SENIOR HOUSING PROPERTIES TRUST Form 8-K July 30, 2004

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): July 29, 2004

SENIOR HOUSING PROPERTIES TRUST

Maryland (State of organization)

001-15319 (Commission file number)

04-3445278 (I.R.S. employer identification number)

400 Centre Street, Newton, Massachusetts 02458 617-796-8350

Item 12. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On July 29, 2004, Senior Housing Properties Trust, or the Company, issued a press release setting forth the Company s results of operations and financial condition for the quarter and six months ended June 30, 2004. A copy of the Company s press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

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.

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By: <u>/s/ John R. Hoadley</u> Name: John R. Hoadley Title: Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer

Date: July 29, 2004