

American Realty Capital Trust, Inc.  
Form 8-K  
May 19, 2011

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): May 17, 2011

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  
Jenkintown, PA  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

19046  
(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)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- 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 May 17, 2011, American Realty Capital Trust, Inc. (the “Company”) issued a press release reporting its financial results for the three months ended March 31, 2011. A copy of the press release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

Item 8.01 Other Events

On May 17, 2011, the Company also announced that Nicholas S. Schorsch, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, is an Ernst & Young Entrepreneur Of The Year® 2011 Greater Philadelphia Award finalist. A copy of the press release is filed as Exhibit 99.2 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and incorporated by reference herein.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

99.1 Press Release dated May 17, 2011 announcing the Company’s financial results for the three months ended March 31, 2011.

99.2 Press Release dated May 17, 2011 announcing the selection of Nicholas S. Schorsch, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, as an Ernst & Young Entrepreneur Of The Year® 2011 Greater Philadelphia Award finalist

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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: May 19, 2011

By: /s/ Nicholas S. Schorsch  
Name: Nicholas S. Schorsch  
Title: Chief Executive Officer and  
Chairman of the Board of  
Directors

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