**MAINTENANCE CORNER**

**RATE-YOUR-MAINTENANCE**

If the Maintenance Team has recently completed work in your apartment home, do not 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 the downtown New Haven business of your choice. March’s Rate-Your-Maintenance winners are Meltem Kurus & Angel Berrios from our Maintenance Team.

If you are moving or you have books in general that you would like to donate, the Taft Library in the Grand Lobby is a great option!

You may also take books off shelves to enjoy.

### Important Reminders

- If you have not already done so, please return all lease renewal documents to The Taft office as soon as possible.

- If you are not planning to renew your lease and you know when you will be moving out, stop by the office or visit the Resident Portal to get a Move-Out Notice form. The Taft requires all of our residents to give us a 60 day move out notice prior to the end of the lease. If there are questions about this please call, e-mail, or stop by the office.

### Katherine Hepburn Day

**May 11**

Katherine Hepburn was an American actress of film, stage, and television. Known for her headstrong independence and spirited personality, Hepburn’s career as a Hollywood leading lady spanned more than 60 years.

On May 11, we will be screening some of Katherine’s most notable films in the Grand Lobby:

- Adam’s Rib (1949)
- The African Queen (1951)
- Guess Who’s Coming to Dinner (1967)
- The Lion in Winter (1968)

### Storage Special!

**50% off storage for the month of May**

Got ‘STUFF’ you want to put away for the summer? The Taft has mini-storage available for residents and non-residents alike. 5’x5’x10’ bins starting at $50/month. Call Rachel in the office for more information!

### Lassie Day & The New Haven Animal Shelter

In honor of Lassie, who was once a guest of The Taft Hotel, the Friends of the New Haven Animal Shelter will be joining us in the Grand Lobby on June 14th, with some information about animals that are up for adoption & how you can help. Thinking about getting a furry friend this summer? The Taft is cat-friendly! From June 10th—June 16th in honor of our feline friends, Taft Management will waive the pet fee ($300 value). To be eligible, your cat must be adopted from the New Haven Animal Shelter.

### THANK YOU

The Taft would like to thank all our residents for your participation in Resident Appreciation Week. We hope you enjoyed the great week filled with breakfasts, pizza and ice cream.

A special thanks for the vendors who sponsored many of the events as well: MacGray, CORT Furniture & Bella Haven Pizza.

### CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!

The Taft would like to congratulate all of our residents who will be graduating this May. All of your hard work has paid off and will continue to pay off down the road.

Good luck on all of your future endeavors!

On the morning of May 21st, from 7am-10am there will be a Congratulatory Breakfast spread in the Grand Lobby.
My Name is Asher Lev
At the Long Wharf Theatre
May 2-23, 2012
Asher Lev can’t help himself. He needs to paint. He needs to draw. Creating art is like breathing for him - he can’t live without it. But growing up as a prodigy in a deeply observant Hasidic family he runs afoul of his parent’s and community’s traditions. He is forced to make the difficult choice between religion and art. Based on Chaim Potok’s classic novel, this stunning and beautiful play was described by the Philadelphia City Paper as “a marvelous evening of theatre: intimate, sincere, magical.”

His Religion. His Art. Why must he choose?
*For more information and to purchase tickets, visit www.longwharf.org*

Spring is Here!
Take advantage of the beautiful May weather and get out to your favorite retailers! With over 50 Shops and Boutiques in Downtown New Haven you will never miss a sale!
For more information please refer to newhavenshops.com

Happy 100th Birthday, Girl Scouts!

We’d like to reach out and wish a very happy 100th birthday to the Girl Scouts of the USA. We’d also like to thank the North Haven Girl Scout Troop for supplying us with their 100th anniversary Savannah Smiles cookies that were served during Robert Richardson Day in March!

The Girl Scouts are a youth organization for girls in the United States and American girls living abroad. It describes itself as "the world’s preeminent organization dedicated solely to girls". It was founded by Juliette Gordon Low in 1912 and was organized after Low met Robert Baden-Powell, the founder of Scouting, in 1911. Upon returning to Savannah, Georgia, she telephoned a distant cousin, saying, "I’ve got something for the girls of Savannah, and all of America, and all the world, and we’re going to start it tonight!"

Happy Mother’s Day!

Mother’s Day is May 13th and The Trinity Episcopal Church on the Green (corner of Temple & Chapel Streets) is hosting a plant & bake sale the weekend of Friday, May 11 - Sunday, May 13th. Check out all the baked goods and hanging baskets, potted plants and flats of popular plants such as Begonias, Petunias, & Marigolds from Vaiuso Farms of Branford.
*Times are 11am—4pm Friday and Saturday; 8:30—1pm on Sunday. Visit www.infonewhaven.com for more information*

Cinco De Mayo
May 5th
This date is observed in the United States as a celebration of Mexican heritage and pride, and to commemorate the cause of freedom and democracy during the first years of the American Civil War.

Celebrate at any one of the local Mexican restaurants right here in New Haven:
- Oaxaca Kitchen, 228 College St
- Viva Zapata, 161 Park St
- Villa Del Sol, 236 Crown St
- Bulldog Burrito, 320 Elm St

Beauty and the Beast
Shubert Theater
May 11th—13th
Back by Popular Demand, Disney’s Beauty and the Beast, the smash hit Broadway musical, returns to the Shubert following its sold-out 2010 engagement!