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## MassGaming January 2017 Newsletter

MassGaming would like to thank you for your ongoing participation and interest in our efforts to implement the Expanded Gaming Act.

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### Research Update

**Plainridge Park Casino's first year did not reduce lottery sales nearby or in state, UMass Amherst report says**

RESEARCH UPDATE  
LOTTERY IMPACT



Researchers led by Rachel Volberg at the University of Massachusetts Amherst who are studying the effects of expanded casino gambling in the Commonwealth are reporting to the state Gaming Commission that lottery sales have not decreased statewide, nor near the Plainridge Park Casino, during the first year after it opened in June 2015.

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**Chairman Crosby: "Destination casinos are a catalyst for**

## development"

### The Boston Globe

Rather than simply promoting jobs and revenue, the casino legislation in Massachusetts prescribed "destination resort casinos," designed to also produce broad-based economic development.

The Commission's recent visit to Springfield demonstrated that the commitment to this strategy is working. Springfield officials reported an increase in economic development-related investments of 16.4 percent since December 2014, part of an estimated \$3.307 billion in total investment since the devastating 2011 tornado tore through the city.

Stephen Crosby, Chairman



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## A Request for Public Comments

**Commission is seeking public comment on draft regulations pertaining to Individuals Excluded from the Gaming Establishment**

A REQUEST FOR  
PUBLIC COMMENTS



The Massachusetts Gaming Commission is seeking public comment on the below draft regulation amendments:

**205 CMR 152.00: Individuals Excluded from a Gaming Establishment.** The amendments differentiate between the information regarding excluded individuals that will be posted publicly on the Commission's website and the information about excluded individuals that is possessed by the Commission and made available to the casinos.

[VIEW THE DRAFT REGULATIONS AND SUBMIT COMMENTS](#)

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**MGC releases December 2016 gross gaming revenue for**

## Plainridge Park Casino



The Massachusetts Gaming Commission (MGC) reported that the month of December 2016 at Plainridge Park Casino generated \$12,638,807.06 in Gross Gaming Revenue (GGR). The category 2 slots-parlor is taxed on 49% of gross gaming revenue, of that total taxed amount 82% is paid to Local Aid and 18% goes to the Race Horse Development Fund. To date, the state has collected \$119,203,522.85 in total state taxes and race horse assessments from Plainridge Park Casino since its June 24, 2015 opening.

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## 2017 Community Mitigation Fund

**Reminder: Applications for funds are due February 1, 2017**



As part of the effort to help offset impacts that may result from the development and operation of gaming facilities in the Commonwealth, the Massachusetts Legislature created the Community Mitigation Fund as part of the Expanded Gaming Act.

[VIEW THE APPLICATION MATERIALS](#)

## The Massachusetts Gaming Commission in the news

- **Boston Globe:** [Plainridge slots didn't affect lottery sales](#)
- **Sun Chronicle:** [Plainridge pays nearly \\$76 million in taxes to state in 2016](#)
- **Everett Independent:** [Wynn Boston Harbor installs first steel beam](#)
- **Sun Chronicle:** [In Plainville, an unlikely story with a happy ending](#)

The mission of the Massachusetts Gaming Commission is to create a fair, transparent, and participatory process for implementing the expanded gaming law passed by the Legislature and signed by the Governor in November, 2011.



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