



# POTAWATOMI TRAVELING TIMES

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## First General Council Meeting Held Since Pandemic Shutdown



**Fire Nation (l-r): Dalilha Bulmer, Penelope Peters, Alexiana Steven, Aalyia Frank, Redman Lemieux, Aaron Bulmer, Riley Bulmer, Nickolas Shepard, Benny Peters, Bondesé Frank**

by Winda Collins

Having canceled the first quarterly General Council meeting scheduled for February 8 of this year, discussions centered around making the second quarterly meeting a reality kicked into high gear. Executive Council wanted to move forward with tribal affairs, but keeping the people safe while doing so was of the utmost importance.

A team of division leaders was tasked with assisting Council in devising a plan that would accomplish that goal. The first change was moving the event from the

Rec Center in Stone Lake to the powwow grounds in Carter so that social distancing and safety measures could be maintained: Chairs were placed six feet apart. Signs and tape were strategically placed as a reminder to practice social distancing and hygiene. Same-household seating was encouraged at the picnic tables. Face masks were mandatory for everyone in attendance.

Emergency Management was on hand to distribute goody bags and educational information, and the Health & Wellness Center manned a first aid booth. Another safety measure was offering a preprepared box lunch that was available beginning at noon. By this time, people had begun to arrive. And arrive they did.

Chairman Ned Daniels Jr., was overheard wondering if quorum would be

made. In a place as spacious as the arbor, it's hard to gauge the number of people. As it got closer to the 1 p.m. start time, Chairman inquired at the registration table to see how close it was to the magic number. He returned to the head table all smiles and said, "For the first time, we made quorum before 1!"

It should be noted that there were many smiles, lots of laughter, long-awaited conversations, and enthusiastic fist bumps this day. This could very well rate as one of the social – however distanced – events of the year.

Fire Nation was present complete with hand drums to provide the music and singing. Chairman spoke of and to the youth of his pride in them for taking their culture to heart. Chairman Daniels had gifted them with hand

drums painted with a fire spirit on each to honor them. The girls were gifted traditional skirts by the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi. Before the last song, each youth introduced themselves to the crowd. Next up was the posting of the colors by FCP Veterans: Brenda Shopodock, Clarence Daniels, Louis Spaude, Richard Brzezinski, Anthony Shepard, Judy Phillips, and Mike Kona-ha. After a brief invocation, the meeting was underway.

Many thanks to those divisions/ departments that assisted Council with preparations: Administrative Division, Family Services Division, Health Division, Planning, Maintenance, Public Works, Emergency Management, and Traveling Times. Thank you to Dewing's Catering as well.

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**The color guard waits for the okay to post colors.**



**Executive Council prepares for the start of the meeting.**



## Forest County Potawatomi Community Facebook Live Session Recap - August 12, 2020

### Chairman Ned Daniels Sr.

Good morning.

I want to thank everyone who came to the General Council meeting on Saturday. We were fortunate to have great weather to allow us to gather outside to learn about and discuss issues important to the tribe. Despite everything going on, I'm grateful that so many of you came. This was the best turnout we have ever had for a General Council. It really was a great day.

Thank you to our staff for working so hard to make sure we could hold this meeting safely, and thanks to all of you for following the safety protocols in place, wearing your masks, and practicing social distancing. Saturday's meeting showed that if we all work together, we can and will continue to do great things for the Potawatomi.

And the tribe is continuing to do some great things. I'm happy to announce that we have a new Health Division Administrator. Tribal member Tom Boelter has accepted the position and started this week. Our previous administrator, Dorothy Sadowski, took the position on an interim basis – not knowing that she would be helping us navigate a pandemic. However, now she will actually be able to enjoy her retirement. Thank you, Dorothy, for all your hard work during these last few months keeping us safe and healthy.

And a little later, you will hear from our AODA staff about some new innovative programs being put in place to help those community members who are struggling with substance abuse.

While the tribe is still doing many great things to help our community, a lot of this could not be done without the help of others. Every tribe, community and business in Wisconsin has been impacted by COVID, and all of us are learning new ways to adjust and cope with its impacts. We are fortunate to have regular communication with many others to learn how to best deal with this situation – and that includes our partners at the State of Wisconsin and the leaders of other tribes.

In particular, I would like to say “migwetch” to Governor Evers and his entire administration for the leadership he and his staff have shown during this time. Throughout this pandemic, Governor Evers has had regular calls with all the tribal leaders across Wisconsin to get updates from them and ask how he can help. In addition, members of his administration have gone out of their way to reach out to tribes and offer their assistance. Regular communication is one of the ways we will overcome the challenges from this pandemic, and Governor Evers is making sure that happens. Thank you, Governor.

I would also like to thank the leadership from Wisconsin's other tribal nations for offering their insights and experiences in dealing with this difficult situation. COVID has impacted every tribe in Wisconsin – some more than others. However, by offering their experiences and plans, they have helped us develop “best practices” to keep our tribal members, employees and guests safe.

I will close today by reminding everyone that we need to continue to work together to beat this virus. That includes wearing a mask when in public places and outside when social distancing is not possible. So, we are asking and recommending that you follow the statewide mask mandate that Governor Evers issued at the beginning of August. This includes wearing a mask when you are at tribal facilities – including the C-Stores.

If all of us continue to do our part, we will get through this much faster.

### Family Services Division Director Abbey Lukowski

Bosho! Good morning, Forest County Potawatomi Community.

So, where are we at with child care? We're working diligently on a plan that will allow for reopening Rising Sun Daycare safely. But the short answer is, that timeline remains undefined. Are you headed back to work? Contact Economic Support to discuss your child care needs. A special message for parents and guardians of current child care attendees: Late next week, expect communication pertaining to reopening the center in your mailbox. Please return the requested information as soon as you can in the provided self-addressed envelope.

Please continue practicing mask wearing with your littles. If you need a mask that fits your little a bit better, please let us know and we'll do our best to get you some.

We are specifically looking for individuals interested in earning some extra money by providing child care in your home. Please contact Economic Support to become a certified provider.

We continue to be in need of a few foster homes and/or family placements for some larger sibling groups of school-aged children. Please consider bringing these youth into your home. Contact ICW to become a licensed placement.

For current licensed foster homes and family placements – please get your completed licensure packets in – that surprise gift card awaits you!

We recognize that in isolated moments, domestic violence, sexual assault, exploitation, child abuse and neglect, etc. may arise. We ARE available and will respond to emergencies and safety concerns accordingly.

Please call 211 for immediate resources throughout the state of Wisconsin. If

you're feeling suicidal, please know you're a phone call away from help: 1-800-SUI-CIDE or 1-800-273-TALK. Or call a friend or family member and ask for help.

For non-emergency service requests, our business hours remain to be Monday – Thursday, 7 a.m. – 5 p.m. If you should call outside of these hours, please leave a message with your full name and a working phone number so that we may return your call. As we continue to do our best to serve you mostly by telephone, it can be challenging to reconnect with you if we miss your call or are on a call with another member. We'd like to encourage you to empty your voicemail boxes and/or set-up your voicemail so we can leave a message for you. We really appreciate your assistance with this.

Assistance is available for qualifying applicants for food, medical and child care expenses. We'd like to invite you to apply at <https://access.wisconsin.gov>. This website will also be available on Facebook after this presentation. However, we also know that filling out large applications can be daunting and overwhelming, so we've spent this week preparing to help you!

Call (715) 478-4433 or (715) 478-7206 to schedule your private appointment to come and see us at the Family Services Building. IT and Administrative Services Divisions have assisted us in setting up kiosks – and we've got staff prepared to help walk you through the application process.

I'd like you to expect the following process upon arrival to your scheduled slot:

- We will greet you at the entry of the Family Services building for your scheduled appointment.
- You'll be given a simple health screening upon your arrival.
- You'll be asked to wear a mask during your entire visit.
- Only the family member submitting the application will be invited into the building – all others will be asked to remain outside.
- Three appointments will be scheduled at a time – if you arrive unprepared for your appointment, please understand we may reschedule you for later in the day or later in the week.
- Your appointment will take about 30-45 minutes and could result in some assistance to get you through these hard times. Please consider taking the time to apply.
- Appointments will be scheduled on the hour from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m., Monday through Thursday. These appointments are expected to fill quickly, so please call and schedule yours just as soon as you are able.
- A list of what to bring to your appointment for the application process will

be provided on Facebook later today.

- You'll be provided with a small resource packet/gift upon completion for access to additional resources for which you may qualify.

- Please understand, in order to protect you and the health of others, if you have any COVID symptoms, we may ask you to reschedule and suggest you follow up with your health provider.

We look forward to serving you this week. Keep being the healthy you and stay safe!

Ba Ma Me Na!

Contact numbers:

Family Services

(715) 478-4433

Indian Child Welfare

(715) 889-1446

Community Advocacy

(715) 478-7201

Child Support

(715) 478-7260

### Emergency Management Program Manager Bobbie Irocky

Hello, FCP Community.

The Incident Command System is at a Level 1 of a virtual Full-Scale Activation.

On Saturday, August 8, Emergency Management served 275 tribal members with supplies of face masks and hand sanitizer. There were 13,750 face masks distributed along with 550 bottles of hand sanitizer. I want to thank everyone who stopped by our booth to pick up their safety tote, and to let you all know it was really great to be able to see you and catch up with you all again.

As students prepare to go back to school, they may find schools operating differently due to COVID-19. Some students may be continuing with online learning. Others may be preparing for in-person learning in schools, which may require them to wear face cloth coverings, continue social distancing, and have their temperatures checked.

Despite having to prepare your kids for school in a new learning environment, it is always a good time to help them learn about preparing for an emergency. We encourage you to consider the following actions to prepare your kids for an emergency.

- Create an emergency plan with the whole family and practice it regularly.
  - Build an emergency kit that includes essential items such as water, non-perishable food items, first aid supplies, prescription medicines, and other items that will ensure safety and comfort.
  - Teach your kids when and how to call important phone numbers like 9-1-1 for help and how to send text messages in case of an emergency.
  - Know the emergency plan for your child's school and childcare facility, if open, and practice it with your child.
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**Chief Canyon Soman  
“Gawtageishik”  
“Circle Around the Moon”**



Chief Canyon Soman, “Gawtageishik” “Circle Around the Moon”, 46, of Wabeno, Wis., passed away Thursday, July 30, 2020, at his home. Chief was born Dec. 4, 1973, in Eagle River, Wis., the son of Clifford Soman, Sr. and Emily Tahwah.

Chief liked to play pool, go four-wheeling, play at the casino, watch football and basketball, and loved spending time with his family.

Surviving are his daughter: Araena Soman, Wabeno; fiancé: Donna Whitefish, Wabeno; sisters: Effie Soman, Emily Soman, Crandon; brothers: Cameron Soman, Wabeno; Colin Soman, Stone Lake.

He was preceded in death by his parents and daughter: Brianna Soman.

Visitation was held, Aug. 4 and services officiated by Benjamin Larson, were held Aug. 5, both at the Sunnyside Community Church, Carter. Burial followed at Potawatomi Tribal Cemetery, Blackwell.

Weber-Hill Funeral Home assisted the family with the arrangements.



**Public Notice  
Forest County Potawatomi Community**

The Water Utility will be flushing fire hydrants in Blackwell, Carter and Stone Lake. Flushing of fire hydrants will begin the week of August 3 and continue through August 27, 2020.

You may experience discoloration in your water, so be sure and check the water clarity before using. If you have any questions please give us a call. Thank you.

Bruce Johnson, Utility Manager - (715) 478-7398

**FAMILY SERVICES DIVISION CONTACT NUMBERS**

**Indian Child Welfare**

Main Line: (715)-478-4812

24 Hour Emergency Hotline: (715) 889-1446

**Economic Support**

(715) 478-7206

**Community Advocacy**

24 Hour Emergency Hotline: (715) 478-7201

**Child Support**

(715) 478-7260

**Family Services**

Main Line: (715) 478-4433

If you don't get an answer on one of the these phone numbers, please leave a voicemail and your call will be returned shortly.

For additional information including applications and forms for each of our departments, please go to FCP's website at FCPotawatomi.com.

**NOMINATION MEETING**

FOR  
**TRIBAL CHIEF JUDGE**

Monday **7:00**  
**August 24, 2020** P.M.

**FCP Recreation Center**  
5442 Everybody's Road | Crandon, WI 54520

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**PRIMARY JUDICIAL ELECTION**

FOR  
**TRIBAL CHIEF JUDGE**

Saturday **8:00** A.M. TO  
**Sept. 12, 2020** **7:00** P.M.

**FCP Recreation Center**  
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**GENERAL JUDICIAL ELECTION**

FOR  
**TRIBAL CHIEF JUDGE**

Saturday **8:00** A.M. TO  
**Sept. 26, 2020** **7:00** P.M.

**FCP Recreation Center**  
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**CARING FOR YOUR MENTAL HEALTH DURING COVID-19**

- Take breaks to relax and do activities you enjoy.
- Take care of your body with exercise and a healthy diet.
- Know the facts. Understanding the risks can make an outbreak less stressful.
- Stay connected with family, friends, and a trusted support system
- Ask for help if feelings become too overwhelming.

[cdc.gov/coronavirus](https://cdc.gov/coronavirus)

# In Northern Wisconsin, Potawatomi Farm Addresses Health Risks and Food Shortages Among Indigenous People

Frank Vaisvilas, Green Bay Press-Gazette (reprinted with permission), photos by Katie Shepard

BLACKWELL, Wis. - Heart disease and cancer are among the leading causes of death of Indigenous people in Wisconsin, but a northern tribe is looking to reverse the trend by promoting healthy diets with food grown locally.

The tribal farm is also a matter of sovereignty for the Forest County Potawatomi Community, which looks to take care of its own using its own land, according to tribal spokesman George Ermert.

And the Potawatomi are making a deliberate effort to avoid becoming a food desert, a location so remote from affordable, healthy food supplies that its residents suffer life-long consequences.

The 126-acre Bodwéwadmī Ktëgan, translated to Potawatomi Farm, is owned and operated by the tribe and has been expanding since its new iteration in 2017. The farm is in Blackwell in far northeastern Wisconsin, in the area of the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest.

The grass-fed meat and naturally grown produce from the farm are sold at three stores in Forest County operated by the tribe.

Farm operators believe the food produced here can help address some of the top killers of Indigenous people, which are heart disease, cancer and diabetes.

Heart disease and cancer each caused 20 percent of Indigenous deaths in Wisconsin, according to the Wisconsin Department of Health Services.

Indigenous people in Wisconsin are also more than three times likely to die from diabetes than the white population, according to the state agency.

Although Indigenous people in Wisconsin are more likely to smoke tobacco, according to the state, the rate of alcohol consumption was not significantly different from the total population.

The federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has identified strategies that tribes can implement, including connecting cultural teachings to health and wellness, supporting seasonal cultural practices that promote health and wellness, and promoting traditional healthy foods, said Elizabeth Goodsitt, spokeswoman for the Wisconsin health department.

"The Potawatomi Farm is a good example of these strategies in action," she said. "Providing a variety of minimal-

ly-processed, locally-grown foods that are readily accessible to the tribal community will promote a healthful diet and reduce the impact of chronic disease. Growing their own food through sustainable practices also helps maintain and strengthen the cultural connection to the land and food sovereignty."

Eating food high in omega-3 fatty acids, especially fish, can help reduce the risk of heart disease, according to multiple studies as reported by the Mayo

of lettuce produced a week and other leafy greens, which, in turn, help purify the water in another cycle of life.

"Everything we do is based on nature," Cronauer said.

Six hoop houses on the farm also help expand the growing season for produce by about two months on both ends. Hoop houses are high tunnels that act as simple greenhouse-like structures over the ground. These allow for harvesting until October while the first frost usually occurs around mid-September, killing the plants.

Cronauer expects the farm to each year provide between 4,000 and 6,000 pounds of produce, which includes squash, carrots, cabbage, pumpkins, tomatoes and beans. The fresh fruits and vegetables further promote good health in the community, helping to lower the risk for diabetes and other health factors.

Bringing Groceries Closer to Home

In rural Forest County, such healthy, unprocessed food had been once hard to come by. The C-Store in Carter, which is one of the three stores in the county where Potawatomi food is sold, recently expanded from 4,000 square feet to 10,000 square feet to become a grocery store. The new store makes the county less of a food desert, according to Ermert. The nearest grocery store to Carter before the new C-Store was in Townsend in Oconto County, which is about a 20-minute drive on

as the elderly and children, according to Tribal Planner Michelle Berdan.

The tribe bought the farm in the late 1990s and originally raised red deer to provide venison for the community. A feasibility study in 2016 supported the idea of changing the focus of the farm to its current form, which includes plans to deliver food to elders and provide food for a summer youth feeding program.

Tribal members receive 25 percent off groceries at the three stores, which are located in Carter, Crandon and Laona, but products also are available to the general public.

"Providing tribal members with quality food is important," Ermert said. "Now, we're providing that service to the greater community."

There are about 1,400 Potawatomi tribal members in Wisconsin, according to the Wisconsin Department of Public Institution. Forest County also includes the Sokaogon Chippewa Community reservation, which includes about 1,377 tribal members. The population of Forest County is about 9,000, and many depend on the tribe for income as the county's largest employer.

Potawatomi Farm workers also operate 10 beehives providing about 500 pounds of honey a year.

Farm operators are also working on cultivating their maple sugar bush and hope to soon provide about 500 gallons a year of syrup, an important traditional medicine for Indigenous people. The farm also is producing a unique type of watermelon and pole beans that promote both traditional culture and healthy eating.

Bodwéwadmī Ktëgan sells its meat and produce not only at the expanded grocery in Carter but also at a C-Store in Crandon and the farm's storefront in Laona.

It's all part of an effort that the farm's manager views in simple terms: "I believe my mission," Cronauer said, "is to feed people good food."

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Clinic. The Potawatomi Farm grows fish for food and can provide thousands of pounds of beef, pork, chicken and bison every year — all from grass-fed animals whose meat contains five times more omega-3s than grain-fed livestock, Farm Manager David Cronauer said.

Grass-fed beef also may have other heart-health benefits by having more antioxidant vitamins, such as vitamin E, less total fat, and a certain type of fat that helps reduce the risk of heart disease and cancer, according to the Mayo Clinic.

Most of the Potawatomi Farm is pasture to feed the animals, Cronauer said, describing it as a rotating field in a "web of life."

"The animals eat a third, trample a third and leave a third," he said, referring to the latter third as manure to be spread throughout the field to promote regrowth. An added benefit to the process, he said, is that it has zero stink.

One goal on the farm is to increase the animal numbers, so the herds are self-sustaining, rather than animals having to be bought and then raised.

The farm also includes an aquaponics facility where waste produced from farmed fish (tilapia) is converted into nutrients for plants, such as the 1,000 heads



the highway, making fresh food difficult to access for many in the community. The area around Laona, near where the Potawatomi Farm is located, also is situated in what the USDA defines as a food desert.

Part of the primary purpose of the Potawatomi Farm was to serve the dependent population in the community, such



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**Do you need to schedule an appointment with our medical providers?** We now offer virtual visits, which allow you to maintain primary care by connecting with your provider via phone, computer or tablet. Please call (715) 478-4339 to see if these visits are an option for you.

We continue to offer curbside COVID-19 testing for our patients. Please call (715) 478-4339 to speak with a nurse.

Please note that all appointments, including essential lab or imaging will require a scheduled appointment.

As the Health & Wellness Center begins to see patients for some types of care that have been postponed, know that we are taking every precaution to keep you safe if your visit requires you to come to the clinic.



FOREST COUNTY POTAWATOMI  
**PUBLIC WORKS  
 DIVISION**

PO Box 340  
 Crandon, WI 54520

**Updated Public Works Contacts during COVID-19!**

<b>All Tribal Member Rentals, On Reservation Homes, and Government Facilities:</b> Jeff Thorpe: 715-889-2136 Plumbing/HVAC: Dan Gruber: 715-889-3276	<b>Drinking Water and Wastewater Issues:</b> Operator on Call: 715-889-9345
<b>General Housing or Rental Related Questions:</b> Nate Guldan: 715-889-1796 Allison Daniels: 715-889-3149	<b>Solid Waste:</b> Tony Daniels: 715-889-6028
<b>Roads:</b> Todd Mulvey: 715-902-0201	<b>Transit (Medical Transports Only):</b> Wade Deverney: 715-478-4940 or 715-889-0087

**CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19)**



**You can help prevent the spread of respiratory illnesses with these actions:**

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose & mouth.
- Wash hands often with soap & water for at least 20 seconds.

 [cdc.gov/COVID19](https://cdc.gov/COVID19)

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- Learn different ways to help children cope during and after an emergency.
- Get your kids involved and keep them informed on how to be prepared for emergency and disaster situations. If something goes wrong, children can be prepared to act.

If at any time you have an emergency need, please reach out to Emergency Management at (715) 478-4428 and we will either assist or put you into contact with the proper department that fits your needs.

Thank you all and please stay safe!  
**Health Division Administrator  
 Thomas Boelter**

Thank you, Mr. Chairman, for giving me this opportunity to join you here today. It is truly an honor to stand here with you! I would like to spend most of my time speaking of the recent changes that have taken place with my role and service to our community.

As most of you know, I have spent the last seven plus years as the Tribal Administrator over Education and many other departments. It has been a good seven years at that. During this time, Assistant Division Administrator Sarah Thomaschefskey has worked close with me. She is a rock star at that. Together, we have put together solid educational programs, summer camps, summer youth employment and more. I am proud to say we have come a long way from a 40 percent high school graduation rate! In fact, we can factually say four out of the last six years we have graduated 100 percent. While that was an awesome thought, another is that we have, to date, graduated 58 students from trade schools or college. It is even a greater thought to think we have near 100 college or trade school students in school today. None of these great stories would have been possible without the support of the Executive Council and you, our General Council. I could go on, but I should keep this brief and to the point.

This past year, Covid-19 has played havoc to our programming for our membership. Since March of this year, we have lost the ability to meet one-on-one with all of our students. Students have had to work from home for most of the last school year. Some of the schools were better prepared than others for teaching over the internet.

Last year, tribal member Brittany LaMere was placed into the role of Director of Education and is working diligently toward the role of Tribal Administrator of Education. Brittany has done a wonderful job navigating and working with our membership. Somehow, with will and prayers we graduated 100 percent

despite the nasty Covid-19. The better news is we understand now how we can work 1:1 in safer, smaller numbers.

As it stands at this very moment, the plan is for all of our kids to go back to school. All of the schools including Gte Ga Nes are working together to prepare a safe environment for our students to attend. These plans could change on any given day if the spread of Covid-19 continues. If this happens, our children are back doing work from home. I assure you FCP Education is more prepared knowledge wise to work with every student. I want to assure all of my relatives we will make sure our kids are safe.

Sarah Thomaschefskey has taken my role and is now acting Tribal Administrator of Education and Brittany LaMere will continue to be Director of Education. Both of these ladies are extremely intelligent and committed in their roles. I will continue to look over my shoulder at their progress.

As Chairman indicated, I have accepted a new role as Health Division Administrator. I want to first thank Dorothy for her wonderful work at our clinic. She is a wonderful woman and it will be hard to fill her shoes. However, I am very much up to the task of filling her shoes. I assure all of you my goals are to work toward making the clinic financially stable. In my humble opinion, the goal is much bigger than just financial stability. Now that we have had the recent success in education and the other programming, it is important for me to focus on a bigger picture. That is the health and wellness of each of our tribal members. I assure you that I will be just as committed to seeing lower rates of diabetes or no more members passing on from an overdose.

Relatives, once we kick COVID's behind, we are going to be real focused on the development of holistic healing - mentally, physically, spiritually and emotionally. We are going to utilize our own cultural ways to begin a healing process for each individual member. The time has come where we will also utilize the knowledge of each of you to move our tribe forward. I am ready to join forces with Mr. Chairman, Council, and the General Council. We have lost too many of our own members not to make these changes. I am excited to see the changes in the near future. Covid-19 has forced wicked changes, but it has also brought some good things. We have learned many lessons and are even more grateful for the things we have lost. Together, our future will be greater in so many ways.

Your Health & Wellness Center will be refocused with all of you in mind!

God bless all of you and please stay safe!





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# BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN PLAN



PATHWAY  
TO WELLNESS

Help plan walking and bicycling  
in the FCP Community!

The FCPC Land & Natural Resources  
Division is creating a community-wide  
bicycle and pedestrian plan.

Please fill out the  
**NEW**, shorter survey before  
**September 3**,  
to give your input!



Survey Link



<https://members.fcspotawatomi.com/bike-survey/>



Additional plan information is available at: <https://www.ncwrpc.org/forest/fcpc-bike-ped/index.html>

Contact FCP Planner Michelle Berdan with questions at (715) 478-4944.

## Project Spotlight: ST. JAMES 1868

St. James 1868 is a historic renovation of a church built in 1868 in the Kilbourn Town of Milwaukee along Wisconsin Avenue. The project converted the former church into two event venues known as The Abbey and The Hyde which were formerly the church and parish hall, respectively.

Known as the first stone church built in Milwaukee, the site was previously a city cemetery which was then sold to the congregation of St. James in May 1851. The first cornerstone was laid in 1867 and the former cemetery was subsequently relocated. Construction of the tower and spire completed shortly after and opened in 1868. In December 1872 on New Year's Eve, a fire burned throughout the church leaving only the original stone walls, tower, spire, and ceiling windows remaining. In 1874 the church was restored and rededicated. In 1899, the parish hall was added after it was purchased from the City.

Interior renovation gutted the building down to the original structural shell and reworked the floor plan to optimize space and flow. Construction throughout the building includes installation of all new MEP, fire protection, and audio systems, refurbishment of the existing hardwood floors, a new elevator shaft and system, two new bathrooms on the main floor, and a full-service commercial kitchen in the basement equipped with a walk-in freezer and cooler. The venue also includes luxury Bridal and Groomsman suites on the main floor, in addition to office, private bathrooms and retail space. Construction in The Abbey refurbished the existing 50-foot vaulted plaster ceilings and rafters, stained glass windows, light fixtures, and the pipes from the organ. Construction in The Hyde refurbished the existing rafters and bathrooms along with installation of a new commercial bar and full-service kitchen.



Photo: (1) Interior view of The Abbey (2) Interior view of The Hyde (3) View of the main Bridal Suite (4) View of the steel structural terrace that ties into The Hyde

Exterior work features an elevated structural steel terrace with treated wood decking that ties into The Hyde. Construction also includes a courtyard accented by decorative stone pavers, a retaining wall along Wisconsin Avenue with fresh landscaping which is all enclosed by a custom fabricated iron fence. Scope of work also includes 25% exterior façade tuckpointing and installation of a new roof. The team also had to dig trenches around the original stone walls to tie into city utilities.

Due to the historic nature of the building and scope of work, the project team worked closely with the National Park Service and local State Historic Preservation Office to maintain historic integrity and aesthetic elements of the building and comply with local building codes. Numerous historic elements were refurbished and repurposed throughout the new space. The original wood paneling on either side of the altar remains and was a private donation in the '50's that can be traced back to a 14th century Belgium monastery. All the original stained glass remains in the church and above the Sanctuary and includes two sets of Tiffany windows along the East church wall. The existing hanging light fixtures in the church were refurbished and pews were repurposed to serve as shelves and a bar top in The Hyde along with an island bar in the main Groomsman suite. The original main and high altar and baptismal font were also refurbished and remain in The Abbey. All three were crafted from a rare stone known as Caen Stone brought over from Normandy, France. The team also coordinated with the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee Archaeology Department due to proximity of the former graveyard when digging trenches to tie into city utilities.

St. James 1868 preserves a nationally registered historic building and modernizes an important part of Milwaukee history as the city's oldest stone church. The building had fallen into disrepair in recent decades and became a dull spot on a highly visible thoroughfare of the city. Restoring St. James and adapting it as a special event space has added to the appeal of the Kilbourn Town neighborhood of Milwaukee. The unique venue is expected to draw considerable clientele and guests from outside the region, increasing tourism throughout Milwaukee and having a significant economic impact on the community.

We are incredibly impressed with the final project and value the dedication and quality of work put in by all Greenfire team members. We would like to recognize Mike Timmers, Director of Operations, and Jake Basten, Sr. Project Manager, for their detailed management skills. The Owner is Kate Crowle, Owner/Founder of Royalty Events, LLC. and the architect is Engberg Anderson Architects.

## Tivoli Green: RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY



Photo: (1) Exterior of the first building (2) The Tivoli Green team cutting the ceremonial ribbon (3) Matt Marony, Wangard COO, recognizing the project (4) Interior view of a Tivoli Green unit

A ribbon cutting ceremony marked the completion of the first two phases of Tivoli Green as the development opens in early August. Phase 1A and 1B includes mass site grading for the 26-acre lot, turnover for the first of 13 buildings, and the development of access roads. The ceremony took place in late July with speeches from Stu Wangard, Wangard CEO, Matt Maroney, Wangard COO, Jonathan Delagrave, Racine County Executive, Dave Degroot, Village Board Member, and Jenny Trick, Racine County Economic Development Executive Director. Following the presentation, a ribbon cutting celebrated the opening and a unit tour was offered following strict social distancing guidelines.

A flourishing, growing area needs modern apartments to meet the needs of future workers. Tivoli Green fills that need by bringing quality housing to the area as more manufacturing companies, like Foxconn, open nearby facilities. Tivoli Green is projected to finish on time and under budget and continues to be a model of success. Factors contributing to the project's success include: solid partnerships with the entire project team, maintenance of a clean, safe and productive site, employment of a large network of quality local trade contractors, and the team's ability to adapt and update site and safety policies during the COVID-19 pandemic.

We are honored to be a part of this collaborative and visionary team and would like to recognize Jake Basten, Sr. Project Manager, Dave Kwiatkowski, Superintendent, Zach Brucker, Project Engineer, Austin Stueck, Project Engineer, Angelo Rodriguez, Laborer, and Lyndie Krueger, Intern, for their outstanding work.



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