

November 2012

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. Return it back to the office for your chance to win a \$25 gift certificate to the downtown New Haven business of your choice. November's Rate-Your-Maintenance winners are Taft Resident Yinan Song and Greg Dix from our Maintenance team.



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HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

Thanksgiving is a holiday celebrated in the United States on the fourth Thursday in November. It has officially been an annual tradition since 1863, when, during the Civil War, President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed a national day of "Thanksgiving and Praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the Heavens". As a federal and popular holiday in the U.S., Thanksgiving is one of the major holidays of the year. Together with Christmas and New Year, Thanksgiving is a part of the broader holiday season.



In keeping with taking time to be thankful for things, the Taft Management Office will be closed in observance of Thanksgiving on Thursday, November 22, 2012. The office will reopen on Friday, November 23, 2012 at 9 am for regular business hours. A service assistant will be available when the office is closed to help with packages, dry cleaning, dollies, and other items as needed.

Mini Storage

@ The Taft



Are you or a friend looking to minimize the number of items in your apartment, but not ready to part with your stuff for good? Taft offers on-site mini-storage starting at \$50 a month. You do not have to be a Taft Resident in order to utilize the storage units. Please contact Rachel in the office with any questions.



Soup Kitchen Drive

As the holiday season is among us, let's take a second to recognize the less fortunate and make an effort to support those around town who have come up on hardship. As of November 1st there will be a box in the lobby for the Downtown Evening Soup Kitchen. Please donate your unopened, nonperishable food items throughout the month of November.

Important Reminders

- 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 written notice prior to the end of their lease. If there are questions about this please call, e-mail, or stop by the office.
- By this point all air conditioners should be removed and heat should be "on and pumping". Please let us know if you are experiencing any issues regarding the temperature in your apartment.
- Please make sure to get your service requests in as early into the day as possible to ensure it is handled promptly.
- The office will be closed Friday, November 16th for professional development. The office will reopen at 10am on Saturday, November 17th.



We are delighted that construction is going full force on the new restaurant. We know that you are as excited as we are. Thank you for your understanding and patience with any minor inconveniences as a result of the construction activity. An early 2013 opening is planned. More details to follow!

EVENTS

Sunday, November 11 – Friday, November 16

New Haven RESTAURANT WEEK

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Restaurant Week is Back!



33 of downtown New Haven's award-winning and internationally diverse restaurants are featuring prix fixe lunch and dinner menus. Participating restaurants offer a three-course, prix fixe menu consisting of an appetizer, entrée and dessert.

Prix fixe menus are priced at \$18 for lunch and \$32 for dinner. Make reservations as early as possible. Don't wait because restaurants are sure to book quickly.

Go to www.connecticutrestaurantweek.com for a list of participating restaurants and more information!

Thanksgiving Fun



Macy's Day Parade

New Haven is only a train-ride away from New York City—home to the nationally acclaimed & televised

Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade!

The three-hour event is held in New York City starting at 9:00 a.m. EST on Thanksgiving Day. In addition to the well-known balloons and floats, the Parade also features live music and other performances.

Visit www.macys.com/parade for more details!



November 27, 1952

WHY TURKEY?

The history of the Thanksgiving turkey is a bit of a mystery. Nobody knows exactly how this particular bird earned a place of honor at the table each November, but historians have a few different theories.

Thanks to letters and records kept by early American settlers, we know that when the colonists sat down to dine with the Wampanoag Indians, beef and fowl were on the menu. This historical meal would later become known as the first Thanksgiving.

Although historians cannot say for sure which types of fowl were served up that day, a letter written by pilgrim Edward Winslow mentions a turkey hunting trip before the meal.

The wild turkey is a native bird of North America. As a result, Benjamin Franklin claimed this made the turkey a more suitable national bird for the United States than the bald eagle.

Not everyone agreed with Franklin, however, and the bald eagle became the national emblem for the United States in 1782. The bald eagle may be America's bird 364 days a year, but the turkey has one day all to itself — Thanksgiving.

- A spooked turkey can run at speeds up to 20 miles per hour. They can also burst into flight approaching speeds between 50-55 mph in a matter of seconds.
- Turkeys have heart attacks. When the Air Force was conducting test runs and breaking the sound barrier, fields of turkeys would drop dead.
- Turkeys can drown if they look up when it is raining.
- A wild turkey has excellent vision and hearing. Their field of vision is about 270 degrees. This is the main reason they continue to elude some hunters.
- Benjamin Franklin wanted the national bird to be a turkey.

