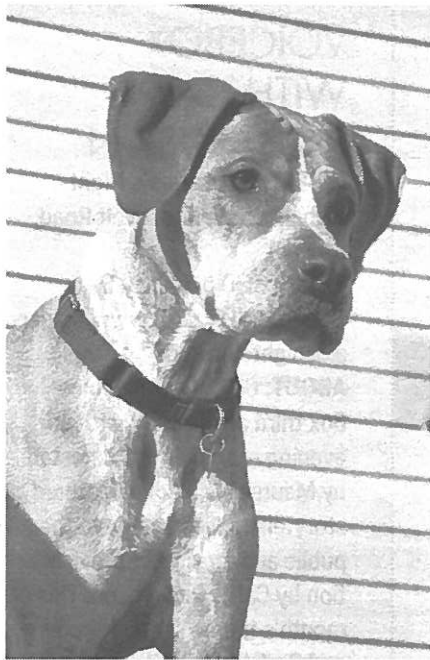


Snuggle up to Ortiz



Amstaphy Dog Photography

The energetic Ortiz can become nervous around loud noises, so he needs a calm, loving environment.

PAWS CHICAGO

Meet Ortiz, a handsome, 1-year-old shepherd mix in search of a loving family to call his own. He can be shy at first but warms up quickly. Ortiz recently spent time in a foster home. He had a blast playing with toys, eating peanut butter, having his paws rubbed and snuggling in his crate. Ortiz is still a young pup with lots of energy and would blossom with patient, adult owners who have time to train him. Since he can become nervous around loud noises, he is seeking a calm environment. Ortiz has a big heart and is just waiting for his chance to share it with someone.

As a benefit of his adoption, PAWS is offering a year of free Merrick Pet Care dog food, one year of free wellness care at PAWS Chicago's Medical Center and free dog training at the PAWS Chicago Training Center.

Ortiz is available for adoption or foster care. Learn more about fostering or adopting him at pawschicago.org or 773-935-PAWS.

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to take one position for a short period of time and get a pension, move to another position and get another pension, work at the school and get another pension. This is horrible, and we're supporting these idiots that aren't even doing their jobs? How can this be changed? I mean, there should be some law that prevents them from stealing so much money from the system. No wonder we're in such problems.

Lights can deter prowlers

I'm calling in response to the caller who complained about outdoor lights being left on all night. Many years ago, I had a prowler on my property, and when I called the police, and they very kindly checked everything, they were the ones that suggested I leave my outdoor lights on all night for safety reasons. It deters burglary and other people who don't belong on your property, and it also makes it

safer for any pedestrians.

Bork situation doesn't compare

A recent Sound Off argued that the Republicans are simply treating Merrick Garland the same way the Democrats treated Robert Bork in the 1980s. This is simply not true. The Democratically controlled Senate held hearings and voted on Bork's nomination. The current Republican controlled Senate refuses to hold hearings, much less hold a vote. Not the same at all. Vote the man down if you think he is a bad candidate – but hold hearings and take a vote.

Illuminated flag shows respect

I believe that I live in a safe city because of the brave men and women who have sacrificed their lives for our country and our freedom. So as a thank you to them, I proudly display the American Flag – morning, noon, and night. My flag is illuminated through the night as a sign of respect. Wouldn't it be wonderful to see more illuminated streets for just this reason?

LETTERS

A farewell to those who've made Berwyn a great place to live

To the editor:

As I prepare to depart from Berwyn and head down to Kentucky, I want to thank a few folks for all that they have done to make Berwyn the great place that it is.

I want to express my appreciation to each and every employee who works for the city as they have made it a great place to live, work and shop.

I want to thank former Chief Kalivoda and current Chief O'Halloran of the Berwyn Fire Department, as well as its entire staff, for the courtesies that they have extended to me over the years.

I want to thank Cmdr. Frank Cimaglia and Wayne Sedore of the Berwyn Police Department for the opportunity they afforded me to become a block captain in the neighborhood watch program. It helped me to better know my neighbors and the neighborhood that I live in.

I want to thank Mayor Lovero for allowing me to serve as a member of the city of Berwyn's ethics commission. As a member I have learned that the citizens of Berwyn have little to worry about, things are good.

I want to thank City Attorney Anthony Bertuca for the advice, guidance and patience he demonstrated while he worked with us on the ethics commission. He made our job meaningful and important.

I want to thank my fellow Commissioners Ray Fron, Frank Amaro and former Commissioner Jaime Flores – it was a great team.

I want to thank the many business establishments that I frequented, all fine and committed to making Berwyn a great place.

And finally, my fellow veterans – Commodore Barry Legion Post 256, Italian American War Veterans Post 1, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2378 and my fellow Vietnam Veterans at the Berwyn-Cicero VietNow Chapter.

I will miss you all. Good luck and keep up the great work that has made Berwyn what it is today.

Wayne E. Parthun
Berwyn

Write to us

We want to hear from you. Letters must be no more than 300 words. They must include your first and last name, town and a phone number for verification. We may edit them for clarity, accuracy and style. Email letters to letters@mysuburbanlife.com. The deadline is 4 p.m. Thursday for the following week's paper.

Marking 70 years of service by All Berwyn Committee

To the editor:

The All Berwyn Committee celebrated 70 years of existence on April 16. The A.B.C. was formed April 16, 1946, by a group of concerned citizens and local Berwyn organizations that wanted to see improvements made in Berwyn.

The All Berwyn Committee from the beginning has had a working relationship with the city of Berwyn, which has hosted its monthly meetings. A.B.C. is a nonpartisan and non-sectarian organization that strives "to ascertain, study, and recommend projects for the betterment of the Berwyn Community."

Two of the projects that A.B.C. has worked on are the buying of Gage Farm on the corner of 26th Street and Harlem Avenue. This property eventually became the site of Morton West High School. A.B.C. also worked on buying the property at Pershing Road and Central Avenue which is now the home of Morton College. Without the input of organizations like A.B.C., these properties would have been sold to developers that would have built businesses, homes, or industrial sites.

All businessmen and women, residents of Berwyn, and friends of Berwyn are invited to our next meeting at 7 p.m. May 5 at Berwyn City Hall, 2nd floor. The mayor of Berwyn, Robert Lovero, will be giving his annual "State of Berwyn" address at this meeting. He will be highlighting all the good things that have been accomplished this past year and inform us of all the plans for the coming year. We hope that you will attend this meeting and consider joining the All Berwyn Committee.

Santiago "Jim" Ramos
All Berwyn Committee president
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