PROCLAMATION
Mayor John DeStefano has named January 1, 2012, Taft Apartments Day! We are very honored and proud to have officially received the Proclamation. The Taft is and always will be part of the Great City of New Haven and New Haven will always be a part of The Taft. The full and official proclamation, signed by the mayor, will be framed and on display in the Grand Lobby very soon.

PARTY TIME
The Taft Apartments will be hitting a huge milestone on January 1, 2012. This date marks The Taft’s 100th birthday! We would like our residents to help us throughout the 2012 year in celebrating The Taft’s centennial. We have very special activities and ideas taking place in 2012 to highlight our milestone. Make sure to read our monthly newsletter and follow us on Facebook and Twitter to hear about the latest and greatest. To get the year started off right we will be having a 100th Anniversary kick-off party in the Grand Lobby on January 10 from 3pm to 5pm.

GENEROSITY
For the third year in a row, Taft Realty Associates made a generous contribution to the CT Food Bank in December. We join our Residents by further supporting the Taft Community’s very generous contributions to the Downtown Evening Soup Kitchen (D.E.S.K) in helping to feed the hungry. Thanks to all who took the time to donate. We were able to collect several large boxes of food for people in need during the holidays.

HAPPY NEW YEAR
Happy New Year!!! Welcome to our new Residents moving in this month. Welcome back to those of you who are returning from Winter Break. We hope that everyone had an enjoyable and relaxing Holiday Season. The Taft wishes you and your loved ones a happy, healthy, and prosperous 2012.

CHANGING FACES
The Taft Team would like to say thank you to Brian McDougall for all of his hard work & years spent at The Taft working for our maintenance team. Brian has moved on to another position and we wish him luck into the future. On another note, we would like to say welcome to Angel Berrios who will be taking over the position on our Maintenance Team. Angel is a familiar face at Taft, as he has been assisting with housekeeping over the past year.

ATTENTION: NOTICES & REMINDERS
~The annual early bird special is upon us. Be on the look out for this year’s Taft deal!
~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. We simply charge the expense to your account. Inquire in the office about rates.
**Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.’s Legacy of Environmental and Social Justice 2012**

Music and dance performances, educational activities and an invitational poetry slam drawing poets from around the country will highlight the Yale Peabody Museum of Natural History’s 16th annual two-day celebration of Martin Luther King, Jr.’s birthday. Events and activities will help demonstrate how Dr. King strove to raise awareness about public health concerns and urban environmental issues that disproportionately affect minorities and low-income communities. Pre-registration is required. Sun, Jan 15 – Mon, Jan 16, 2012. Please visit: http://www.newhavensymphony.org for more information.

**X-Ray Vision: Fish Inside Out**

This exhibit features 40 stunning black and white images that explore the scientific, environmental, and photographic relevance of fish specimens from the collections of the Smithsonian’s National Museum of Natural History. Sandra Raredon, a staff member at the Museum has been taking x-rays of the fish collection for over 25 years. The goal of the project was to preserve the record of older fish specimens that dated back to the 19th century and also provide a way to study the skeletal structure of these animals without dissection. Somewhere along the way in radio graphing 10,000 specimens, she realized the results were not only of interest scientifically but were also astonishingly beautiful. Revealing a complex and delicate bone structure they are works of art in their own right. Tue Jul 5 – Fri Jan 6, 2012 10:00am – 5:00pm. Please visit: http://Peabody.yale.edu/exhibits/x-ray-vision-fish-inside-out for more information.

**Kehler Liddell Gallery presents “It’s A Wonderful Price”**

A holiday exhibit featuring fine art for every palette and every purse. The Walls of Affordable Treasures include paintings, photographs, sculptures, and drawings by twenty-five diverse Connecticut artists. Artwork is “priced to move” so shop for yourself while shopping for gift giving. Now through Sun Jan 15, 2012 11:00am – 4:00pm.

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**JOIN THE POLAR PLUNGE for PARKS**

New Haven Land Trust for Polar Plunge, First Day New Haven to be held at Lighthouse on January 1, 2012 from 11:00 until 2:00. Plungers go in at 12 for kids and 12:30 for adults. A terrific Brunch is $10 and kids under 12 eat free. There will be horse drawn carriage rides through the park, tours of the Lighthouse, a Rock and Roll band and other games and prizes. A fun way to start the New Year!

For information call: 203-946-2459.