

# The Taft Tidings

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## The Taft Apartments

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## Summer Lovin' Had Me a Blast

To the many **new faces** in the building Welcome to the Taft! It is our pleasure to have you become a part of our community. Please let us know if there is anything we can do for you. Also, keep your eyes out for some new faces in the office coming soon.

Many **goodbyes** are in order at the Summer is starting to make its way toward a close. First, we must say farewell to the residents who are moving on to new paths in their lives. It has been our greatest pleasure serving you and with you the absolute best in all that may cross your paths.

Gillian Levy is our trivia winner from July!

## Events in History

### August 1

1900 "The Wonderful Wizard of Oz" by L. Frank Baum was copyright registered.

### August 3

1897 The Street Car Controller was patented by Walter Knight and William Potter.

### August 9

1898 Rudolf Diesel was granted a patent for an "internal combustion engine" the Diesel engine.

### August 10

1909 The FORD trademark registered by the Ford Motor Corporation.

Of course we cannot forget about our **lovely Leasing/Service Coordinators** that many of you have gotten to know well, James and Michelle. It is that time for them to move on to the next stages of their lives as well. They will be greatly missed.

Looking for **something new to do?** Why not check out the Pilot Pen. It will be in town this month, from August 21-29 at Yale Tennis Center. If interested please contact the office and request the date you would like to attend and the amount of tickets you would like, we will try our best to accommodate you.

**Feeling a little cluttered?** Come down to the office and ask us about our storage options. Bins are available and starting as low as \$50/month.

### August 14

1984 IBM released MS-DOS version 3.0. IBM first approached Bill Gates and Microsoft to discuss the state of home computers in 1980.

### August 19

1919 HOSTESS was trademark registered by William B. Ward.

### August 20

1930 [Philo Farnsworth](#) patented a television.

### August 21

1888 The first practical adding & listing machine ([calculator](#)) was patented by William Burroughs.

**Feeling adventurous?** Looking for a new hair cut or to try a new restaurant. Come on down to the Office we have plenty of menus, coupons to local retailers, and guides of the area to give you the skinny on all the hidden treasures of New Haven and the surrounding areas.

With this great weather and the ever fluctuating gas prices a lot more people are looking to **different forms of transportation**. We would like to help. Whether its giving you a map to help you foot it across town or registering you to be able to use our Free Bicycle Rack we are here to help!



### August 22

1952 The Television Show, Adventures of Superman was copyright registered. **August 25**

1814 The British burnt Washington, D.C., however, the [Patent Office](#) was saved by the British Superintendent of Patents, Dr. William Thornton.

### August 28

1951 Oral B (the famous line of dental products) was trademark registered.

### August 29

1893 Whitcomb Judson received a patent for the [zipper](#).

### Maintenance Corner:

- Do you need something fixed in your apartment? Be sure to get in touch with the office prior to 1 pm to ensure you give the Maintenance Team enough time to look into the problem that day.
- When you have work done in your apartment you should be receiving a Rate-Your-Maintenance Card. Be sure to fill this out with every service request and be entered for a chance to win a \$25 Gift Certificate to one of the Taft Commercial tenant of your choice.
- This month's Rate-Your Maintenance Winner is Derek Kennedy!
- Reminder the Maintenance Team will do lock outs on a time available basis. You must call the Emergency Maintenance number 877-472-7532. There will be a \$100 fee charged once the Maintenance Team member has been set out on the call, regardless if you manage to get in to the apartment prior to their arrival.
- Any cardboard should be broken down and put on the ground floor across from the service elevator. If you have recycling besides what we can conveniently process through the building please contact either a hauling company like 1-800-GOT-JUNK for large items or call the New Haven Recycling Center at 946-7700.

### Trivia Questions for the Week:

- 1) When did the Taft Hotel originally open its doors?
- 2) How many rooms did the hotel host?
- 3) When did President Taft live at the Hotel?
- 4) What big time baseball player made an appearance at the Taft Hotel in the early 30s?
- 5) What was the average dollar amount of liquor in the storeroom in 1948?

### Please Take a Moment...

We regret to inform you that our long time Service Assistant, Dick Fortunato, passed away on Monday, July 27, 2009. He was a beloved part of the Taft Community and will be greatly missed. Services are being held out of state. The family requests any contributions be made to the American Cancer Society, 538 Preston Ave., Meriden, CT 06450-4851, 203-379-4700. If you would like to get your condolences to the family please feel free to drop by the office and we will be sure to pass along any cards or best wishes. The Taft has not been the same in Dick's absence and will surely take a while to adjust. For all of us who had the pleasure of knowing Dick, I am sure we will never forget him. May he rest in peace.

# Upcoming Events

#### **Culinary Walking Tour ~ Now through August 15, 2009**

Join food expert Stephen Fries on a Culinary Walking Tour of Downtown New Haven that encompasses some fine and legendary New Haven eateries, like Bar on Crown Street; the Cupcake Truck, Louis' Lunch, Union League Café, Villarina's Pasta Gifts and More, Willoughby's Coffee & Tea, and York Street Noodle House on York Street. Fries writes a food column for the New Haven Register and has produced and hosted many academic and culinary events such as The New Haven Iron Chef Competition. Location: The tour departs from the Davenport's at the Top of the Omni New Haven Hotel at Yale, 155 Temple Street, at 1:30 p.m., rain or shine, on **July 18, August 15,** and **September 26**. Cost: \$59. Phone: 203-777-8550 or 800-332-7829.

#### **Etchings of the Eternal City: Piranesi's Rome ~ Knights of Columbus Museum ~ Now through October 30, 2009**

The exhibition examines several early prints of the 18th-century artist Giovanni Battista Piranesi's Vedute di Roma (Views of Rome). The etchings celebrate the diverse richness of imperial Rome in its architectural design. A draftsman by training and ambition, Piranesi hoped that his renderings of these popular ruins (the Colosseum, the Pantheon, Castel Sant'Angelo, the Piazza del Popolo, etc.), would inspire what he considered an unimaginative state of architecture in his time. Location: 1 State Street. Time: Wednesdays through Saturdays, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.; Sundays, 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. Cost: Free. Information: 203-865-0400 or visit [www.kofcmuseum.org](http://www.kofcmuseum.org)

#### **New Haven Jazz Festival ~ August 22, 2009**

Sounds, Colors, Culture of Jazz, featuring Shawnn Monteiro, Hamiet Bluiett, Winard Harper, Candido and Bobby Sanabria. Location: New Haven Green. Time: 3-9 p.m. Cost: Free. Information: 203-393-3002 or visit [www.jazzhaven.org/](http://www.jazzhaven.org/)

#### **"Holiday" ~ August 13, 2009 to September 5, 2009**

The Elm Shakespeare Company Theater in Edgerton Park, presents "Holiday" by Philip Barry. Dates: August 13-16, 26, 28, 30, September 1, 3 and 5. Location: Edgerton Park, 75 Cliff Street. Time: All performances at 8 p.m. Cost: Free with a suggested donation of Adults, \$15. students and seniors, \$10. Information: 203-393-1436 or visit [www.elmshakespeare.org](http://www.elmshakespeare.org)

#### **"The Imaginary Invalid" by Moliere ~ August 20, 2009 to September 6, 2009**

The Elm Shakespeare Company Theater in Edgerton Park, presents "The Imaginary Invalid" by Moliere. Dates: August 20-23, 25, 27, 29, Sept. 2, 4 and 6. Location: Edgerton Park, 75 Cliff Street. Time: All performances at 8 p.m. Cost: Free with a suggested donation of Adults, \$15. students and seniors, \$10. Information: 203-393-1436 or visit [www.elmshakespeare.org](http://www.elmshakespeare.org)

#### **Babel Collections ~ Artspace ~ July 30, 2009 to September 7, 2009**

This installation created by sculptor Carolyn Salas is located in The Lot, a pocket park and transit stop in downtown New Haven at Chapel and Orange Streets. Salas will create a series of totem pole-like structures of varying height made from recycled materials found in the New Haven area. Situated in the center of the large gravel area in The Lot, these vibrant yet curious structures challenge the traditional meanings, such as community status, ritual worship, or memorialization, associated with public art or civic monuments. Information: 203-772-2709 or visit [www.artspacenh.org](http://www.artspacenh.org)