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Volunteers and Senior Applications Now Open for Second Year of JC Shovels Program

*Senior Shoveling Program Started by Fulop Administration to Assist Most Vulnerable Home-
Owning, Low-Income Seniors with Snow Removal*

JERSEY CITY – Mayor Steven M. Fulop, the Department of Public Works and the Jersey City Health Department/Office of Senior Affairs announced today that applications are now open for the second year of the *JC Shovels* program, which was launched last winter in order to alleviate winter storm stresses for the city’s most vulnerable senior citizens. The program connects seniors with nearby volunteers who will be deployed to shovel walkways and sidewalks following a snowstorm.

“Last winter, we saw an incredible response to the *JC Shovels* program, as residents volunteered to help their elderly neighbors after snowstorms all across the city,” said **Mayor Fulop**. “As we continue to build on Jersey City’s incredible sense of community, we look forward to connecting more of our residents with a helping hand this season.”

Last winter, 175 seniors were served by 168 volunteers and the administration is hoping the program will grow this year. Anyone interested in volunteering can sign up through the link <https://goo.gl/forms/GfCaF8ui3ThP9npO2>, by emailing jcshovels@jcnj.org or calling (201) 547-4391. Once a roster of volunteers is assembled, DPW will map geographically where the volunteers are located and connect those volunteers with seniors in their neighborhood.

Seniors who own their own home and who would like to apply for assistance this year can request an application by emailing jcshovels@jcnj.org or calling (201) 547-4391. Completed applications should be mailed to the Jersey City Department of Public Works, at 13-15 Linden Ave. East, 3rd Floor, Jersey City, NJ 07305. All applications are reviewed by the Department of Health and Human Services to determine eligibility. Once the application is approved, seniors will receive confirmation letters via mail or email.

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