

American Realty Capital Trust, Inc.  
Form 8-K  
April 06, 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 5, 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**  
**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):

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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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 April 5, 2012, American Realty Capital Trust, Inc. (the “Company”) announced that Moody’s Investor Service had upgraded the Company’s issuer rating to Ba2 with a stable outlook.

A copy of the Company’s press release announcing the rating upgrade is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report.

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

**(d) Exhibits**

**Exhibit No. Description**

99.1 Press Release, dated April 5, 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 5, 2012    By:        /s/ William M. Kahane  
                  Name:      William M. Kahane  
                  Title:      Chief Executive Officer and  
                                  President