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. October’s Rate-Your-Maintenance winners are Taft Resident Matthew Halgren and Joel Celi from our Maintenance team.

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Happy Halloween

October 2012

Halloween (or Hallowe’en ... but also known as Samhain, Summer’s End, All Hallow’s Eve, Witches Night, Lambswool, and Snap-Apple), is a holiday that’s celebrated annually on the night of October 31. It originated in Ireland, and is celebrated in quite a few countries including Ireland, United States, Canada, United Kingdom, Japan, New Zealand, Australia, and Sweden among others. It’s celebrated in a variety of ways including trick-or-treating, ghost tours, bonfires, costume parties, “haunted house” tours, carving pumpkins (Jack-o’-lanterns) and reading / watching scary stories / movies.

The Taft will be hosting a Halloween party with treats in the lobby from 3pm—5pm on Wednesday, October 31st. Come drop by, trick or treat, or show off your costumes if you have one! Special prizes for the best dressed!

GROUCHO MARX DAY

In honor of one of Hotel Taft’s most famous guests (rumor is he was kicked out!), on October 2nd, we will be screening some of Groucho’s most notable films in the Grand Lobby:

- The Cocoanuts (1929)
- Animals Crackers (1930)
- Monkey Business (1931)
- Horse Feathers (1932)
- Duck Soup (1933)

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.

- Air conditioners will be covered & maintenance will be performing their “winterization” checklist very soon. We will be distributing notices as to when they will be on your floor in the very near future.

- Some tips for staying warm n your apartment as the weather gets colder: Make sure all windows are fully closed; all baseboard vents are in the open position; move furniture away from baseboards to allow air to circulate; and on very cold days make sure to keep your blinds down & in a closed position.

Mini Storage @ The Taft

Are you or a friend looking to minimize the number of items in your apartment, but not ready to part for good with your stuff? 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.

Happy Columbus Day

The Office will be closed on Monday, October 8th in honor of Columbus Day. A Service Assistant will be present behind the front desk in the lobby to assist with packages, dry cleaning, and hand trucks. We will reopen on Tuesday, October 9th at 9:00am.
New Haven Urban Scavenger Race

Scavenger hunts are the best way to get to know a city, so hit the streets and register to be a part of the New Haven Urban Scavenger Race!

The New Haven Urban Scavenger Race takes place on Saturday, October 13; teams of two to four people must sign in at race sponsor Black Bear Saloon between 11:30 a.m. and 11:45 a.m. Racers take off from Black Bear at noon and must return there by 4 p.m. Participants younger than 18 may only participate if a parent or legal guardian is also a team member. If there is inclement weather, the race will be rescheduled for Saturday, October 20. Teams can don eccentric costumes for a chance to win prizes.

Start & Finish: Black Bear, 124 Temple Street New Haven, CT 06510—Sign-in: 11:30am to noon—Race: Noon to 4pm

** More information can be found at [http://www.scavengerrace.com/New-Haven-Race.html](http://www.scavengerrace.com/New-Haven-Race.html) **

Connecticut Orchards

Looking for a great place to spend a nice fall day? How about somewhere to do some apple picking? Or where can you find the largest pumpkins around?

Here is a list of local orchards in the Southern Connecticut area:

**Bishop’s Orchards**
1355 Boston Post Road, US Rte. 1, I-95 Exit 57
Guilford, CT 06437
203-458-PICK (7425)
www.bishopsorchards.com

**Lyman Orchards**
Jct. Rtes. 147 & 157
Middlefield, CT 06455
PYO Hotline 860-349-6015
www.lymanorchards.com

**Drazen Orchards**
251 Wallingford Road
Cheshire, CT 06410
203-272-7985
www.drazenorchards.com

**Blue Hills Orchard, Inc.**
141 Blue Hills Road
Wallingford, CT 06492
203-269-3189
www.bluehillsorchard.com

Pumpkin Patch Match

Turn in a completed Pumpkin Match and a winner will be picked at random on November 1st. The winner will receive a $25 gift certificate to a local business of their choice! Good Luck!