

American Realty Capital Trust, Inc.
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UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, DC 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

**PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported) August 17, 2012

AMERICAN REALTY CAPITAL TRUST, INC.

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

Maryland

(State or other jurisdiction of

incorporation or organization)

001-35439

(Commission File Number) (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

71-1036989

405 Park Avenue, 14th Floor

New York, New York 10022

(Address, including zip code, of principal executive offices)

(646) 937-6900

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:

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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 8.01. Other Events.

On August 17, 2012, American Realty Capital Trust, Inc. (the “Company”) announced that since the quarter ended June 30, 2012, the Company purchased 10 properties with approximately 60,000 leasable square feet located in five states, at an aggregate purchase price of \$16.3 million (exclusive of closing costs).

These purchases are consistent with the Company’s single, tenant, long term, corporate credit, net lease investment strategy and represent the first closings in connection with the previously announced \$64 million of property acquisitions. These 10 properties increased the Company’s overall portfolio to 63 distinct tenants by adding one new tenant, Ruby Tuesday. Currently, 74% of the portfolio’s net operating income is derived from tenants carrying investment grade credit ratings. Geographically, the portfolio of properties is present in 43 states and Puerto Rico. The acquisitions are in line with the Company’s strategy to achieve a diversified portfolio with a 60% concentration in the retail sector.

The table below provides a summary of the 10 properties acquired since June 30, 2012. For each tenant we have included the property’s location, contractual purchase price, rentable square footage, GAAP net operating income and average capitalization rate:

| Tenant | Number of Properties | States | Average Capitalization Rate | Contractual Purchase Price (millions) | Rentable Square Footage | Annual GAAP Net Operating Income (millions) |
|-----------------|-----------------------------|---------------|------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|--|
| Family Dollar | 3 | GA, TX | 8.79% | \$3.0 | 24,000 | \$0.3 |
| Ruby Tuesday | 7 | FL, MN, MO | 8.33% | \$13.3 | 36,000 | \$1.1 |
| Total / Average | 10 | | 8.41% | \$16.3 | 60,000 | \$1.4 |

A copy of the press release announcing the update of the Company’s portfolio is included as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits

| Exhibit No. | Description |
|-------------|--------------------------------------|
| 99.1 | Press Release, dated August 17, 2012 |

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, hereunto duly authorized.

AMERICAN REALTY CAPITAL TRUST,
INC.

August 17, 2012 By: /s/ William M. Kahane
Name: William M. Kahane
Title: Chief Executive Officer and President