



Sonic Hires 49 After Three Days at The WAGE Center



Sonic hiring staff, including store and district managers, were on site for three days of hiring at The WAGE Center in July. After 175 interviews, 49 people were hired on site at The WAGE Center. This included Housing Authority Residents and Housing Choice Voucher recipients who now have new jobs to look forward to when the brand new Albany Sonic opens later this summer.

Community partners referred candidates to the hiring sessions at the WAGE Center where they were interviewed at up to three times in one day, some resulting in an offer being made on the spot.

The Southend of Albany and the Mt. Hope neighborhood are in close proximity to the new the new restaurant and plaza being constructed on Southern Boulevard. Sonic offers accessible job opportunities to residents with the Route 7 CDTA bus planning stops at the Mt. Hope Commons and the easy walking distance from the Mt. Hope neighborhood.

Very positive responses to the three day hiring event at The WAGE Center were expressed by employment candidates and hiring staff from Sonic. As the new restaurant continues construction, more candidates will be hired. Orientation will occur in August prior to the store opening.

According to one long-time homeowner in the Mt. Hope neighborhood (and new Sonic employee), the addition of Sonic and the Mt. Hope Commons project is welcome not only for jobs, but also in terms of offering dining and other services to residents.

Hiring will be ongoing until the restaurant is fully staffed. For assistance with accessing online applications, job seekers are encouraged to visit The WAGE Center at 200 Green Street. Or, applicants can also apply directly on the Sonic website at: sonicdrivein.com

The WAGE Center looks forward to maintaining a positive working relationship with Sonic in order to maximize the opportunity for local residents to gain employment. For more information please call The WAGE Center at: 518-380-5600.