

American Realty Capital Trust, Inc.  
Form 8-K  
April 27, 2012

**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) April 27, 2012**

**AMERICAN REALTY CAPITAL TRUST, INC.**

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

**Maryland**

(State or other jurisdiction of

incorporation or organization)

**333- 145949**

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

**71-1036989**

**405 Park Avenue**

**New York, New York 10022**

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

**(212) 415-6500**

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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

**Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure.**

As previously disclosed, the Board of Directors of American Realty Capital Trust, Inc. (the “Company”) has authorized and the Company declared an annual dividend of \$0.70 per share. The Company’s dividend will be paid monthly to stockholders of record at the close of business on the 8th day of each month payable on the 15th day of such month. Accordingly, on May 15, 2012, the Company will pay its May dividend in an amount equal to \$0.05833 per share to stockholders of record at the close of business on May 8, 2012.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

**(d) Exhibits**

**Exhibit No. Description**

99.1 Press Release dated April 27, 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, thereunto duly authorized.

AMERICAN REALTY CAPITAL  
TRUST, INC.

April 27, 2012    By:        /s/ William M. Kahane  
                         Name:      William M. Kahane  
                         Title:      Chief Executive Officer and  
                                      President