

SENIOR HOUSING PROPERTIES TRUST
Form 8-K
January 09, 2009

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 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 9, 2009 (January 7, 2009)**

SENIOR HOUSING PROPERTIES TRUST

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Maryland
(State or Other Jurisdiction of
Incorporation)

001-15319
(Commission File Number)

04-3445278
(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

400 Centre Street, Newton, Massachusetts 02458

(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

617-796-8350

(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

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 - .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

On January 7, 2009, Frank J. Bailey, one of our independent trustees, notified our board of trustees of his resignation from the board effective as of January 30, 2009. Mr. Bailey advised the board that the resignation was in connection with his recent appointment to serve as a United States Bankruptcy Judge for the District of Massachusetts and that the reason for his decision was not the result of any disagreement with us.

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.

SENIOR HOUSING PROPERTIES TRUST

By: */s/ Richard A. Doyle*
Richard A. Doyle
Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer

Date: January 9, 2009