



Office of the City Manager

November 21, 2012

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
From: Christine Daniel, City Manager
Subject: Animal Shelter Opening

We are pleased to announce that the Dona Spring Animal Shelter is open and fully operational.

During the first week of November, almost four dozen animals made the move from 2013 Second Street to 1 Bolivar Drive. Since then, staff has been settling into the new LEED-certified building. The feedback we have received thus far has been extremely positive: the building is healthier for the animals, more welcoming to guests and more functional for staff and volunteers. The facility has a community meeting room, public bathrooms, a state-of-the-art medical suite, a designated room for volunteers, and well designed dog kennels and cat rooms.

A grand opening ceremony is being planned for after the first of the new year. We will celebrate all of the hard work of the many people who have been so committed to this wonderful new facility for so long, and formally recognize the shelter's many supporters. Tours for the public will also be offered at that time. We will let you know as soon as we finalize the date and time for the ceremony. If you would like to tour the shelter before then, please contact Jim Hynes and arrange a time.

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