

May 2013

Taft Tidings

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The Sun Always Shines At The Taft ~ A New Haven Tradition Since 1912



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. All returned Rate-Your-Maintenance Cards will get a FREE custard from Shake Shack (while supplies last). Additionally, if you return them back to the office you will be entered to win a \$25 gift certificate a local downtown New Haven business.

May's Rate-Your-Maintenance winners are Taft Resident George Granello & Joel Celi from our Maintenance team.



Ask the Office about our Brand New Ikea Renovated Designer Apartments!

Renovated apartments will include:
KITCHENS: New Cabinets, Stone Countertops, Tile Backsplash, Tile Flooring, New Stainless Steel Appliance Package: Dishwasher, Refrigerator, Stove, and Garbage Disposal
BATHROOMS: New Vanity and Medicine Cabinets, New Shower Tile, New Tile Flooring and New Fixtures

Important Reminders

- If you choose to renew your lease, please let the office know as soon as possible! If you plan on moving out at the end of your lease, pick up a move-out form at the office or get it on the resident portal and return it no later than 60 days prior to the expiration of your lease. Call the office with any questions!
- Please make sure to get your service requests in to the office as early in the day as possible to ensure it is handled promptly.
- Reservations for the Service Elevator can be made in the office for Residents moving in and out. There is a max reservation time of 1.5 hours, per apartment per day.
- To all Residents: Keep a look out for notices, as maintenance will begin installing AC units throughout the building in the very near future.
- The Trash Chute is only for garbage and trash. If you have cardboard boxes, please break them down and place on the ground level by the service elevator. Maintenance will then dispose of them properly.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATES!



Class of 2013

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! **To celebrate, on the morning of May 20th, from 7am-10am there will be a Congratulatory Breakfast spread in the Grand Lobby! Before ceremonies, stop down for some food!**

@ Night at

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Thursday, May 9th
5 pm to 8 pm

Join Us To View Our Spring Collections
Enjoy Wine & Cheese
& Receive A Free Gift With Every Purchase!

Also ... Shop at Idiom during the Month Of May
& Enter Your Receipt at the Taft Office
To Win A **\$100** Gift Certificate!

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Monday-Saturday: 10 am to 6 pm Sunday: 12 pm to 5 pm



Visit Soul de Cuba during the month of May and bring your receipt to the Taft Office for your chance to win a \$25 gift certificate!

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cuban cuisine and more

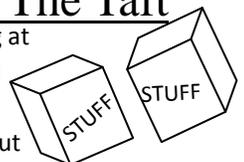


**283 Crown St
New Haven, CT
(203) 498-2822**

Pick up a menu on the circular table in the Grand Lobby. This is a great opportunity to go out around New Haven and try some great food you might not have considered before!
New Haven is a great, diverse city —enjoy it!

Storage @ The Taft

Storage units starting at \$50 per month ... Call the office for more info! Be on the lookout for summer specials!



EVENTS

May is National Bike Month

Bike Month History

For fifty-five years, National Bike Month has been the perfect time for new or returning riders to get back on the saddle and ride their bike to work. Originally, the Cycle Trade Association called the month American Bike Month, but in 1956 it evolved to Bike Month. Along with the name change, Bike Month became more about promoting cycling and safe bicycling, not just selling bicycles.

2013 Events:

Bike to School Day- Wednesday May, 8th

Bike to Work Week- May 13th-17th

Bike to Work Day- Friday May 17th

Yale Bikeshare Bike Sharing is here!

50 shared-use bicycles have been made available to the Yale community through the university's partnership with Zagster, a Cambridge, MA company, which provides city cruiser-style bicycles, registration and reservation software and maintenance services.

The program works very much the same way as Zipcar:

*Register with Zagster with your valid Yale email address

*Reserve online or by texting Zagster from the bike's location

*Return the bike to the same location from which you picked it up

* Membership fees are \$20/year—but members will be reimbursed if they take the Bike Safety class offered by Yale Environmental Health and Safety.

*No usage fee has been set for the pilot phase of the program, but members who return bikes more than 24 hours after their reservation began will incur a \$30 late fee.

Why Commute by Bike

1. **Fight pollution**

Automobiles produce toxic substances that pollute the ground, air and water. Burning fossil fuels creates CO₂ that contributes to global warming. Automobiles also produce noise pollution

2. **Stay fit**

Bicycle commuting allows you to include your workout in your daily schedule. Plus, riding a bike instead of sitting in traffic in your car is less stressful.

3. **Avoid traffic delays**

Off-road trails, bike lanes and wide curb lanes allow you to ride past traffic. Bike commuting takes less time when you account for car parking and traffic. Longer rides can result in less traffic and more enjoyment of your commute.

4. **Save money**

Maintenance costs for your automobile will decrease, as will your gas bill. You will save money on parking (and tickets). You won't have to have a membership to a gym to workout.

5. **Enjoy your commute**

Arrive at work refreshed and full of energy; ride off stress after work. Commuting under your own power gives you a sense of accomplishment. Take the long way home and ride through a park or along a local river.



Just a Reminder: The Taft Office will be open on Monday, May 27th, 2013 (Memorial Day). Please feel free to swing by with any questions or service requests.

Memorial Day Recipe

Summer cooking season kicks off as we honor our nation's heroes.



BLT Dip

Ingredients:

2 cups sour cream

2 cups mayonnaise

2 pound sliced bacon, cooked and crumbled

6 plum tomatoes, chopped

3 green onions, chopped

Crumbled cooked bacon or thinly sliced green onions

optional: Assorted crackers or chips

Directions:

In a large bowl, combine the sour cream, mayonnaise, bacon, tomatoes and onions.

Refrigerate until serving. Garnish with bacon and green onions if desired.

Serve with crackers or chips.

Yield: 6 cups.

Nutritional Facts:

1 serving (2 tablespoons) equals 123 calories, 12 g fat (3 g saturated fat), 15 mg cholesterol, 155 mg sodium, 1 g carbohydrate, 2 g protein.