Coronavirus COVID-19 update

Councillor Ed Flynn addressed the attendees at the Boston Public Health Commission’s public meeting on the coronavirus (COVID-19), held on Friday, February 7, at the Josiah Quincy School cafeteria. You can watch it here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2rKzXTwXolw&feature=youtu.be.

The risk to the public from the 2019 novel coronavirus remains low in Massachusetts.

Also, state data show flu cases increased in Massachusetts in late January. Flu activity was expected to remain elevated through February. Flu shots are still available.

ASK DOG LADY

Advice on Pets, Life, Love

By Monica Collins

Dear Dog Lady,

I rescued a Lab/Viska mix in September of 2018. He is an awesome dog and very, very friendly. My question to you is: Is there a reason that he always throws his backside around and puts his butt in my other dog’s face? He does it all the time. I figure it is a dominance thing but I am not sure and I want to ask someone. Is there any way to get him to stop doing it? I have had dogs all my life and have never had one that did this.

— Gale

Dear Gale,

The best guess is that the Lab/Viska is just saying “hey! Stuffing butt is how dogs check out each other. Ask Dog Lady surprised you haven’t noticed him over the years because the butt stuff is normal dog behavior. Your Lab/Viska seems to be making it easy for you and other dogs to know who he is. A good thing. Should be no reason to train this behavior out of our dog because it’s not mean or aggressive — just natural, normal, and nice.

Dear Dog Lady,

We recently put a deposit down on a puppy that is a Pekingese/Pomeranian. She will be eight weeks old on March 1. We have two little girls — ages two and six. I am a stay-at-home mom so the pup is going to be around a lot. I am worried about how I should socialize the puppy and how I should train her. I have been researching “a new puppy’s socialization” and “training a new puppy” but I can’t find anything about socializing a puppy with a child. Can you help?

— Anonymous

Dear Anonymous,

Congratulations on the upcoming arrival of your new puppy! Socialization is important for a puppy to adapt to new environments and people. Here are some tips:

1. Introduce your puppy to a variety of people of different ages, sizes, and breeds.
2. Let your puppy explore new environments, such as parks and pet stores.
3. Encourage your puppy to interact with other dogs.
4. Reward your puppy with treats and praise when she behaves well around new people or environments.

Best wishes to you and your family.

As South End News went to press, we learned of the deaths of two members of our community. Look for remembrances of their lives and contributions in the next issue of South End News.

Vin McCarthy, Saturday, February 29 at 11 am at Saint Cephas’s Church, 18 Belvidere St, Boston.

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will not ever be alone and will constantly be
around the two-year-old. A lot of things I have
ever say that the Pekingese is going to bite my
daughter. I am obviously concerned.
My dad made a point that, since
we are getting the puppy so young, she will
grow up around the girls and it shouldn’t be
a problem. Any ideas?
—Kara
Dear Kara,
If you need things suggesting the Pekingese
would bite your daughter, why did you decide
to bring this variety of dog to your home? You
did the right thing by researching, but maybe
the wrong thing by ignoring the research saying
the dog might not do well with small children.
Your Dad, however, does make a wise
point about the dog growing up with your kids.
Because all the interactions will be raised together,
this could cement the bond and ease the training.
However, please be vigilant and never leave the
dog and your youngest daughter alone if you are
100 percent confident they will peacefully coexist. You must train your child to get along
d with the dog as surely as you must train the
pup to do likewise.
Ask Dog Lady, however, cannot give her
seal of approval to this. If a breed of dog car-
rries a warning that it is not good around small
children then you should pay attention.
Dear Dog Lady,
We have a seven-year-old standard poodle
who has recently decided it is we should heel
to her command. She pulls terribly on the
leash and growls or barks as other dogs ap-
proach (even when inside if a dog passes by).
When she is without us at “doggy day care”
we are told she is not aggressive at all. Who
made her queen?
—Mandy
Dear Mandy,
You honored the poodle by allowing her
to rule you. So hold your head high and be the
queen mother. The best way to get her to stop
pulling is to grab her by the halter immediately when
she starts to head you or growsl at another dog.
Become an immobile muzzle statue. When she
looks around at youquisitively and starts to
pay attention to you, seize the teachable
moment. The poodle will learn quickly that she’s
going nowhere by pulling you.
Write askdoglady@gmail.com.
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ship with Boston’s Black community, that we
are calling a Year of Black Excellence. Black
Excellence events will reach all ages and offer
a range of activities including arts, sports, his-
tory, culture, job resources, and community
programming.
Black History Month began on February 3
at City Hall with a Black Heritage Kickoff
Celebration. It continues with events like the
Carter G. Woodson Basketball Tournament,
the Dream Chasers Call for Artists, our Age
Strong Black Heritage Celebration for se-
sion, the 3rd Annual Fashioncape and Acts
of Boston, our 4th Annual African American
Veterans Brunch, and many more. The re-
mainder of our Year of Black Excellence will
be anchored by a series of signature events,
in partnership with community members and
leading Boston institutions.
In July, Boston will host the national
NAACP convention. Being named the host
city for this national event was a great honor.
We saw right away what an opportunity it would
be to not only celebrate our city’s progress,
but also to catalyze a future of Black achieve-
ment that pushes us ever closer to Dr. Martin
Luther King Jr.’s dream of equality, justice,
and harmony. We are working closely with
the community to host the greatest NAACP
convention ever held. This event will be a
milestone in Boston’s history and a focus of
the national conversation around social justice
and economic equity.
Ultimately, real change is what it’s all
about. That’s why our Year of Black Excel-
ence also coincides with major new initiatives
and investments we are making in affordable
housing, equity in education, access to trans-
portation, and environmental justice. We will
show that when we work to empower everyone
and increase equity across our neighborhoods,
our city becomes a better place for all—and
we can lead the nation forward as well.
We are being bold in Boston. We have
made progress, but there is much work still
to be done. We are inspired by the history of
individual accomplishment and community
progress that Black Bostonians have achieved,
often against tremendous odds.
In January, we began the year by remem-
bering the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King,
Jr. He led the country to greater equality and
justice, but the realization of his dream is not
complete. His vision continues to inspire more
progress every day. That’s ultimately what our
Year of Black Excellence is all about. I invite
you to join us.
If you’d like to learn more, visit boston.
gov/black-excellence.
Market ordered shut for second time in three weeks
and not just because of all the live, unpermitted frogs on the loading dock

A city health inspector yesterday ordered Ming’s Supermarket, 1102 Washington St. in the South End, shut for a variety of health issues, including all the frogs on a rear loading dock without a permit, 600 dozen eggs sitting in a too warm walk-in and rodent droppings found at several spots, including the produce area.

A health inspector had also ordered the market shut on Jan. 25 due in part to rodent droppings, and mice dead, rotting in different spots than where they were found yesterday. During the inspections, the health inspector also noted a message to send the frogs, number not specified, back to the dealer until after the store gets a permit to sell them from the state marine-fisheries department.

The eggs were being stored at 58 to 60 degrees when they should have been kept at no more than 45 degrees, according to the inspector’s report. The inspector ordered the eggs dumped into a trash compactor and, for good measure, donated with bleach.

Also, a hand-washing sink in the fish department could not be used because it was blocked with equipment.

The market passed a re-inspection on Feb. 11 and was allowed to reopen.

Nomination deadline extended for Spark Boston’s Impact Awards

Mayor Martin J. Walsh announced nominations are now open for SPARK Boston’s 2019-2020 Impact Awards. The annual Impact Awards shine a spotlight on young adults ages 20 to 35 doing outstanding work to improve the City of Boston. Nominations forms are available online, and will remain open through Saturday, March 1, 2020.

“SPARK Boston Impact Awards recognize and celebrate the young people in our neighborhoods, workplaces, and communities,” said Mayor Walsh.

“I encourage everyone to nominate a deserving leader and look forward to celebrating the impact these leaders make in our neighborhoods.”

“At SPARK Boston, we believe that young voices can make our City a better place by speaking up and showing up,” said Amy Malher, SPARK Boston Director. “We are asking Bostonians of all ages to nominate our young leaders for the Impact Awards. This year, we’re proud to launch the Education and Mentorship and SPARK Boston Outstanding Alumni to recognize more incredible leaders in our city. Once our selection committee reviews and selects the final nominees, we ask you to vote on who inspires you to take action.

Your voice and vote count.”

“it was a monumental achievement to receive the Impact Award for Action and Issue Advocacy in recognition of my work around eating disorders prevention in Massachusetts, said Alvin Tran, 2017-2018 Impact Award winner for Action and Issue Advocacy. “Boston is the breeding ground for young leaders dedicated to making positive change in their community. It is the home of emerging leaders who strive to be changemakers.”

“The SPARK Impact Awards recognize those who are doing amazing work and need more recognition,” said Tuan Ho, 2017-2018 Impact Award winner for Entrepreneurship and Innovation. “The Boston community is strong and I’m glad to be part of an award that unites the optimists and altruists which will help inspire others to do the same. There are talented people who we need to let closer to others and provide more opportunities for because they are looking to do the same to the city.”

This year’s award categories reflect the diverse ways millennial residents act as leaders and changemakers in Boston:

• Arts & Culture: Visionaries who use art and culture to inspire people and communities to engage and inspire those around them.

• Entrepreneurship & Innovation: Civic innovators who help our city attract and keep talented people, expand economic opportunities and create a culture of engagement.

• Action & Issue Advocacy: Emerging leaders elevating the voices of young Bostonians on the issues that impact us all.

• Public Service & Civic Leadership: Public servants, elected officials and other civic leaders working to ensure strong democracy and successful governance in our city.

• Community Building & Neighborhood Improvement: Engaged citizens who work collaboratively to strengthen their neighborhoods and promote their communities’ interests.

• Education & Mentorship: Teachers, professors, or role models in the city who have inspired others to pursue higher education and provide more opportunities for because they are looking to do the same in the city.

• Unsung Heroes: Outstanding teachers, social workers, nurses, emergency responders and human services professionals whose everyday dedication supports a healthy, thriving city.

• SPARK Boston Outstanding Alumni: Previous SPARK Boston or ONEin3 council members who have continued to serve and represent the city of Boston well beyond the end of their term.

Nominations must be between the ages of 20 to 35 and live in or work in Boston to be considered.

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The Boston Planning and Development Agency

Project Description:
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