RATE YOUR MAINTENANCE:

- **WINNER:** This month's winner of the Rate-Your-Maintenance drawing is Ingrid Cardenas. She will have her choosing of a $25 gift certificate to any of the Taft retail vendors, including Mac Gray.

- **Rate-Your-Maintenance:** Please keep an eye out for our new procedure for distributing your Rate-Your-Maintenance Cards. When you submit a Service Request the Office will input it and give it to the Maintenance Team. The Maintenance Team will do the necessary work, and leave copy of the completed service request. A Rate-Your-Maintenance Card will be delivered from the Office after completion. Please remember to complete and return the form to the Office for your chance to win a $25 gift certificate to your Taft retail vendor (including Mac Gray) of your choice.

- **Message From the Maintenance Team**

  Please ensure that you are doing your part to help keep the building clean. Our team works really hard to maintain an above standard level of cleanliness in the building. However, this can only be up kept if you aid us in our mission. Take care in the hallways and common areas to pick up after yourself. Be sure you are using the trash rooms properly and being respectful of the Recreation Center.

Big Things In Big Places

**Congratulations!**

Thank you to everyone that came out celebrate the Taft's winning of The Advocate's Best Of in the Apartment Complex category and Fenn Hathaway's nomination as Resident of the Month. We had a great day. In addition to the celebrations we finally raised our $200 for the National Breast Cancer Foundation. The raffle winners were, Uzma Siddiqui, Deborah Brown, Liz Grace, Mary McMillan, Anna Guaita, Fenn Hathaway, Jennifer Keighley, Aaron Scherzer, Federica Zuniga, Lauren Rongy, Lindsay Conroy, Andrew Jackson, David Wilson, Jeff O'Connell and our mailman Rob. Thank you again to everyone who participated!

**Changing Faces**

Keep a look out for the new Taft logo to start appearing EVERYWHERE! All of our forms will be getting a face-lift. Let us know what you think! Also, don't forget to check out the new website: www.taftapartments.com. Stay tuned for further information regarding the Resident's Corner.

**Independence**

Since we are sure you all have great plans for the 4th of July and celebrating this great country's Independence... our celebration will be somewhat independent. Find attached some 4th of July trivia and word puzzles. Anyone who returns them to the office will be entered to win a $25 gift certificate to the Taft retail vendor of their choice, including Mac Gray. Have your entries in the office by the end of the day on July 4th to be entered into the drawing to win.

The Nitty Gritty

**At Your Service**

The Taft Management Office would like to remind you of some of the great extras we offer you during office hours. Besides package acceptance we work with 4 local dry cleaners who pick up and drop off to the building and we have coupons to local businesses (including some of these dry cleaners). We will make copies for you at $.25/page, faxes $1/page for domestic and $2/page for international. Need to print something? Come on down and borrow our computer—$.25/page. We have stamps at current Post Office prices. Hand trucks, a vacuum, and minor tools are available to borrow when you leave us a photo ID. Making your life easy to kick back and relax.

**Booming Lights**

One of the best parts about July is getting to see all of the fireworks. Don't miss out on the numerous great displays coming to the area. The New Haven Ikea fireworks display will take place on Sunday, July 4th at 9:15 pm. Please remember that the roofs are not to be used for public access and therefore, there is no viewing of the display allowed from our roof. Display will be viewable from Blake Field (State Street), Wilbur Cross High School (Mitchell Drive), and Rice Field (View Street).

**Storage Specials**

DO NOT MISS OUT! Do you or someone you know need storage for the summer months? We have just the thing you are looking for! The Taft Mini Storage is offering buy 2 months get 1/5 a month free on storage units for the summer. Do not need long term? If you are a new customer with a Yale ID, you will get 10% off your bin. Contact Jessica in the Management Office for further details and to set up an appointment to secure yourself a bin today! * All payments are required upfront for summer storage.
Bake-Off Bonanza!

On July 30, The Taft Management Office will be hosting a building-wide Bake Off in the Grand Lobby. From cookies and cakes to pastries and pies we want to see what you have. The sky is the limit on this one, so have some fun and get a little dirty if you like.

There are four categories to enter, enter only one item per category but as many categories as you might like. The categories are cakes, cookies, pies and other.

There will be one winner in each category and one Best Of winner. There is NO entry fee and all are encouraged to participate. The judging will take place between 3 and 5 pm on July 30, in the Grand Lobby. If you are interested in being a judge please contact the Office—we do ask if you judge that you not enter any items into the Bake Off. Each item will be judged based on three categories, General appearance, Moisture, over-all flavor. Judges will utilize on a “Point system” (1-10). You need not be present to win.

All submissions need to be brought to the Management Office before 3 pm on July 30. Please be sure to include the name of the item being submitted, a recipe, and preferred category to be judged in. Be sure to include your name and apartment number so we can identify the winners properly.

RULES:
− No Professional bakers please
− All baked goods must be fully baked, finished and from scratch
− Baked goods are to be prepared in a sanitary manner
− No raw or uncooked eggs
− All entrees must be placed on a paper plate enclosed in a Ziploc Bag or covering
− You may use your own dish, with name on the bottom and at your own risk. Must pick up at end of contest.
− Any leftover items will become property of The Taft Apartments
− Baked goods will not be returned back for sanitary reasons
− Each baked item should be marked with a name of the baked good: example: “Chocolate Chunk Cookies” or “Apple Strudel Pie” when you register the day of the contest
− All entrees must register at the event registration table with a contest tag to be attached on the baked good they are entering.

Participant Entry Form
Please print
Name ________________________________
Address ________________________________
Number ________________________________
Email ________________________________

Select which category/categories you will enter:
__________ Cookies ________ Cakes ________ Pies ________ Other

Name of baked good entering: Example: Walnut-Chip Cookies

________________________________________
________________________________________
1) According to legend, which of the following women sewed together the first American flag?
   a) Dolly Madison  
   b) Martha Washington  
   c) Eleanor Roosevelt  
   d) Betsy Ross  

2) Who was the primary author of the Declaration of Independence?
   a) Benjamin Franklin  
   b) George Washington  
   c) Thomas Jefferson  
   d) John Adams  

3) Which of the following was not one of the thirteen original colonies?
   a) Georgia  
   b) Virginia  
   c) Vermont  
   d) Massachusetts  

4) What happened on July 4, 1776?
   a) The first battle of the Revolutionary War was fought  
   b) The Second Continental Congress declared independence from Britain.  
   c) The Declaration of Independence was adopted by the Second Continental Congress.  
   d) The Declaration of Independence was signed.  

5) The Second Continental Congress met in which city to draft The Declaration of Independence?
   a) Boston, MA  
   b) New York, NY  
   c) Baltimore, MD  
   d) Philadelphia, PA  

6) After losing New York City to the British, which river did George Washington and his men cross on Christmas Day in 1776 in a prelude to a surprise attack on the Hessian garrison?
   a) Hudson River  
   b) Potomac River  
   c) Connecticut River  
   d) Delaware River  

7) The “midnight ride” of which American patriot was later immortalized by poet Henry Wadsworth Longfellow.
   a) John Hancock  
   b) Samuel Adams  
   c) Joseph Warren  
   d) Paul Revere  

8) Which of the following European powers did not fight on the side of the colonists in the Revolutionary War?
   a) Spain  
   b) France  
   c) The Netherlands  
   d) Germany  

9) Which of the following did not sign the Declaration of Independence?
   a) Samuel Adams  
   b) Benjamin Franklin  
   c) John Hancock  
   d) George Washington  

10) In 1773, which of the following was thrown into Boston Harbor as a protest against taxes?
    a) Coffee  
    b) Tea  
    c) Tobacco  
    d) Cotton  

11) Who wrote The Star-Spangled Banner?
    a) John Philip Sousa  
    b) Francis Scott Key  
    c) Katharine Lee Bates  
    d) Samuel Francis Smith  

Name: ____________________________
Apartment: ____________________________

Complete and return this to the office for a entry into a drawing for a $25 gift certificate to the Taft retail vendor of your choice.
Fourth of July by Dave Fisher

Note: This puzzle contains two diagonal entries running from top and bottom left which spell out two timely phrases.

Across
1. Hawkeye State
5. Grocery, e.g.
9. Scruffs
15. Throb
16. Bay window
17. Deluxe insulation
19. Above: prefix
20. Lost, figuratively
21. Indian bread
22. Associate
23. Commercial-free network
25. Hole in the head?
27. Martini option
28. Kindle
32. It has riser and tread
34. Tom, Dick and Harry, for example
35. So __
38. These in Ste-Thérèse
40. Omen
41. Lyric poem
42. Baseball Hall-of-Famer, Slaughter
44. Frat letter
45. Paid the pot
47. Westwood campus
48. Gloucester good byes
50. Opie to Bea
52. Afternoons
54. Compass pt.
55. Michigan or Ontario in French
56. Very eccentric
58. IV tripled
60. Minor official
65. Braid
66. Limitless
68. Bunsen burners
69. Once more with a difference
70. Salty sea
71. Sashay
72. Period of calm

Down
1. UN nuclear watchdog
2. Taking care of (as a task)
3. Large amounts
4. Away from the wind
5. Boy
6. Desktop images
7. Unstressed vowel
8. Volunteer State
9. Cosa __
10. Wild sheep
11. Hand tool with jaws
12. Spooky
13. Incline
18. Engrossed
24. Maude portrayer
26. __ Z
28. "__ You" (Hollies hit)
29. Film crew member
30. Bit of bedroom furniture
31. Ancient Greece
33. What windows do in cold weather
36. Platonic
37. Banned pesticide
39. Dover fish
43. Spotted
45. Support grps.
46. Test often in the news
49. African bloodsucker
51. Color of unbleached silk
52. John Paul et al
53. Opposite of uni-
55. Slander
57. Iranian dollar
59. Northern natives
61. Within: prefix
62. The ideal garden
63. Scallopini, often
64. Whirlpool
67. Potter bird