**Important Reminders**

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 in 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.

The Trash Chute is only for bagged, routine, household garbage and trash. Please place broken-down cardboard and recycling into the blue recycling bin located on each floor.

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**Fun Halloween Facts:**

- The origin of Jack-O-Lanterns comes from a Celtic folk tale of a stingy farmer named Jack who would constantly play tricks on the devil. The devil responded by forcing him to wander purgatory with only a burning lump of coal from hell. Jack took the coal and made a lantern from a turnip, using it to guide his lost soul.

- Celts believed Halloween was a time when the wall between our world and the paranormal world was porous and spirits could get through. Because of this belief, it was common for the Celts to wear costumes and masks during the festival to ward off any evil spirits.

- Black cats, spiders, and bats are all Halloween symbols because of their spooky history and ties to Wiccans. All three were thought to be the familiars of witches in the middle ages, and are often associated with bad luck.

We will be hosting Pizza Wars in the Grand Lobby on Thursday, October 13th! We will feature three different pizzerias from downtown New Haven. We will have a voting box in the lobby to vote for your favorite pizzeria. At the end of the month we will randomly draw a winner, and we will purchase a $25 gift card to the winning pizzeria.

Pizza will be served around 5pm. There is limited pizza so be sure to stop by the lobby early!

**Let Pizza Wars Begin!**

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**Storage @ The Taft**

Storage units starting at $50 per month ... Call the office for more info! Be on the lookout for seasonal specials!
Anyone in the business of serving pizza probably does not need to be reminded that October is National Pizza Month here in the United States. While the contribution of the first pizzerias in this country cannot be ignored, it was really the returning American soldiers who fought in Italy during World War II that brought a hunger for pizza home with them and pushed its popularity over the top.

America’s love of pizza continued to grow and now October is the official National Pizza Month across most of North America. First observed in the United States during 1984, October was designated as National Pizza Month by Gerry Durnell, the founder of Pizza Today magazine, who chose that month because the first issue of his magazine debuted in October of that year.

Durnell was a pizzeria owner in the small town of Santa Claus, Indiana when he realized there were no periodicals or tradeshow publications to support his growing pizza business or the industry in general. Creation of a national pizza-oriented magazine along with the introduction of a national pizza month served his purposes perfectly and solved the problem.

Today, National Pizza Month is observed each October across the USA and in much of Canada too. The designation might be a bit redundant in this country though, as nearly every month could be considered Pizza Month in the United States these days.

Haunted Isle September 30, October 1, 7-8, 14-15, 21-22, 28-29; 7-10 pm The Shoreline Trolley Museum, 17 River St., East Haven 203.467.6927 Admission: $12; express $20 More info: Legend has it that somewhere in the woods at the end of the trolley tracks, lurk the things that nightmares are made of. This fall a lonely trolley will carry passengers down the tracks to the gate at the start of the trail. The choice is yours... enter if you dare! Recommended for adults and mature children who do not have any health issues! Be sure to wear good walking shoes as the Isle is a wooded path with many twists and turns.

Halloween Concert October 29; 2pm Trinity on the Green, New Haven 203.562.5666 Admission: $10; Tickets sold only in advance in the Woolsey rotunda the week of the show. More info: The annual Halloween Show on October 31st at midnight is YSO’s most unique performance: the orchestra plays a soundtrack, consisting of pop music, movie soundtracks, and classical pieces, to a silent film written by, produced by, directed by, and starring YSO members.

Trail of Terror October 1, 7-9, 14-16, 21-23 & 28-30 PNC Park, Wallingford 888.695.0888 Admission: $15; timed ticket $20 More info: Celebrating 20 years of terror, this award-winning outdoor haunted attraction takes visitors on a 45-minute scream-filled journey through more than three acres of spooky scenes and living nightmares.

Grove Street Cemetery Tours Oct. 1-2, 8-9, 15-16, 22-23 12pm on Saturdays 12pm on Sundays Grove Street Cemetery, New Haven 203.389.5403 Admission: Freegrovestreetcemetery.org More info: One-hour walking tour to view historical persons, sponsored by the Friends of Grove Street Cemetery.