



THE COMMUNITY TABLE

**Hill District Consensus Group  
Monthly Meeting  
October 11, 2013**

**Grocery Store Update**

The Shop n' Save grocery store will be opening on October 17<sup>th</sup> at 11 am. There will be a ribbon cutting ceremony and press conference with media representatives at 10 am to address the significance of the grocery store and what its opening means for the community.

Several stores will be opening in the following months in the same complex at the grocery store. There will be a Crazy Mocha coffee store, and Subway restaurant, and a bank.

The store, to date, has hired 125 employees with 65% of them being from the 15219 Hill District zip code and 95% of employees being minorities. Union representatives have recruited some employees to help them to fight for more competitive wages

Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup> there will be a block party to celebrate the opening of the store from 11am-4pm. (Rain date on Sunday the 20<sup>th</sup>)

**Kimberly Slater Wood from the Pittsburgh Penguins**

Consol Energy Center currently has both part time and full time position openings.

Interested individuals can go to the Consol Energy Center at the American Eagle gate to inquire about applications

- Part Time - They are looking to fill 22 Sweeper positions. Shift goes from 10 pm to 3 am, Event Operator, and Guest Service.
- Full Time – Director of Booking

Since January 2013 the Consol Energy Center has received 48 applications from the 15219 Hill District zip code and 8 from 15213. Twenty of these applications were passed on to Aramark for full time employment.

## **Update from Zone 2 Police Department**

Officers need the community to be involved in the policing process of making the Centre Ave corridor safer. Residents are encouraged to call 911 or the station to leave information about any unsafe or illegal acts they have witnessed in the area, and they are allowed to do so anonymously.

## **Don't Dump On Us**

HDCG has been working with Allegheny Cleanways and Dumpbusters to identify dumpsites in the Hill. The identified areas are being used to dump trash such as couches, dry wall, household cleaning chemicals, television, electronics, and tires.

There is a need for residents to take up Stewardships positions to keep an eye on their neighborhoods to monitor these dumpsites. If they see anyone dumping they can call 911 and should take down the license plate of those dumping.

On October the 26<sup>th</sup> there will be a Hill wide clean up of some dumpsites involving Allegheny Cleanways, Dumpbusters, the University of Pittsburgh, Duquesne University, and Clean Green Hill. Also on that day there will be a Television and Computer monitor pick up at Robert E. Williams Memorial Park between 10 am and 1 pm.

## **Vacant Properties and Buildings**

HDCG has compiled a list of all the vacant properties in the Hill along with a list of all the buildings that are on the Condemn and Demolition lists. The data can be found on the Consensus Group website.

The City does not have enough resources to keep up with the demolition list. The community and residents will need to become involved in the process to adequately deal with the vacant buildings and properties.

## **Hill House Financial Aid Workshop**

November 11, 2013 5:30-7:30 at the Hill House. The workshop will focus on helping middle school and high school residents of the Hill to prepare for college. The workshop will also help to connect eligible students with scholarships that are designated for Hill District residents only. There are only 10-13 students accepted a year for these scholarships and they range between \$1,000 to \$2,500. Specific criteria do apply.

College Toolkits will also be supplied to all those in attendance and refreshments will be served.