SENIOR HOUSING PROPERTIES TRUST Form 8-K October 29, 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): October 29, 2012

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** (IRS Employer Identification No.)

Two Newton Place,
255 Washington Street, Suite 300
Newton, Massachusetts
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

02458-1634 (Zip Code)

617-796-8350

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(Registrant s Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

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ITEM 2.02. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS AND FINANCIAL CONDITION.

On October 29, 2012, 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 nine months ended September 30, 2012 and also provided certain supplemental operating and financial data for the quarter and nine months ended September 30, 2012. Copies of the Company s press release and supplemental operating and financial data are furnished as Exhibits 99.1 and 99.2 hereto, respectively.

ITEM 9.01. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.

(d) Exhibits.

The Company hereby furnishes the following exhibits:

99.1 Press Release dated October 29, 2012.

99.2 Third Quarter 2012 Supplemental Operating and Financial Data.

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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.

SENIOR HOUSING PROPERTIES TRUST

By: /s/ Richard A. Doyle Name: Richard A. Doyle

Title: Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer

Date: October 29, 2012