2nd Annual Bark'n Bone-Anza Egg Hunt for Dogs. Food vendors have now been secured for both events. The team has also been busy stuffing eggs with raffle tickets and creating Instant Win tickets, giving participants the chance to take home some fantastic prizes! Led by Kim and Nadine.
 - Recreation recently held a Valentines themed all-staff training covering strategic planning, social media, and park facility reservation customer service and procedures.

The session focused on evaluating current operations, identifying future needs, establishing a plan and direction, and customer service.

- A great time was had by all at last week's Jukebox Valentines Hoedown! Over 45-seniors came dressed in their best Valentine Western attire, danced the evening away and enjoyed refreshments. Thank you to the entire team for making this such a fun event!

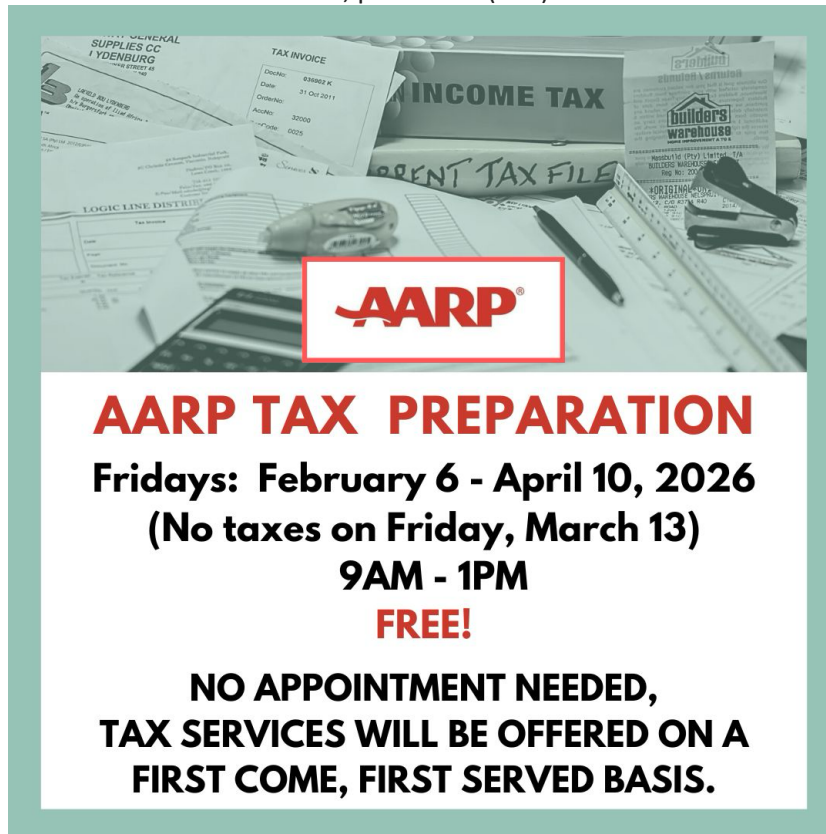




- In recognition of Lunar New Year, the Gibson Senior Center celebrated the year of the Fire Horse by wishing everyone good luck during the FSA Lunch Program. Thank you to Fabrizio for all his effort in putting this event together.



- AARP Tax Counselors will be providing free Tax Preparation Services to the community beginning Friday, February 6 – April 10, 2026, from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. No appointment necessary, walk-ins are welcome and offered on a first come, first serve basis . For more information, please call (909) 981-4501.

A graphic for AARP Tax Preparation. The top half shows a collage of tax-related documents: a 'TAX INVOICE' from 'GENERAL SUPPLIES CC HYDENBURG', a 'LOGIC LINE DISTRI...', a 'builder's warehouse' receipt, and a 'RENT TAX FILE' folder. A red box with the 'AARP' logo is centered over the documents. Below the collage, the text reads: 'AARP TAX PREPARATION', 'Fridays: February 6 - April 10, 2026 (No taxes on Friday, March 13)', '9AM - 1PM', 'FREE!', and 'NO APPOINTMENT NEEDED, TAX SERVICES WILL BE OFFERED ON A FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED BASIS.'

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City Manager's Office:

- The City Manager attended the State of the Region.
- The City Manager attended the West End Mayors Roundtable.
- Public information outreach this past week included social media postings for Presidents Day, Public Works Sewer Division Catch Basin Cleaning, Weed Abatement Inspections Begin, and stories for Friends of Upland Animal Shelter Fundraiser at Patra Dining, High Wind Advisory, Sandbag Availability.
- The City Clerk administered the loyalty oath to one new employee this week.