# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

# **SCHEDULE 14A**

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### FEDERAL REALTY INVESTMENT TRUST

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#### FEDERAL REALTY INVESTMENT TRUST

**Meeting Information** 

Meeting Type: Annual Meeting For holders as of: March 14, 2013 Date: May 01, 2013 Time: 10:00 AM EDT Location: Fox Hill Club & Residences 8300 Burdette Road Bethesda, Maryland

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We encourage you to access and review all of the important information contained in the proxy materials before voting.

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| Proxy Materials Available to VIEW or RECEIVE:   |                                   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Notice & Proxy Statement 2. Annual Report/Form 10-K Wrap   |                                   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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|          | Voting it                                     |          |                                   |    |                |    |                 |    |                    |
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|          | Board of Trustees recom<br>FOR the following: | mends (  | that you                          |    |                |    |                 |    |                    |
| 1.       | Election of Trustees<br>Nominees              |          |                                   |    |                |    |                 |    |                    |
| 01<br>06 | Jon E. Bortz<br>Joseph S. Vassalluzzo         | 02<br>07 | David W. Faeder<br>Donald C. Wood | 03 | Kristin Gamble | 04 | Gail P. Steinel | 05 | Warren M. Thompson |

# The Board of Trustees recommends you vote FOR the following proposal(s):

- 2 To ratify the appointment of Grant Thornton LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2013.
- **3** To hold an advisory vote approving the compensation of our named executive officers.

NOTE: Such other business as may properly come before the meeting or any adjournment thereof.

Voting Instructions