



TAFT TIDINGS

The Taft Apartments
The Sun Always Shines at the Taft ~ A New Haven Tradition Since 1912

December 2009

Seasons Greetings

Thanks For Giving

Just wanted to remind everyone that we have two great causes to give to over this holiday season. Toys for Tots collections will be picked up on December 10—so be sure to get your new, unwrapped toys in the box before then. We will be collecting non-perishable food items for the Downtown Evening Soup Kitchen (D.E.S.K.) until the end of December. We thank you for all your help in making the Holidays a little better this year for those less fortunate.

Celebrating

As our thank you to you, we will be holding our Annual Holiday Party in the Lobby on December 16, 2009 from 12-4. There will be refreshments and entertainment from Yale's Out of the Blue, a pop-rock a cappella group. Don't miss the performance from 3-4. Stop by and help us spread some Holiday Joy throughout our Community.

Family and Friends

We need to see ours too. So the office will be closed on Friday, December 25, 2009 in observance of Christmas Day. Normal business hours will resume on Saturday, December 26, 2009 at 10am. There will be a Service Assistant on duty to help with your package and dry cleaning needs.

Holiday Getaways

If you are planning on taking a Holiday vacation please be sure to take care of your mail. We have forms in the office to put a hold on your mail or a temporary transfer if you will be away for a longer period of time. We would be happy to get them to the post office for you.

Help Yourself

Some of our courteous residents kindly continue to stock our Library in the Grand Lobby. Please feel free to take a book, add a book, or simply borrow one. There are plenty of interesting pickings, so enjoy!

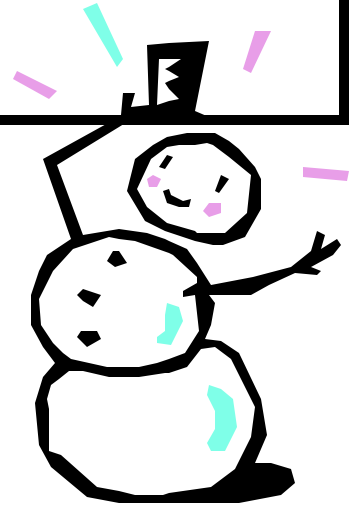
Winner, Winner Chicken Dinner

Thank you to all of the Participants of the Halloween Trivia contest. Liz Grace is our winner by mere points! She will receive a \$25 gift certificate to the Taft retail establishment of her choice.

In our Sudoku contest from the November Newsletter we have many participates. The final winner was Lawrence Rongy. She will receive a \$25 gift certificate to the Taft retail establishment of her choice.

Clutter Free

Is your apartment starting to feel cluttered? Do you have people coming over for the holidays and not enough room for them? Check out our Storage Options. We are now offering \$5 off/month on any of the storage units for up to one year. Bins start at \$50/month before the discount. See Jessica in the Office for further details. Open to non-residents as well.



Happy Holidays!

Maintenance Corner

- *Rate-Your-Maintenance:* This month's rate your maintenance winner is Federico Zuniga.
- As always, with any service request be sure to fill out and return your Rate-Your-Maintenance cards for an opportunity to be picked to win a \$25 gift certificate to the retail establishment of your choice.
- Recently, the door to the alley way in the back hallway is being left open. We are doing everything we can to ensure that it stays closed during the day. However, we can always do so much better if we have your help. Please try to make a conscious effort to ensure the door is closed behind you when coming in or out of the back hallway from/to the alleyway.
- For anyone with a real Christmas Tree this year, please let us know when you will need to dispose of it and we can have a Maintenance Staff member take care of it for you.



TID BITS

- Dec 1, 1955 Rosa Parks refused to give up her seat to a white person on a Montgomery, AL bus.
- Dec 5, 1933 Prohibition ended.
- Dec 7, 1941 the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor without declaring war.
- Dec 16, 1773 the Patriots disguised as Native Americans dumped tea into the Boston Harbor during the Boston Tea Party.
- Dec 21, 1970 the legal age to vote in the United States was lowered to 18.
- Dec 25, the day that history records the first Christmas celebration, held in Rome in 336 AD.
- Dec 27, 1944 the Battle of the Bulge ended.

Thoughts to Consider

"People demand freedom of speech to make up for the freedom of thought which they avoid."

"In the End, we will remember not the words of our enemies, but the silence of our friends."

"I find that the harder I work, the more luck I seem to have."

"Watch your thoughts, for they become words.
Watch your words, for they become actions.
Watch your actions, for they become habits.
Watch your habits, for they become character.
Watch your character, for it becomes your destiny."

"Great minds discuss ideas. Average minds discuss events. Small minds discuss people."

"Whether you think that you can, or that you can't, you are usually right."

"Try to learn something about everything and everything about something."

"Nothing in the world is more dangerous than sincere ignorance and conscientious stupidity."

"Well-timed silence hath more eloquence than speech."

"Men are not disturbed by things, but the view they take of things."

"The best way to predict the future is to invent it."

"Obstacles are those frightful things you see when you take your eyes off your goal."

"Perfection is achieved, not when there is nothing more to add, but when there is nothing left to take away."

"Success usually comes to those who are too busy to be looking for it"

"A friendship founded on business is better than a business founded on friendship."

"Always do right - this will gratify some and astonish the rest."

"The power of accurate observation is frequently called cynicism by those who don't have it."

"When choosing between two evils, I always like to try the one I've never tried before."

"I'll sleep when I'm dead."

"Whatever is begun in anger ends in shame."

"Opportunities multiply as they are seized"

"The true measure of a man is how he treats someone who can do him absolutely no good."

"Never mistake motion for action."

UPCOMING EVENTS

Long Wharf:

Have you Seen Us?
Stage II –

Sister's Christmas Catechism

My Mother's Italian... The Therapy Continues

Nov 24-Dec 20

Dec 1-20

Dec 28-Jan 3

Shubert:

Live from the 92nd St Y
Open House

CT Gay Men's Chorus

Family and Friend's Open House

The Nutcracker

The Temptations

Dec 7, 8:15pm

Dec 11

Dec 12, 8pm

Dec 13, 11-3

Dec 18-20

Dec 31, 9pm

Yale Rep:

Pop!

Nov 27-Dec 19

New Haven Tree Lighting

Luminaria on the Green & Holiday Nights

Dec 3, 4-8pm

Dec 3-19