

SENIOR HOUSING PROPERTIES TRUST
Form 8-K
February 18, 2010

**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): **February 18, 2010 (February 18, 2010)**

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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 - o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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ITEM 2.02. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS AND FINANCIAL CONDITION.

On February 18, 2010, 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 year ended December 31, 2009 and also provided certain supplemental operating and financial data for the quarter and year ended December 31, 2009. 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 February 18, 2010.

99.2 Fourth Quarter 2009 Supplemental Operating and Financial Data.

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: February 18, 2010