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## **POKAGON TRIBAL VILLAGE HOSTS MEDIA TOUR**

SOUTH BEND, Indiana, September 28, 2017 – Leaders from The Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians along with national and regional dignitaries hosted a media tour this morning at its new Tribal Village in South Bend. Members of the media were invited to walk through recently finished housing units located in the Tribal Village.

Joining Pokagon Tribal Council members, Chairman John P. Warren, and other Pokagon Band leadership were Administrator of the U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)'s Eastern Woodlands Office of Native American Programs, Mark Butterfield and Bryan Hewitt of the Bureau of Indian Affairs. Also present were South Bend Mayor Pete Buttigieg along with other city and St. Joseph County officials.

The Village, located at 3115 Locust Road in South Bend, consists of a duplex containing two 2-bedroom homes, and a townhome building, which includes two 2-bedroom townhomes and two 3-bedroom townhomes. Eventually, the site could have 44 housing units, a community center and facilities for health services and tribal government programs.

“Two centuries ago there were several Potawatomi villages in this area of Indiana. In fact, we Potawatomi called South Bend Zenba Odanek,” said Chairman Warren. “But today marks the beginning of a new era for a South Bend Pokagon community. Today we celebrate tribal land and a tribal village in Indiana once again.”

Tribal members performed drum songs as part of the grand opening celebration, and tribal veterans posted flags, prior to an invocation and remarks by invited guests. The media were then able to walk through the houses in the village.

The Tribal Village sits on 167 acres, which will also house a Tribal Police Substation and Four Winds Casino South Bend® opening in early 2018.

[To download high-resolution interior and exterior images of the homes within Pokagon's South Bend Tribal Village, click here.](#)

**About The Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians**

The Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians' sovereignty was reaffirmed under legislation signed into law by President Clinton in September of 1994. The Pokagon Band is dedicated to providing community development initiatives such as housing, education, family services, medical care and cultural preservation for its approximately 5,000 citizens. The Pokagon Band's ten-county service area includes four counties in Southwestern Michigan and six in Northern Indiana. Its main administrative offices are located in Dowagiac, Mich., with a satellite office in South Bend, Ind. In 2007, it opened Four Winds Casino Resort in New Buffalo, Mich., followed by Four Winds Hartford in 2011 and Four Winds Dowagiac in 2013. Four Winds South Bend will open in early 2018. It owns and operates a variety of business via Mno-Bmadsen, the tribe's non-gaming investment enterprise. More information is available at [www.pokagonband-nsn.gov](http://www.pokagonband-nsn.gov), [www.fourwindscasino.com](http://www.fourwindscasino.com) and [www.mno-bmadsen.com](http://www.mno-bmadsen.com).

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