

Press Release

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CHARIHO--The Chariho Shovel Brigade is getting ready for the coming winter season. This volunteer group was organized in 2011 to help the elderly and handicapped residents of Charlestown, Richmond, and Hopkinton with snow shoveling. This will be the Shovel Brigade's third year in action, and they are happy to announce that they have partnered with the Boy Scouts of Charlestown, Troop 15. Volunteers now include Chariho school district students, 4-H members, and the Boy Scouts.

Elderly and handicapped residents who are unable to shovel snow and do not have reliable, affordable help, can sign up for the Shovel Brigade at their town hall or by sending an email (with their name, address, and telephone number) to the address set up for their town. The addresses are as follows (the "smo" stands for "shovel me out!"): hopkintonsmo@gmail.com, richmondsmo@gmail.com, charlestownsmo@gmail.com. (Residents who signed up last year must sign up again.)

Because the need for help may vary depending on the timing and severity of the storm, those who expect to need help must also contact The Shovel Brigade at least 24 hours before a storm is expected to hit so that volunteers can be organized.

The Shovel Brigade is always looking for volunteers. Anyone or any group can volunteer for just one snowstorm, for the whole season, or for anything in between. Why not get the neighborhood kids together to do a good deed. The Chariho Shovel Brigade needs your help! Just send an email to the SMO email address for your town.

For more information, visit the Chariho Shovel Brigade's Facebook page at

www.facebook.com/thecharihoshovelbrigade or contact Libby Walker through the SMO address for your town.