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# The \_\_\_\_\_ MICHIGAN GAMING \_\_\_\_\_ Newsletter



## **THE POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI INDIANS ANNOUNCES THE GRAND OPENING OF FOUR WINDS SOUTH BEND**

Per a [press release](#) dated January 2, 2018, the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians and its Four Winds Casinos are pleased to announce their newest property, Four Winds South Bend. This will be the first casino in the state of Indiana owned and operated by a Native American tribe. The new casino is located on 166 acres of tribal trust land on South Bend's southwest side at 3300 Prairie Road near the US 31/20 bypass. The Four Winds South Bend casino will open to the public on Tuesday, January 16 at 4 p.m.

"This property will be an entertainment destination that complements our Four Winds brand," said Frank Freedman, COO of Four Winds Casinos. "From the moment we began construction, we did so with the full support and cooperation from the National Indian Gaming Association (NIGA), our local, county and state governments, and most importantly, from the community. We are proud of the coordinated efforts of all of our partners in construction to keep us moving forward."

The tribe says the 175,000 square foot casino will have about 1,800 games, four restaurants, three bars and employ about 1,200 people.

"When we broke ground in December 2016, we did so knowing we'll have a significant economic impact on the region," said John P. Warren, Chairman of the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians. "Once operating, it will generate revenue to fund services and programs that will create additional economic opportunities for Pokagon Citizens, the city of South Bend, and also fund community projects, local organizations and schools.

The casino shares the Four Winds brand with the other Pokagon casino locations including New Buffalo, Hartford and Dowagiac, Michigan.

## **MICHIGAN GAMING CONTROL BOARD RELEASES NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING FOR TUESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2018**

The Michigan Gaming Control Board (“MGCB”) will hold its regular public meeting on Tuesday, January 9, at the MGCB Detroit office, Cadillac Place, 3062 West Grand Blvd., Suite L- 700, in Detroit.

The meeting will begin at 9:30 a.m. with the staff briefing, followed immediately by the agenda items. The Cadillac Place is in Detroit’s New Center Area near the John Lodge Freeway (M-10), between Second Avenue and Cass Avenue. The Fisher Building and the Albert Kahn Building are nearby landmarks.

For a complete agenda for the public meeting on January 9th, please see:

[http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mgcb/2018\\_January\\_agenda\\_609560\\_7.pdf](http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mgcb/2018_January_agenda_609560_7.pdf).

For more information regarding the MGCB, please visit its website at [www.michigan.gov/mgcb](http://www.michigan.gov/mgcb).

## **FIREKEEPERS CASINO HOTEL RESTOCKS FOOD PANTRY**

Firekeepers Casino Hotel will sponsor along with Ante Up Magazine and Blue Shark Optics, a charity poker event titled “Restock the Shelves”, the fourth year it will do so. The event, which runs during the 12:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. “No Limit Texas Hold’Em” Tournaments Monday January 15 through Wednesday January 17, will provide players an additional 200 tournament chips for each food item donated to the cause. The maximum bonus chips per player from food donations is 1,000, or the player can get an additional 2,000 bonus chips for a \$10 donation. Additional donations will be accepted although they will not generate bonus chips.

Registration for the events opens two hours prior to each tournament with a \$40 buy-in. Proceeds benefit the Kendall Street Pantry, a joint venture between FireKeepers Casino Hotel and the Food

Bank of South Central Michigan. Last year’s event sponsored by FireKeepers raised more than \$1,500 that provided 150 pounds of food, enough for more than 9,000 meals for families in need. Proceeds from the event during its first three years fed almost 200,000 people.

“The Restock the Shelves initiative is a great way for regional poker players to give back,” noted Kelley Bailey, FireKeepers Poker and Bingo Manager. “Our team is excited to continue this tradition and looks forward to breaking last year’s record of donations.”