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Jersey City Fills More than 7,500 Potholes Across All Wards During a Five-Week Period More than Quadrupling Last Year's Numbers as Part of Mayor Fulop's Aggressive Inter-Agency Pothole Plan

Fulop Administration Triples Pothole Crews, Partners with JCIA and JCMUA, and Maps Locations of Pothole Repairs with Mission of Enhancing the Quality of Life on a Daily Basis

JERSEY CITY – Mayor Steven M. Fulop announced today that the Department of Public Works has filled more than **7,500 potholes** – more than **4.5 times as many as last year** – during a five-week period using an **aggressive pothole repair plan** that coordinated three agencies to improving response times to fill potholes more quickly and efficiently.

Pothole crews were deployed beginning March 10th and in the five weeks since have **filled 7,568 potholes citywide**. Last year, during the same time period, pothole crews filled 1,625 potholes.

“We understand that residents don’t want to wait for potholes to be repaired after the winter so we deployed an aggressive plan to eliminate potholes citywide and to do it quickly and efficiently,” said **Mayor Fulop**. “By adding personnel and resources from the MUA and the JCIA, we were able to cover more ground and quadruple the number filled in significantly less time without adding costs.”

And unlike prior years, a crew was dispatched to each of the city’s six wards daily so that potholes would be filled throughout the city simultaneously. A seventh, roving crew was assigned to address pothole complaints that were received through the Resident Response Center (RRC).

The RRC also worked hand-in-hand with the Department of Public Works to ensure that resident complaints were completed with 597 of the 630 potholes that were reported between January 1, 2015 and April 10, 2015 filled. The remaining potholes to be filled will be completed this week, weather permitting.

This year, the City also coordinated with Hudson County and their Roads Division on pothole repairs on county roads such as Kennedy Boulevard and Paterson Plank Road, as well as with the New Jersey Department of Transportation (DOT) and the New Jersey Turnpike Authority for roads such as Tonnele Avenue, Route 1&9, the State Highway 139, as well as all Turnpike roadways and approaches in Jersey City.

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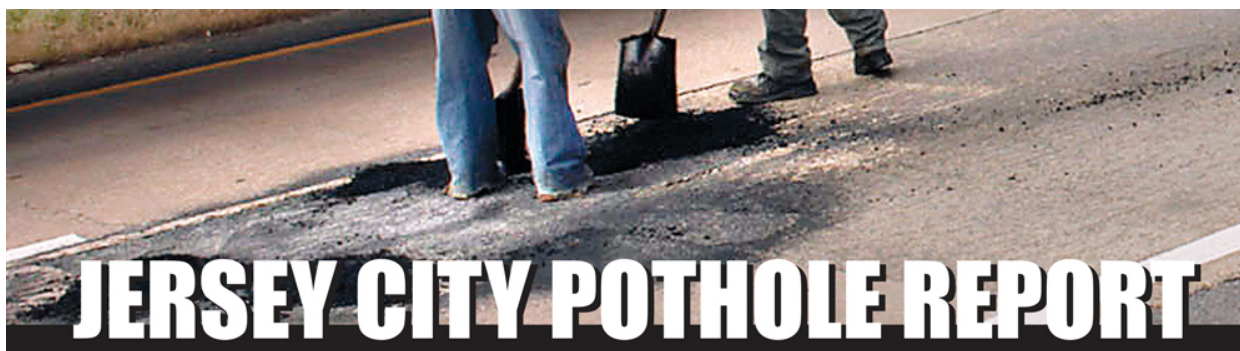
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Pothole crews will now return to the filled potholes to cover them with hot asphalt, sealing the pothole as the second part of the operation. This year, while placing the cold patch, all pothole repairs were mapped so that DPW personnel would know exactly where crews need to follow up with hot asphalt.

The aggressive pothole plan comes at no additional cost to taxpayers, as the city is expanding its capabilities without adding cost by utilizing two additional agencies to increase equipment and personnel.

“The numbers speak for themselves as Jersey City more than quadrupled the amount of potholes filled this year from last year,” said **Jim Dugan, Vice President of AAA of North Jersey**. “We applaud Mayor Fulop for taking such a proactive approach to address potholes quickly following the harsh winter season and for implementing a plan that expanded crews without adding costs to the taxpayers.”

To report a pothole, residents should call the RRC at 201-547-4900 or visit the city website at www.jerseycitynj.gov and fill out the online request form.



Week starting	Ward A	Ward B	Ward C	Ward D	Ward E	Ward F
3/9/15	302	155	272	336	92	201
3/16/15	390	362	393	219	573	533
3/23/15	204	115	98	267	194	615
3/30/15	230	247	200	10	101	622
4/6/15	180	79	221	77	131	149
TOTAL for Period	1306	958	1184	909	1091	2120



2015 Total
7568



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