

American Realty Capital Trust, Inc.
Form 8-K
January 16, 2013

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): January 16, 2013

AMERICAN REALTY CAPITAL TRUST, INC.

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

Maryland 001-35439 71-1036989
(State or other jurisdiction of (Commission File Number) (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)
incorporation or organization)

**405 Park Avenue, 14th Floor
New York, New York 10022**

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

(646) 937-6900

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:

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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 January 16, 2013, American Realty Capital Trust, Inc. (the “Company”) announced its 2012 dividend tax status.

A copy of the press release announcing the Company’s 2012 dividend tax status is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

| Exhibit No. | Description |
|-------------|--------------------------------------|
| 99.1 | Press Release dated January 16, 2013 |

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.

January 16, 2013 By: /s/ William M. Kahane
Name: William M. Kahane
Title: Chief Executive Officer and President