



THE TAFT TIDINGS

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New Beginnings

Wishing Wonders

Happy New Year!!! Welcome to our new residents moving in this month. Welcome back to those of you who are returning from Winter Break. We hope that everyone had an enjoyable and relaxing Holiday Season. The Taft wishes you and your loved ones a happy, healthy, and prosperous 2009.



Extra, Extra Read ALL About It!

The Early Bird Catches the Worm—The annual “early bird special” is coming **VERY** soon. Be on the lookout for more information to come.

Reassuring Resolutions

What were some of your Resolutions? Help the Taft come up with some to help benefit you! We resolve to continue our excellence in service to you. We are dedicating ourselves this year to doing everything we can to go even further above and beyond your expectations of us in making you home all it can be.

You've Got Mail

Please pick up packages and mail that might have come in for you while you were away promptly. Space is extremely limited in the package closet, and we have been receiving an abundance of packages recently. Either the office or the service assistant can help retrieve them for you.

Stay Warm This Winter

The heat is on. To help keep your apartment warm, please remember the following: 1) Make sure all windows are fully closed and locked, 2) Make sure all baseboard vents are in the open position, 3) Move furniture away from the baseboards, 4) Ensure your thermostat is turned all the way up to 5. Additionally on extremely cold days, you may want to close your mini-blinds.



Day of Rest

The office will be closed on Thursday, January 1, 2009 in observance of the New Year. What a better way to start the year then with some much needed rest! The office will reopen at 9am on Friday, January 2, 2009. A service assistant will be available for your convenience.

TAKE NOTICE

* 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 2/15/09 and make sure they mention your name.

GETTING INVOLVED

THANK YOU!!

- THANK YOU to everyone who donated to the Toys for Tots and Downtown Evening Soup Kitchen!! We had a **record breaking turn out**. I know both charities greatly appreciate your contributions. You all have big hearts for taking the time to include others; **WE CANNOT THANK YOU ENOUGH!**

- Also, we hope all of you that came out to the Taft Holiday Extravaganza enjoyed yourselves and our special guests Out of the Blue. Their performance was spectacular! If you happened to miss this event, have no fear we have a lot more planned for the future.



TRIVIA MONTH

Answer the attached trivia questions and return it to the office. Get the most answers correct & you could have the chance to win a gift certificate To Hot Tomatos. **DUE BACK: JAN. 19** to Jess in the office. The winner will be announced in February's newsletter. **Good luck and have fun!**

MAINTENANCE CORNER

RATE YOUR MAINTENANCE—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 from Hot Tomato's as part of our monthly drawing. This month's winner is:

Jen Keighley!

EMERGENCY NUMBER—

The maintenance emergency phone number is 250-3822. You should call **ONLY** if an emergency occurs when the Office is closed. Examples: no water or electricity, a leak, fire, clogged plumbing for one bathroom apartments, or no heat on extreme cold days or ac on extreme hot days. Lock outs are handled on a time available

UPCOMING EVENTS

Nov 28-Jan 11. 21st Annual Holiday Gilbert Train Exhibition

Hands-on exhibition of American Flyer Trains. Eli Whitney Museum, 915 Whitney Ave., Hamden. Wed-Fri & Sun noon-5pm; Sat. 10-3pm. Free. 203-777-1833 www.eliwhitney.org

Current thru Jan. 4. Exhibition: First Doubt: Optical Confusion in Modern Photography Celebrating.

A major gift of over two hundred photographs from the collection of Allan Chasanoff, B.A. 1961, this exhibition explores the seldom-discussed phenomenon of optical confusion in photography. Drawn from the Chasanoff Collection, as well as from the Gallery's permanent collection, First Doubt will feature approximately one hundred photographs by a diverse array of photographers across the twentieth century. Seen together, they reveal the interpretive nature of the lens and the interpolative nature of the photograph. Yale Art Gallery, Corner of Chapel and York Sts, New Haven. Tues-Sat 10am-5pm; Thurs until 8pm. Sun 1-6pm. Free. 203-432-0600 www.artgallery.yale.edu

Current thru Jan. 23. *Intricacies: Extreme Detail in Current Art*

Obsessive, layered, complex, elegant, intimate and universal—this exhibition features artists who use extreme detail in their work. Haskins Laboratories, 300 George Street, 9th Floor, New Haven. 203-772-2788 www.newhavenarts.org

Sun. Jan 11. A Procession of Lessons and Carols for Epiphany sung by the Trinity Choir of Men and Boys Trinity Church on the Green, Temple at Chapel Streets, New Haven. 5:00 pm No admission. Readings, choir carols, and hymns for the season of light. 203- 776-2616. www.trinitynewhaven.org

January 14-February 8 *Coming Home* By Athol Long wharf presents: Fugard Veronika is caught between her own dreams of a singing career in Johannesburg and her grandfather's deep love for tradition and the "akkers" he's farmed for their livelihood.

Fri. Jan. 16. Neighborhood Music School's Winter Dance Concert

The NMS Dance Department presents it annual Winter Concert at ECA's Arts Hall, 55 Audubon Street. 7:00 pm. Tickets: \$10; Free for 12 & under. For more information, call Neighborhood Music School, 100 Audubon St., New Haven. 203-624-5189. www.nmsmusicschool.org

January 16-18. *Cats* There's no better way to introduce your family to the wonders of live theater than with the magic, the mystery, the memory of Cats at the Shubert Theater.

Sat. Jan. 17. Neighborhood Music School's Chinese New Year Festival

An inter-generational, inter-cultural celebration of the Chinese New Year with music, crafts, and pot luck supper. Phoebe M. Barron, leader. 4:00 pm. Free. Neighborhood Music School, 100 Audubon St., New Haven. 203-624-5189. www.nmsmusicschool.org

Jan 17, 24, 31. Eagle Watches on the Connecticut River

Each winter bald eagles make their way down the Connecticut River. Land-based guided tour of several sites along the river; bring binoculars. Followed by tavern luncheon. The Audubon Shop, 907 Boston Post Rd., Madison. Call ahead. \$20 (includes lunch) 203-245-9056.

January 29

The End of an Era Jennifer Lim, Piano Bernstein: Candide Overture; Rachmaninov: Rhapsody on a Theme of Paganini; Elgar: Symphony No. 2 in Eb, Op 63 presented by the New Haven Symphony Orchestra.

Sat. Jan. 31. 19th Annual Madison Penguin Plunge benefiting Special Olympics Connecticut

Join us in our new home, Hammonasset Beach State Park and take the plunge for a great cause! Get a team together or go it alone, set up a fundraising home page and raise money on-line. A minimum donation of \$50 needs to be raised to take the plunge. 203-230-1201 ext 231. www.soct.org/plunges (click on Madison)