MAINTENANCE CORNER
- If the Maintenance Team has recently completed work in your apartment home, don’t forget to fill out your “Rate Your Maintenance” card. Return it back to the office for your chance to win a $25 gift certificate to a local business of your choice. January’s Rate-Your-Maintenance winners are Taft Resident Gary Garrett & Angel Berrios from our Maintenance Team.
- Any resident that is having issues with their heat or heat control please contact The Taft office. In most cases a simple adjustment by our maintenance team will alleviate any problems or issues with the heat.
- Did you know that Rate-Your-Maintenance Cards and NON-emergency service requests can be submitted through the Resident Portal?

MEET & GREET
The Taft team would like to introduce our newest Team Member Rachel Bocco. Rachel has been working at The Taft since the end of December 2011. Her daily tasks include handling all leasing paperwork, taking future residents on community tours, assisting with marketing & making sure everyone is treated with outstanding customer service. If you see Rachel around The Taft Community feel free to say hello and introduce yourself or swing by the office at some point to say hi.

VALENTINE’S DAY IN 1912
How was Valentine’s Day celebrated in the early 1900’s? Was chocolate and flowers considered the norm like they are today? Join us in the Grand Lobby on February 14th from 3pm-5pm for Valentine’s Day and our take for a throwback to yesteryear!

**REMEMDERS**
~The Early Bird Special is upon us. To catch the worm your renewal lease must be signed by 2/16/12.

~Please promptly pick up packages and mail that might have come in for you while you were away. Space is limited in the package closet. The Office or the Service Assistant can help retrieve packages for you.

~Need extra space in your apartment? We have storage available right in the building with prices starting at $50/month. See Jason in the office for further information.

~The Taft Office can send and receive faxes, sell postage, and make photocopies at a nominal charge. We simply charge the cost to your account. Inquire in the office about rates.

~While we hate to see you go, your lease requires a 60 day written notice prior to the expiration of the lease. A form can be picked up in the office or printed from The Taft’s Resident Portal at: www.taftapartments.com. Just type your unique username & password to log in.

NEW HAVEN ADVOCATE BEST OF CAMPAIGN
It’s that time of year again for the New Haven Advocate’s Best of New Haven campaign. The Taft would love for all of our Residents, and Community, to vote for us for Best Apartment Complex, located under the category Home and Garden. Voting takes place starting February 9, 2012 and will run through March 1, 2012. Votes can be cast online at: http://www.ct.com/news/advocates/best-of-ct/ or paper ballots can be found within upcoming issues of the New Haven Advocate. We will also be having a Best of New Haven gathering in the Grand Lobby on February 22 from 3pm-5pm where refreshments will be served. Ballots will also be available for residents to fill out and we will mail all completed ballots, via The Taft office free of charge. Every vote counts! Please help us win Best Apartment Complex for another consecutive year. What a great way to add to The Taft’s year long birthday celebration!

NEW HAVEN Advocate
Throughout the month of February The Taft will be holding a trivia contest for Taft Residents only. The trivia questions will incorporate information from our web page (www.taftapartments.com), more specifically the history of The Taft, as well as questions pertaining to our 100th year calendar that was recently distributed. One trivia question will be posted daily starting on 2/1/12 and every following day until 2/29/12. These questions will be posted on the message board next to the two passenger elevators every morning when The Taft office opens. Answers to trivia questions can be submitted two ways, the first being a visit to the office via a verbal exchange with a Taft team member by 5 o’clock, when the office closes. The second being an e-mail submission. E-mailed answers will be time stamped and will not be accepted after midnight on a specific trivia question’s day. E-mailed answers can be sent to: info@taftapartments.com. All correct trivia answers will be added up at the end of February and the resident with the most correct answers will win a Taft gift basket. The Taft building is full of rich history so the questions are not going to be as easy as one might think. Step up to the plate and see if you can be crowned The TAFT TRIVIA CHAMP.
EVENTS

FLIGHTS OF FANCY
Downtown New Haven's popular wine tasting and shopping event returns on Friday, February 3. The event, sponsored by The Wine Thief and The Study Hotel at Yale, is presented by the Broadway and Chapel Merchants Associations and features in-store wine tasting, special discounts and extraordinary giveaways at over 20 Downtown New Haven businesses. The evening begins at The Study Hotel at Yale, 1157 Chapel Street, where registration takes place between 4pm and 7pm. The $10 registration fee includes an exclusive Flights of Fancy wine glass, map of participating shops, entry into the grand prize drawing, validated parking, coffee and dessert. For more information please visit: www.infonewhaven.com/flightsoffancy

125TH CELEBRATION
Fun and festivities celebrating the 125th birthday of New Haven Free Public Library located on 133 Elm Street. Taking place will be New Orleans style music with the Funky Butt Jazz Band, silent auction and great cuisine from New Haven restaurants on Tuesday, February 21st. The annual Mardi Gras held on Fat Tuesday in the main library on Elm Street benefits the library. Aution items are available. Mardi Gras 2012 kicks off a year long series of events to celebrate the library's 125th.

GEORGE CLINTON & PARLIAMENT / FUNKADELIC
George Clinton and Parliament Funkadelic will be performing at Toad's Place on February 19th. Under the guiding hand of mastermind George Clinton, the affiliated groups Parliament and Funkadelic established funk as an heir to and outgrowth of soul. If James Brown is funk's founding father, Clinton has been its chief architect and tactician. Over the decades, he's presided over a musical empire that's included Parliament and Funkadelic, plus numerous offshoots (such as the Brides of Funkenstein and Parlet), solo careers (Clinton's and bassist Bootsy Collins' being the notable) and aggregates (the P-Funk All-Stars). The pioneering work of Parliament and Funkadelic in the Seventies—driven by Clinton's conceptually inventive mind and the band members' tight ensemble playing and stretched-out jamming—prefigured everything from rap and hip-hop to techno and alternative. Clinton's latter-day disciples include Prince and the Red Hot Chili Peppers. Doors open at 8pm and the show will start at 9pm.

LISA LAMPANELLI
Will be performing at The Shubert Theater on Saturday, February 25 and admission is free! Lampaneli began her stand-up career in New York in the early 1990s. She made her break at the 2002 New York Friar's Club roast of Chevy Chase, and went on to participate in the roasts of Dennis Leary, Pamela Anderson, Jeff Foxworthy, Flavor Flav, William Shatner, and Donald Trump and to serve as Roast Master for Larry The Cable Guy. Lampaneli is frequently on the dais for The Howard Stern Show roasts, including appearances at the roasts for Gary Dell' Abate, Artie Lang, Andy Dick, and A & E's "Gene Simmons Roast" in April 2008. Her style of humor was influenced most by the Dean Martin roasts that televised when she was growing up; she didn't start watching other stand-up comedians until she became one herself. For more information visit: www.shubert.com

INTRODUCTION TO ZEN PRACTICE
This one-day workshop at The New Haven Zen Center will include instruction in: • sitting meditation• walking meditation• chanting• work meditation• formal temple meal to practice mindful eating• talks about Zen practice• question-and-answer periods. Arrival begins at 9:30 AM, and the workshop will start promptly at 10:00 AM on Saturday, February 4th. Register at info@newhavenzen.org or call 203-787-0912.