Thank you for keeping up with us this semester! Our newsletter is going on a brief hiatus. Wherever the winter break takes you, we encourage you to seek out opportunities for civic engagement and community service. Happy Everything!

**December 15-January 24 Winterfest Hartford Continues**  
11:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m. Bushnell Park  
Free ice skating and skate rentals daily at the rink in Bushnell Park. Visit this [page](#) for a complete list of programs and special events.

**December 16 Heart City Story Club**  
6:00-8:00 p.m. Hartford Public Library  
A monthly storytelling open mic in the Hartford History Center at [Hartford Public Library](#). Attend to hear or share personal stories from the heart in and about the city of Hartford. More details [here](#).

**December 25 Mandell JCC Mitzah Day**  
Various times and locations  
The [Mandell Jewish Community Center](#) has put together a list of volunteer opportunities for the day. There are locations in and around the city. Visit this [page](#) for more information.

**December 31st Deadline to apply to join the Trinity Film Festival 2016 Team**  
Trinity Film Festival (TFF) is recruiting students who want to gain professional experience in business, networking, social media, fundraising, event coordination, and marketing. To apply, submit a cover letter and resume that highlight your experience in these areas to [contact@trinityfilmfestival.org](mailto:contact@trinityfilmfestival.org) by December 31. Click [here](#) for more details.

**Spring 2016 Preview**  
Hit the ground running with community service next semester. Visit our website for a look at some options for getting involved.

**January**  
- [January Experience of Living, Learning and Outreach (JELLO)](#)

**February**  
- ACES SouperBowl Food Drive  
- Annual Bantam Bazaar  
- Best Buddies Valentine’s Day Party  
- Red Cross Blood Drive with Psi U  
- [Talents of Hartford](#)

**March**  
- ACES Princess and the Prom Drive  
- [Best Buddies Spread the Word to End the Word Campaign](#)

- [Habitat Spring Break Trip - Delaware](#)
December 31st First Night Hartford 2016
Various locations in downtown Hartford
Celebrate the New Year through arts, ritual and festivity. Click here to view a full schedule. $12 adults, $3 ages 3-15, free ages 2 and under.

January 18-22 Annual January Experience of Living, Learning, and Outreach (JELLO)
JELLO is a 5 day service experience that gives students the opportunity to explore Hartford and make a positive difference in our community. Email Maddie Farrar and Joe Barber for more information.

January 19 Deadline to apply for the Samuel Huntington Public Service Award
The Samuel Huntington Public Service Award provides a $15000 stipend to a graduating college senior to pursue public service anywhere in the world. Learn more and apply by January 19, 2016.

Wednesdays and Saturdays in December and January BiCiCo Demo Member Hours
Wednesdays 5:30-8:30 p.m.; Saturdays 1:30-5:30 p.m. 95 Park St.
BiCiCo is a new bicycle coop opening at the Center for Latino Progress, more information here. Take your own bike for a tune-up or go try out one of theirs. No experience necessary, the workshop is a space for learning.

April
◊ ACES Annual Auction
◊ Lion’s Club Annual Wine and Cheese Mixer and Silent Auction
◊ REEL Youth Hartford Film Festival
◊ Relay for Life

May
◊ Dump and Run
◊ SambaFest
◊ Trinity Film Festival

Announcements
◊ Hartford has it! Take a look at Real Hartford’s and Hartford.com’s calendars to find out what’s happening in our city.
◊ Reel Youth Hartford Film Festival is fundraising for next year’s competition. Find out more about the film festival and donate here.
◊ Do A City Year! City Year recruits teams of young AmeriCorps members for a year of full-time service in schools. Learn more and apply by February 15.