Check This Out!

* Need a little bit of extra space in your apartment? Our self-service mini-storage facility has availability with prices starting at $50/month. See James for further details in the office.
* The Taft Office can send and receive faxes, sell postage, and make photocopies. We simply charge the expense to your account. $1/page for domestic faxes, $2/international faxes, 25 cents a copy and normal postage rate for stamps.
* Refer a friend to the Taft and get a chance to earn a $25 gift certificate to the Taft retail business. To receive credit the lease must start by 3/15/09 and make sure they mention your name.

MAINTENANCE CORNER: With winter upon us here are some things to keep in mind:
* Check all windows to insure that they are fully closed. If you need assistance, just call the office.
* Make sure all baseboard vents are in the open position.
* Move furniture and bookshelves away from all baseboards to allow the heat to circulate.
* On extremely cold days, keep your mini blinds in a closed position.
* If pipes in the baseboards are cold, let us know immediately. If the office is closed, call the emergency line at 250-3822.

Brendan Kei is no longer working with The Taft maintenance team. We wish him all the best with his future endeavors.

TREAT YOUR SWEET HEART TO A SPECIAL GIFT!
Come down to the Lobby, February 6, 2009 between 10 am and 4 pm and enjoy The Taft’s 1st Annual CRAFT SHOW! Come make all of your sweet-heart’s wishes come true this holiday. Find a unique array of handcrafted gifts that will win the heart of your significant other all over again. Purses, jewelry, candy all without every having to go further than the front door. As an additional convenience for you, the Taft Management Office will be wrapping gifts for a small donation that will go to a local charity — suggestions welcomed. There will be complimentary refreshments offered in celebration of Valentine’s Day.

SPREAD THE LOVE
While we all take the time out to show the ones we care for how much we love them, let’s not forget those still in need. The Community House on Ella Grasso Blvd, the Downtown Evening Soup Kitchen, and Salvation Army are always excepting donations. If you cannot make it there yourself come in the office and arrange something with Jessica. We want to help out those in need year round.

TRIVIA! - See Community Board for Answers
The winner of January’s Trivia Challenge is Liz Grace! She will receive a Gift Certificate for her Random Knowledge success.

EARLY BIRD CATHES THE WORM!
Be sure to take advantage of the great renewal special! The time is running out—you only have till February 15, to let the office know you will be renewing your lease and taking advantage of the great deal!

RATE YOUR MAINTENANCE
This month’s winner of a gift certificate in our monthly Rate-Your-Maintenance is Rebecca Beyer. If maintenance has recently completed work in your apartment home, don’t forget to fill out your “Rate Your Maintenance” card. Return it back to the office for your chance to win a $25 gift certificate as part of our monthly drawing.

THINKING AHEAD
The Preferred Waiting List has begun forming for Spring, Summer and Fall 2009. Do you know someone looking for an apartment for next year? We would be glad to help. Have them call the office at 495-TAFT for more information and to schedule an appointment. The list is growing day by day, so time is of the essence.
Feb 6–22. Crimes of the Heart
Eastbound Theatre will present this play by Beth Henley under the direction of Chris Peterson. Center for the Arts, 40 Railroad Avenue, Milford. Friday & Saturday at 8:00 pm, Sunday at 2 pm. Tickets $15, senior/student $12.50. 203-878-6647. www.milfordarts.org

Feb 7, 21, 28. Eagle Watches on the Connecticut River

Feb 13-16. Presidents’ Day Sale
Save even more this holiday weekend at our Presidents’ Day Sale while enjoying the charming village-like setting featuring 70 designer and name brand outlets. Admission is free. Clinton Crossings, 20-A Killingworth Turnpike, Route 81, Clinton. 860-664-0700 www.premiumoutlets.com/clinton

Fri. Feb. 13. Yale Concert Band Spring Concert
Yale’s select wind symphony plays a variety of marches, orchestral transcriptions and exciting new music for wind band. Woolsey Hall, College & Grove Sts., New Haven. 7:30 pm. Free 203-432-4113

Sat Feb 14. Valentine’s Day
A musical bouquet from the New Haven Chorale and guest choruses to benefit St. Martin de Porres Academy’s music program, including the world premiere of a newly commissioned work for combined adult choruses, children’s choruses, and organ by Composer-in-Residence Colin Britt. Join the Chorale and their guests in celebrating and supporting St. Martin’s own music that uplifts and inspires young lives in New Haven! 7:30 pm. Woolsey Hall, Corner of College and Grove Streets, New Haven. www.newhavenchorale.org

Sun. Feb. 15. Sleeping Giant Winter Tree Identification Hike
Meeting place is at the bulletin board/kiosk near the park entrance. Wear comfortable, supportive shoes and dress for the weather. Bring snacks and water, and a camera if you wish. Free. 1:30pm. Sleeping Giant State Park, Mount Carmel Avenue, Hamden. 203-272-7841.

Thurs. Feb. 19. Yale Jazz Ensemble Concert
Yale’s 18-piece big band performs a wide variety of music from the standards to the newest and most progressive jazz compositions. Morse Recital Hall, College & Wall Sts., New Haven. 8pm. Free 203-432-4113

Fri. Feb. 27. Friction Farm
Blending country, folk and pop. Aidan Quinn, guitar and vocals; Christine Stay, bass and vocals. Performance Coffeehouse, Center for the Arts, 40 Railroad Avenue, Milford. 8:00 pm. $10. 203-878-6647. www.milfordarts.org