



Community Service and Civic Engagement

e-newsletter

December 15-January 25

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 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.