



Taft Tidings

October 2011

Maintenance Corner

- We have not seen many Rate-Your-Maintenance cards returned to the office. If you have had a service request completed lately please take a moment to complete and return it to the office. We would love to know how we are doing and if there is anything we can do to provide you with better service. For every service request returned you are entered to win a \$25 gift certificate to the Taft retail establishment of your choice.
- September's Rate-Your-Maintenance winners are Taft resident Jinah Han & Joel of our maintenance team. They will be receiving a \$25 gift card. Congratulations!
- Unfortunately the winter months are fast approaching us. The heat in the building is set to kick on when the temperature outdoors drops below a specific level. Use the thermostat or heat dial, numbered 1-5; 1 being the coolest and 5 being the warmest, in your apartment to set the heat to a comfortable level.
- 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.

Halloween Party

We will be hosting a Halloween party in the grand lobby on October 31st from 2 - 4pm. Come down to enjoy some candy & treats.

Reminder!

To like The Taft on Facebook! Also, our resident portal is up and running. Feel free to check it out and explore everything at: www.taftapartments.com.

Pumpkin Carving

Enjoy carving pumpkins this time of year to get into the Halloween spirit??? The Taft will be offering pumpkins to be carved up between October 24th thru October 28th. If you are interested, feel free to stop by the office to grab a pumpkin. Pumpkins can be carved in the designated area within the lobby or you can take it up to your apartment to carve away. Pumpkins will light up the Grand Lobby during our Halloween party on October 31st. Hint: Pumpkin seeds taste great when baked in the oven with a little salt... yum!

Have Plans After College?

Recently an article was published on MSN's web page and it is quite the eye opener, in a good way of course. Sometimes to move forward, you have to move. As summer's end approaches, many of this spring's college graduates are finding that they have yet to launch — no job, no apartment, and no obvious prospects. Fortunately, New Haven has many of these necessities. The fourth annual Top 10 Best Cities for Recent College Graduates from Apartments.com and CareerRookie.com, (CareerBuilder.com's college job search website), offers some clues about where to search for opportunities and many of those opportunities can be found right in New Haven. The list is based on the ranking of the U.S. cities with the highest concentration of people ages 20-24, an inventory of jobs requiring less than one year of experience, and the average cost of rent for a one-bedroom apartment. Here's a rundown of the best metropolitan areas to get your start:

1. Hartford-New Haven, Conn.
2. Cleveland
3. Boston
4. Denver
5. Minneapolis
6. San Francisco
7. Washington D.C
8. Philadelphia
9. Atlanta
10. St. Louis

To read the article in its entirety please follow this link:

http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/44377027/ns/business-personal_finance/t/best-cities-new-college-grads/from/toolbar. Feel free to contact the office & we will e-mail you the link.

Columbus Day

The Taft office will be closed on October 10, 2011 in honor of Columbus Day. The office will reopen on Tuesday, October 11, 2011 with our regular hours. The maintenance team will be available for emergencies only.



The Taft has a convenient storage facility located right in the building on SC level. These units can be rented for additional storage space by residents and non-residents alike. Please see Jason in the office for rates and further details.



October Current Events



Yale Peabody Museum of Natural History

9th Annual Fiesta Latina

Come to the 9th annual celebration of Latin American cultures! Enjoy performances of traditional and contemporary music and dance, along with games, crafts, face painting and storytelling for the whole family. In honor of the temporary Smithsonian exhibition "X-ray Vision: Fish Inside Out" the museum will offer local fishing advice and consumption guidelines, plus favorite fish recipes from local chefs. Saturday, 10/15/2011.

<http://peabody.yale.edu/events/fiesta-latina>

Earth Science Day

Earth Science Week engages people around the world in learning about the natural processes that shape our planet. This year's theme, "Our Ever-changing Earth," gives us the opportunity to take a closer look at the tectonic forces involved in the many earthquakes and volcanic eruptions of the last few years, along with other interesting and exciting ways our planet is changing. In celebration of National Fossil Day, you'll also have a chance to consider the ways living organisms have changed over time as evidenced by our phenomenal collection of animal and plant fossils. Learn about these geologic processes through expert-led demonstrations and activities, and have the chance to touch rocks, minerals and fossils, watch stones being polished, play games, make crafts and more! Monday, 10/10/11 from 10 am – 2pm.

<http://peabody.yale.edu/events/earth-science-day>

The Mary Wade Home Sixth Annual Golf Tournament

Mary Wade's exciting Sixth Annual Golf Tournament is quickly approaching! Please join us on Monday, October 3, at the Wallingford Country Club to hit the links for a wonderful cause: providing excellent care and services to aging and elderly individuals at Mary Wade and in the greater New Haven community. For more information, please contact Joy DeMarchis, Director of Development, at (203) 672-7812 or jdemarchis@marywade.org. Please visit Mary Wade's Web site, www.marywade.org, and simply download the two-page brochure there, fill it out, and return it to participate as a golfer, sponsor/donor, advertiser, or simply join us for a delicious surf and turf dinner.

New Haven Home Recovery 5th Annual Wine Tasting

At Kelly's Restaurant & Bar, 196 Crown Street, New Haven CT. Fine Wines/ Food/Silent Auction Presented by First Niagara Bank. Wednesday, 10/19/11 from 5:30 pm – 8:00pm.

<http://www.nhhr.org>



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New Haven Symphony

Mozart's Clarinet

Enjoy three Mozart masterpieces and hear a modern-day master of the clarinet, David Shifrin.

<http://www.newhavensymphony.org>



Shubert Theater

FELA!

This 2010 Tony-winning musical tells the story of 70s Nigerian musician, Fela Kuti, in a production featuring Fela's soulful Afrobeat rhythms and explosive choreography by Bill T. Jones. Fela defied an oppressive military government and devoted his life and music to the struggle for freedom and human dignity. FELA! is a triumphant tale of courage, passion and love. Thursday 10/20/11 – Sunday 10/23/11.

<http://www.shubert.com/>



GIRLS NIGHT: THE MUSICAL

This hilarious and touching musical follows 5 thirty-something friends during a night out at a karaoke bar. Friends since their teens, the group reminisce about their younger days and celebrate their lives all while belting out the classics "I'm Every Woman," "Girls Just Want to Have Fun," and many more. Friday, 10/14/11 8:00pm & Saturday, 10/15/11 3:00pm & 8:00pm. <http://www.shubert.com/>