

# NOTABLE NEWS

Week Ending March 5, 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
  - For the month of February:
    - Customer Service processed 921 utility payments totaling \$160,312 and 114 animal licenses totaling \$4,074
    - 1,466 past due accounts were notified and billed a \$15.75 Delinquent Fee
- Human Resources
  - HR staff received 1 new claim for Risk this week.
  - HR Staff welcomed 4 new employees:
    - Steven Flores, Police Officer Trainee
    - Andrea Ruiz-Miquiorena, Police Dispatcher I
    - Mayra Mendez, Police Dispatcher II
    - Albert Guerrero, Maintenance Coordinator
  - HR Staff announced 1 recruitment:
    - Senior Administrative Assistant
- IT
  - Staff attended a kickoff meeting for a new application that will provide automated responses to residents related to their contact with the Police Department.
  - Integration of a new cloud security platform with the California Department of Technology was completed.
  - Access to Microsoft services was restored following a brief outage impacting all departments.
  - A meeting was held with Facilities staff to troubleshoot a security camera issue at Memorial Park.
  - A successful pilot run was confirmed for new automation changes to the electronic rideshare program.
  - New user orientation was provided at the Police Department.
  - Staff attended a demonstration of a cybersecurity training and awareness application.
  - Staff worked with CENIC to renew the E-Rate internet contract.

## **Development Services Department**

- During the period of time from February 26th thru March 4th, the Building & Safety Division completed 130 building inspections, issued 34 building permits, and plan checked 19 sets of construction plans.
- Planning Division staff reviewed 7 new zoning clearances for new businesses in the City, including a change of ownership for Bruster's Ice Cream, located at 2440 W Arrow Route, Unit 5A.
- Planning Division, Housing and Land Development/Engineering staff met with the WPH Holdings on their approved affordable housing projects known as "Magnolia Villas" and "Euclid Villas"

located on the north side of Stowell Street, to provide information and support as they prepare an application for the Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities (AHSC) grant with the Strategic Growth Council/California Department of Housing and Community Development.

- Planning Division staff approved Special Event Permits for the Downtown Farmer's Market, held on Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in Downtown Upland; and the Irish Festival planned for Friday, March 13, 2026 from 5:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. and Saturday, March 14, 2026 from 11:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m. in the Downtown Upland Area (<https://uplandirishfest.com/>)
- Planning Division staff met with Michael Baker International as part of coordination efforts for the upcoming Objective Design Standards Community Workshop, planned for Tuesday, March 10th, at 6:30 p.m. in the Carnegie Library at 123 D Street. The purpose of Objective Design Standards is for developers to know beforehand what design requirements apply to a proposed multi-family residential development and for the applicant to be able to design a project that meets those requirements before making a formal submittal to the City. Additional information on the Planning Division's development of Objective Design Standards can be found on the City's website, at <https://uplandca.gov/objective-design-standards>.
- The Planning Division is running a community visual preference survey, seeking input from residents, property owners, developers, and interested stakeholders on desirable architecture and building designs for multi-family residential development, which will aid in developing local Objective Design Standards. This can be taken at: [https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/UplandODS\\_VisualPreferenceSurvey](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/UplandODS_VisualPreferenceSurvey)
- Land Development and Transportation Division initiated the purchase of four traffic signal poles for the 16th and San Antonio Traffic Signal project.
- Land Development and Transportation Division released 10 encroachment permits to Southern California Gas Company.
- Land Development and Transportation issued a lane closure permit to Ontario Electric Inc. to install new city banners along Foothill Blvd.
- Land Development and Transportation Division began the precise grading plan checking for the McDonalds project located at the Mountain Green Shopping Center, 253 S Mountain Avenue.
- Land Development and Transportation Division approved and signed lift station mylars for the Claremont McKenna College Robert Campus Sports Bowl project.
- Land Development and Transportation Division's Mobility Master Plan has been submitted to the Inland Empire Chapter of the American Planning Association Awards by consultant KTUA.
- The City of Upland is a direct recipient of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). These funds support the development of viable urban communities by providing decent housing, a suitable living environment, and expanded economic opportunities, particularly for persons with low- and moderate-incomes.
- The City Council Advisory Committee (CCAC) recently met to review applications submitted for the City's annual CDBG allocation and to develop funding recommendations for the upcoming program year. These recommendations will be incorporated into the Project Year 2026–27 Draft Annual Action Plan, which serves as the City's annual CDBG funding application to HUD.
- The Draft Annual Action Plan, including the CCAC's funding recommendations, will be presented to the City Council for consideration at the April 27, 2026 City Council meeting.
- Economic Development Staff prepared and presented the Business Attraction and Assistance Program and the Commercial Rehabilitation Program's Community Development Block Grant Fiscal Year 2026-27 funding request to the Citizen Advisory Committee for funding consideration in next fiscal year budget. Both programs were recommended for funding.

- Housing Staff conducted a bid review analysis and prepared a contact award notice to the lowest bidder for one Multi-Family Rehabilitation Program participant. Staff will meet with the applicant and contractor in the next few weeks to sign contracts and issue a notice to proceed.
- Economic Development staff attended the Historic Downtown Upland (HDU) Board's Annual General Meeting and Election Meeting for an update on HDU's downtown activities and election. The Public Works Department staff presented on solid waste disposal services in the downtown and the Police Department staff presented on safety matters.
- Development Services Director and Economic Development Coordinator presented to the Upland Rotary Club the development highlights and available business resources.
- Economic Development staff participated in the bi-weekly Upland Irish Festival meeting for discussion and coordination. Economic Development staff coordinated with HdL, Business Support Center, for sending an email blast to all downtown businesses relating to the Irish Festival.
- Economic Development staff is excited for the launch of the Ovation School for the Performing Arts video this week as part of the Discover Upland Video Series. Ovation School for the Performing Arts is dedicated to the discovery, education, and development of character and talent.
- Staff resolved issues in our permitting software where some permits were missing charge codes and therefore were held in limbo after the fees were collected.
- Staff continues organizing, cataloging, and removing duplicates from the historic microfilms and preparing for them to be scanned and preserved as a digital record.
- The pre-approved Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) plans are now on the City website and available for Upland Residents use. These pre-approved designs are free to Upland Residents and make it easier and more affordable for homeowners to build small, efficient, and code-compliant ADUs.

#### **Police Department:**


- Within the last week, Code Enforcement issued a citation to a residence in the 800 block of E. 9th Street for parking a vehicle in unimproved parking. Additionally, Code Enforcement retrieved 10 abandoned shopping carts found in the public right-of-way in one day.
- The Impact Team conducted an Alcoholic Beverage Control "Minor Decoy" operation to ensure businesses are not selling alcohol to minors. Employees at three businesses were cited for selling alcohol to a minor. The Impact Team also conducted direct enforcement for alcohol related violations through the Alcoholic Beverage Control grant, and two people were cited for possessing an open container of alcohol in public. Upland Police Department Homeless Services placed one individual in a substance use treatment center.
- Traffic officers conducted extra patrol around Baldy View Elementary School this week for traffic violations. Several drivers were issued traffic citations for making illegal turns within the school zone. Traffic officers also spoke with school staff and developed a cone pattern for 11th St in front of the school that will enhance driver safety in the area.
- On February 27, officers were dispatched to the San Antonio Regional Hospital in reference to a domestic battery. They contacted the victim who said she was in an altercation with her husband. The suspect punched the victim several times and she lost consciousness. The suspect dropped the victim off at the hospital for treatment and left. The suspect later responded to the police station where he was arrested for felony domestic violence.

- On March 1, officers were dispatched to a business in the 1900 block of N. Campus Avenue in regards to a subject who appeared to be intoxicated and was yelling at customers. Officers arrived and contacted the suspect, who was extremely intoxicated. The suspect immediately became belligerent and resisted officers. The suspect was ultimately taken into custody and booked at the West Valley Detention Center for public intoxication and resisting an officer.
- On March 2, officers responded to a business complex at the corner of Mountain Avenue and Arrow Highway for a traffic collision. Officers learned a vehicle lost control while driving in the rear alley, crashed into a dumpster enclosure, and caught fire. The fire was extinguished before it spread to the building - the driver was determined not be under the influence. (see pictures)
- On March 2, officers responded to a residence for an adult female who was going through a mental health crisis and stabbed herself in the leg. The female was transported to a hospital for treatment and evaluation.
- On March 2, officers responded to a residence in the 1400 block of W. Grandview Street for a domestic disturbance. Officers ultimately arrested an adult female for domestic violence.
- On March 3, dispatch received a call of a subject walking around a business complex with a rifle sticking out of his backpack. When Officers arrived on scene, they located the subject and a female who was with him. Officers observed what appeared to be an AR style barrel sticking out of the top of his backpack. Officer made a tactical approach, and the subject was detained without any danger to the public. During their investigation, officers discovered the rifle was in fact a paint ball gun. The subject along with his female companion were taken into custody on unrelated drug charges and booked at the county jail. (see picture)

#### **Public Works Department:**

- **PW Engineering – Capital**
  - 19th Street Rehabilitation and Utility Improvements (Mountain to Euclid) Staff conducted a design kick-off meeting with Huitt-Zollars on 3/04/26.
  - Alpine / Vernon / Palm Rehabilitation: Notice of Completion (NOC) is scheduled for City Council consideration on 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 and installation is scheduled for 3/10/26.
  - Electric Vehicle Charging Stations at Public Works: On 2/9/26 ILB (subcontractor for SCE) installed the new conduit from the transformer to the new meter/switchgear cabinet location. Asplundh scheduled conduit installation to the new charging stations has been rescheduled from early March to mid-April because material delivery (switchgear) has been delayed.
  - Foothill Blvd. Rehabilitation (Benson Ave. to Redding Way) Water main construction continues in the #2 eastbound lane just east of Benson Avenue. On 3/4/26 as part of the "Step Into Public Works" tour, staff showcased the water main construction portion of the Foothill Blvd Rehab Project to various city stakeholders and members of the public.
  - Generator Installation for Water Plant 2 and Plant 6: Contractor is addressing punch list items and coordinating final inspection.
  - Downtown Public Parking Lot Improvement (SWC of Arrow Highway & 3rd Ave.) Staff is completing the civil design drawings and specifications and anticipate beginning the public bidding process in April for construction services.

- **PW Utilities**

-  216 residents disposed of toxic waste at the Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection Center! All San Bernardino County residents are welcome to safely dispose of up to 15 gallons or 125 pounds of household hazardous waste like batteries, medications, and cooking oil almost every Saturday at the City Yard.
- Average daily water produced for the week: 13.138 Million Gallons per Day
- San Antonio Water Treatment Plant: 0 Million Gallons per Day (Offline for the Season)
- Import surface water purchased from WFA : 2.018 Million Gallons per Day
- Ground water sources: 11.12 Million Gallons per Day

- **Recreation and Community Services**

- 7 facility reservations scheduled for this week.
- 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! Currently, we have approximately \$20,000 in prizes for the Egg-Streme Egg Hunt and \$5500 for Bark'n Bone-Anza! Led by Kim and Nadine.
- The Annual Taste of Soul Event was a huge success! Over 100-people attended and enjoyed a delicious soul food meal, performances, music, and great company. Thank you to Drake, Fabrizio & Olga and the entire team who have worked so hard to make this an enjoyable event for all!





- By popular demand, the Gibson will be hosting another Bingo Event, Saturday, March 7th from 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. All are welcome to attend. For more information, please call (909) 981-4501.



- The Gibson is gearing up for the Annual Women’s Conference, Saturday, March 28th, from 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. This year’s theme will be “Women Leading The Way.” Free Fair features will include workshops & vendors, from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. The Lunch & Guest Speaker Forum is \$15.00 per person, which includes a delicious lunch, an informative and inspirational panel of speakers and lots of goodies! Ages 18 & older are welcome to attend. For more information, please call (909) 981-4501.



**City Manager's Office:**

- The City Manager met with new employee – Mayra Mendez, Police Dispatcher II
- The City Management staff attended Step into Public Works Day
- Public information outreach this past week included social media postings for Community Workshop on Objective Design Standards, Friends of Upland Animal Shelter Fur Babies Foster Party, City Council Advisory Committee Meeting, Discover Upland – Ovation School of Performing Arts feature video, and Daylight Saving begins on Sunday.
- The City Clerk administered the loyalty oath to three new employees this week.
- City Clerk staff are in the process of testing our NextRequest PRA Software prior to citywide staff training.
- The City Clerk's office received 40 public records requests in February.