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- Sunday August 16th, hound exercise at Woodland with Spring Creek Bassets afterward
- September 7th labor day, hound exercise at Woodland, pig roast afterward

More fun to follow with hunting in the fall! To get involved, call Patti Meroni at 847-651-1235 or email her at [meronilaw@ameritech.net](mailto:meronilaw@ameritech.net).

The horse show season is also gearing up in Barrington Hills, with the successful completion of the Fox River Valley Pony Club Mini Event in May and preparations underway for the Pony Club's Horse Trials in June. Riders from around the region and beyond will be coming to the Barrington Countryside Park District the weekend of June 26 - 28 for the show.

Barrington Hills residents are encouraged to join us for this wonderful event, either by competing your horse, volunteering to help or coming out to enjoy the fantastic riding and beautiful countryside with friends and neighbors. Check out the horse trials web site at [www.frvpchorsetrials.org](http://www.frvpchorsetrials.org) for information on how to get involved. There are so many ways to help – we are looking for cross country jump judges, dressage scribes, a warm up ring steward, show jump crew members and of course sponsors!

Proceeds from the event benefit the educational program of the Pony Club, as well as the purchase and maintenance of the show jumping and cross country jumps and courses at the Riding Center. The cross country course, which has been described as a "jewel in the crown of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County", has been entirely upgraded and maintained through the efforts of the Pony Club and its members. Although the Horse Trials occur over one weekend a year, the rest of the year trail riders, hikers and conservationists enjoy the natural paths the horses gallop across on cross country day. Help us make this great tradition an ongoing success.



Ethan Meister on Coco, taken by Linda Fox

## SIGN OF THE TIMES

During the spring and summer months, large numbers of bicyclists ride throughout the Village of Barrington Hills. A 2008 Police Department survey indicated that bicyclists were a major concern for members of the community. Large groups of bicyclists frequently occupy entire lanes on roadways and impede the normal flow of traffic.

In the interest of public safety for all bicyclists and motorists, the Village recently adopted two new ordinances that pertain to bicycles and their safe operation on roadways. The first is the mandate of single file bicycle riding. This ordinance states that persons riding bicycles upon a *Village maintained roadway* are prohibited from riding side by side and shall only ride single file. Signs have recently been posted on applicable roadways.

The second ordinance is negligent operation of bicycles which states that it shall be unlawful for any person to operate a bicycle upon *any public roadway (Village/County/State)* in a manner which is negligent or creates a risk of bodily injury or damage to or loss of property.

These new ordinances aim to ensure that both bicyclists and motor vehicles can share the roadway in a safe and responsible manner. Any requests for additional information on these ordinances may be directed to Officer Sabas Parada at (847) 551-3006.



## LONGMEADOW PARKWAY

The addition of a four-lane minor arterial road and river crossing that begins at Route 62 in Barrington Hills is being evaluated by Kane County. The Longmeadow Parkway Bridge Corridor is proposed as a four-lane Fox River bridge crossing and four-lane minor arterial roadway with a landscaped median, approximately 5.6 miles in length, to address traffic congestion and transportation needs in northern Kane County. The proposed road passes through portions of the Villages of Algonquin, Carpentersville and Barrington Hills, as well as unincorporated areas of Kane County. The western terminus is on Huntley Road west of Randall Road, approximately 1,300 feet northwest of the Huntley/Boyer intersection. After crossing the river, the corridor parallels existing Bolz Road, to the eastern project terminus at Illinois Route 62 in Barrington Hills.

In the coming months, there will be a meeting of the Kane County Board to further examine the issue. The Kane County Division of Transportation anticipates that they will be called upon to reinstate Phase I engineering, which will outline the right-of-way needed, roadway design requirements, preliminary design of the bridge over the Fox River, subsoil investigations, and drainage and hydraulic requirements. It is expected that the County will receive design approval for the Phase I Engineering from the Illinois Department of Transportation in 2009. The County has been acquiring right-of-way since 2004, and will continue acquiring critical parcels until the available funding is exhausted. If funding were available, it is estimated that the corridor could be open to traffic in approximately 4-5 years. For further information regarding the Longmeadow Parkway you may contact Mr. Steve Coffinbargar, Project Manager, Kane County Division of Transportation, Ph: 630-584-1170, Fax: 630-584-5265, [planningstaff@co.kane.il.us](mailto:planningstaff@co.kane.il.us)