

American Realty Capital Trust, Inc.  
Form 8-K  
February 16, 2012

**UNITED STATES**

**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

**WASHINGTON, DC 20549**

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**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): **February 16, 2012 (February 15, 2012)**

**American Realty Capital Trust, Inc.**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

**Maryland**

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

**333-145949**  
(Commission File Number)

**71-1036989**  
(IRS Employer Identification No.)

**106 Old York Road**

**19046**

**Jenkintown, PA**

(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

**(215) 887-2189** (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):

£ Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)

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£ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

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

**Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition.**

On February 15, 2012, we issued a press release discussing our financial results for the fourth quarter and year ended December 31, 2011. A copy of the press release, which is hereby incorporated into this filing in its entirety, is attached to this Current Report on Form 8-K as Exhibit 99.1.

The information furnished under this Item 2.02 of this Current Report on Form 8-K, including Exhibit 99.1, shall not be deemed to be “filed” for the purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits.

99.1 American Realty Capital Trust, Inc. Press Release, dated February 15, 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.**

Date: February 16, 2012 By: /s/ Nicholas S. Schorsch

Name: Nicholas S. Schorsch  
Chief Executive Officer and

Title:  
Chairman of the Board of Directors