

American Realty Capital Trust, Inc.  
Form 8-K  
January 16, 2013

**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): January 16, 2013**

**AMERICAN REALTY CAPITAL TRUST, INC.**

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

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| Maryland                                                          | 001-35439                | 71-1036989                           |
| (State or other jurisdiction of<br>incorporation or organization) | (Commission File Number) | (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.) |

**405 Park Avenue, 14<sup>th</sup> Floor**  
**New York, New York 10022**

(Address, including zip code, of principal executive offices)

(646) 937-6900

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:

- ☐ 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 January 16, 2013, American Realty Capital Trust, Inc. (the “Company”) announced that its stockholders approved its merger with Realty Income Corporation (“Realty”).

A copy of the press release announcing stockholder approval of the Company’s merger with Realty is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

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

**(d) Exhibits**

| Exhibit No. | Description                          |
|-------------|--------------------------------------|
| 99.1        | Press Release dated January 16, 2013 |

## **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.

January 16, 2013 By: /s/ William M. Kahane  
Name: William M. Kahane  
Title: Chief Executive Officer and President