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## **Groundbreaking set for Animal Shelter expansion**

THE COLONY, Texas — The public is invited to join city officials and staff members as they welcome a new addition to The Colony Animal Shelter at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 19, during a groundbreaking ceremony for the facility's new quarantine building at the shelter, 4720 East Lake Highlands Drive.

City Councilmember David Terre said this will be a momentous occasion marking the start of a project important to many pet owners in the community.

“To my knowledge, this is the first meaningful addition we have made to our animal shelter since it was originally built,” Terre said. “I am excited to see construction finally begin.”

Animal Services Manager Patricia Barrington said the facility will provide a new level of service to residents and more comfortable conditions for quarantined pets.

“This building will allow us to better serve residents who must quarantine their pets per state law,” she said. “It will ease the stress and tension of the animals subject to the quarantine period and will provide our staff a much more convenient and spacious environment for tending to these pets.”

The new quarantine building will be 600 square feet and cost an estimated \$114,000. Phase 1 of the construction will begin Nov. 24, and includes laying the foundation and installing infrastructure, including dog kennels. Phase 1 is estimated for completion by mid-December.

Phase 2 will include additional design of the facility and fabrication of the building itself. Once contracted, it will take approximately six weeks to complete. The structure will be climate controlled and wood-frame with brick on the exterior.

The quarantine facility will be a separate building from the existing Animal Shelter but share the same address. It will be located on the western side of the property and be connected by a breezeway extending from the current personnel gate on that side of the shelter. There will also be a security fence around the quarantine building. Final completion is anticipated for early spring 2015.

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