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El Paso County Safe Streets Alliance

El Paso is one of the most rapidly growing of Colorado counties. With this growth comes increasing traffic volume and the potential for commuters to use our neighborhood streets to bypass congestion. El Paso County does not currently benefit from a program to use speed tables, chicanes, roundabouts and other calming measures to slow traffic speed and volume on neighborhood streets.

There's a county proposal to extend Furrow Road South to Higby Road. Once this connection is made, the current traffic volume is forecasted to significantly increase. Three HOAs that border Furrow have formed an initial group to deal with the issues of this extension with the county. The group has created a working document and an El Paso Safe Streets Alliance petition at <https://ceds.org/epssa/>. The petition urges the county commissioners to expand traffic calming measures county-wide.

TLC youth internship opportunities

Do you know a youth who wants to improve their technical skills and contribute to our local community in a meaningful way? If so, Tri-Lakes Cares (TLC) wants to connect with them! Systems Development Internship & Website Development Internship. See <https://tri-lakescares.org/about-tlc/employment/>.

Area code required for local (719) and (970) calls coming in October

Colorado customers with numbers in the 719 and 970 area codes should start dialing 10-digits (area code + telephone number) for all local calls. They will still count as local calls. Beginning Oct. 24, 10 digits will be necessary for all local calls or they will not go through. Check your safety and security alert devices to be sure they are programmed with 10-digit dialing. You can still dial just three digits to reach 711 (relay services) and 911 (emergency services) and other local three-digit services including 211, 311, 411, 511, 611, 711 or 811 are currently available in your community, dial these codes with just three

digits.

Plague in El Paso County

The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) recently (May 2021) confirmed a squirrel tested positive for plague in El Paso County. Plague exists in Colorado year-round, but simple precautions can keep the risk of transmission very low to humans.

Plague is most commonly spread to people by the bite of an infected flea, but it can also be transmitted by infected animals. Plague symptoms include sudden fever, headache, chills, weakness and tender, painful lymph nodes. If caught early, both people and pets can be treated with antibiotics. Precautions for people and their pets include not handling wildlife, keeping pets away from wildlife, treating pets for fleas, not feeding wildlife and reporting sudden die-offs of rodents and rabbits in the community.

The disease was found in animals in areas of Adams and Broomfield counties in 2020, as well as two cases of human plague infection that year. Both people had exposure to sick animals and survived. ■

Our Community Calendar

By the OCN calendar team
We miss Judy Barnes' expert work on the calendar and notices.

If you are interested in helping OCN compile the monthly calendar and notices, please write to calendar@ocn.me.

Although we strive for accuracy in these listings, dates or times are often changed after publication. Please double-check the time and place of any event you wish to attend by calling the info number for that event.

The unpredictability of the COVID-19 situation presents scheduling challenges to area governance entities and other organizations. Because OCN is a monthly publication, readers should assume that information published in this issue is subject to change and event information should be confirmed a day or two before the event by calling the information number or checking the organization's website.

Many entries show dates even though the event has been canceled or suspended. The date indicates when the event was planned to be held or when it would normally have been held.

Please contact calendar@ocn.me with changes and additions.

GOVERNMENTAL BODIES

- **El Paso Board of County Commissioners meeting**, Tue., **June 1**, 9 a.m. view agendas and meetings at www.agendasuite.org/iip/elpaso. Centennial Hall, 200 S. Cascade Ave., Suite 150, Colo. Springs. Meets every Tue. (no meeting June 8) Info: 719-520-6430, www.agendasuite.org/iip/elpaso.
- **El Paso County Planning Commission meeting**, Thu., **June 3 and 17** 1 p.m., live-streamed at elpasoco.com/public-meetings/, Centennial Hall, 200 S. Cascade Ave., Suite 150, Colo. Springs. Meets first & third Thu.(if required). Info: 719-520-6300, <https://planningdevelopment.elpasoco.com/>.
- **Monument Board of Trustees meeting**, Mon., **June 7**, 6:30 p.m., Town Hall Board Room, 645 Beacon Lite Rd., Monument. Normally meets first and third Mon. Info: 719-884-8017, www.townofmonument.org/260/Board-of-Trustees for remote attendance links.
- **Palmer Lake Sanitation District Board meeting**, Wed., **June 9**, 9 a.m., call in only: 650-479-3208, Access Code 76439078, 120 Middle Glenway. Meets second Wed. Info: 719-481-2732. www.plsd.org.
- **Monument Planning Commission meeting**, Wed., **June 9**, 6 p.m. Town Hall Board Room, 645 Beacon Lite Rd., Monument. Meets second Wed. To see the options for remote public participation in each meeting, visit www.townofmonument.org/263/Planning-Commission-Board-of-Adjustment. Info: 719-884-8028. www.townofmonument.org.
- **Monument Academy School Board meeting**, Thu., **June 10**, 6 p.m., see website for YouTube meeting link. Meets Second Thu. Info: 719-481-1950, www.monumentacademy.net/school-board/board-meeting-minutes/.
- **Palmer Lake Town Council meeting**, Thu., **June 10**, 6 p.m., Palmer Lake Town Hall, 28 Valley Crescent. Meets second Thu. Info: 719-481-2953, www.townofpalmerlake.com.

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- **D38 District Accountability Advisory Committee (DAAC)**, usually meets five times per school year on the second Tue. Oct., Nov., Jan., Feb., and Apr. www.youtube.com/user/LPSDCommunity. Info: 719.481.9546, vwood@lewispalmer.org.
- **Woodmoor Water & Sanitation District Board meeting**, Mon., **June 14**, 1 p.m., 1845 Woodmoor Dr., Monument. Meets second Mon. Info: 719-488-2525, www.woodmoorwater.com.
- **Tri-Lakes Wastewater Facility Joint Use Committee meeting**, Tue., **June 15**, 10 a.m., 16510 Mitchell Ave. Meets second Tue. Info: Bill Burks, 719-481-4053.
- **Wescott Fire Protection District Board meeting**, Tue.,

- June 15**, 4 p.m. Station 1, 15415 Gleneagle Dr. For a virtual meeting, the phone number is 669-900-9128, and the meeting code is 980 378 2073. Meetings are usually on the third Tuesday. For information, call Executive Administrator Stacey Popovich at 719-488-8680 or see www.wescottfire.org.
- **Monument Sanitation District Board meeting**, Wed, **June 16**, 9 a.m., 130 Second St. Zoom meeting. Find joining instructions on the website. Meets third Wed. Info: 719-481-4886, www.colorado.gov/msd.
- **Academy Water and Sanitation District Board meeting**, Wed., **June 16**, 6 p.m. Public can join the Skype meeting: <https://join.skype.com/PAcujKTn7Nrh>. Check the website for a link: <https://academywsd.colorado.gov/notices->

Judith M. Barnes

1944-2021



Randy and Judy in 2012

Judith M. Barnes, a long-time volunteer and contributor to *Our Community News* (OCN), died May 6, 2021, at her home in Marina del Rey, California. The cause of death was breast cancer metastasis exacerbated by Myelodysplastic Syndrome (MDS). Previously, Judy had twice been treated for breast cancer and had recently enrolled in a clinical trial for MDS treatment when she received word that her breast cancer had metastasized to her cerebellum and lungs. She evaluated her options and ultimately decided to enter hospice care on March 19. Her peaceful passing was in the residence she loved, in the presence of her loving husband Randy (aka George).

Judy was part of the group that first met in 2001 to brain-storm the formation of a newsletter for discussing and reporting on events in the Tri-Lakes region. That newsletter evolved into OCN. As were most of the volunteers in those fledging years, she was on hand to do everything required in order to report, edit, print, and disseminate OCN. Following relocation to California in 2004, she continued to contribute her skills and talents by becoming the events editor, updating the monthly community calendar and notices sections. It was a responsibility she took very seriously and a role she truly relished.

Judy was born March 14, 1944, in upstate New York, the first child of an Army Medical Services officer and a Yale-educated classical pianist. Following WWII, her pharmacist father settled the family in Groton, Connecticut, where Judy and her two younger sisters and a brother enjoyed idyllic childhoods living and boating on the Thames River, and watching the Navy's nuclear submarines go in and out of port.

In 1959, Judy's father was diagnosed with glioblastoma cancer of the brain, and died that year. It was a devastating blow to the young family. Afterwards, Judy's mother moved the family to California where other family relations were living. Following high school and a few odd jobs, Judy spent a year in the early 60's on a kibbutz in Israel. After a brief first marriage, she bore a son in 1966 and spent many years as a single mother raising him. She was one of the first female postal workers in San Francisco and was assigned a route that was hilly and difficult because the men thought it was too strenuous. For Judy, however, it was perfect because she was high-energy and zoomed through her deliveries and then headed home early to be with her son.

On a whim in the mid-80's Judy moved to Colorado Springs, where she obtained a Bachelor of Science

degree in Biology, and a Masters Degree in Education from Colorado College. She later worked as a book editor, full-time teacher, and substitute teacher in El Paso and Douglas Counties. Around this time, she married a second time and moved to the Monument area where she and her husband built a home in the countryside. He died from brain cancer in the mid-90's.

The next chapter in Judy's life began in the summer of 1997 when Randy Barnes badly misread and replied to a personals ad she had place in a Denver newspaper. She thought his response was humorous and worthy of a visit so, a rendezvous was arranged and they met in the parking lot of the Village Inn restaurant in Monument. Seven months later they married and shortly thereafter he retired from the Navy.

In 2003, Judy received her first diagnose of breast cancer and sought treatment at the University of Denver Medical Center in Aurora. In 2004, following her treatment, she decided to return to southern California to be closer to her mother and siblings and their families. Her decision to live in a marina was an obvious desire to connect to the joy she felt as a young girl living on the Thames River in Groton. She continued her teaching and substitute teaching jobs, and in her free time she became involved with a women's breast cancer dragon boat rowing team that traveled to various competitions and venues. Judy loved being on the water and teaching, and when dragon boating became too much of a travel hardship, she switched to open-ocean outrigger canoeing. She loved teaching the younger kids how to paddle. She also was active with her son in delivering "Meals on Wheels."

In 2017, Judy traveled to Bath, England, to be with her younger sister who had been diagnosed with ovarian cancer and has since passed away. After several months helping her sister and sister's family, Judy returned home and shortly thereafter was informed that the breast cancer she thought had been removed almost 15 years earlier now had come back. Her remaining years were ones of dogged determination to do everything she could to outlive her prognosis, and whatever it took, no matter how uncomfortable or painful, she cheerfully accepted. Sadly, in the end, the disease won out.

Left to grieve her passing are her husband of 24 years, her son, her surviving sister and her sister's husband, her brother and his wife, numerous nephews, nieces, cousins, and many wonderful friends, admirers, and OCN colleagues. We will always remember her warmth, kindness, and sincerity.



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