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## MassGaming April 2017 Newsletter

Happy spring! 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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### **MGC congratulates MGM Springfield on topping off**

On March 29, MGM Springfield celebrated the completion of its steel structure with a ceremonial topping off ceremony.



[VIEW PHOTOS OF THE TOPPING OFF CEREMONY ON FACEBOOK](#)

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## **Wynn Boston Harbor completes soil removal**

On April 4, Wynn Resorts announced that it had completed the cleanup of more than 630,000 tons of contaminated soil at the Wynn Boston Harbor site in Everett. The \$30 million dollar project was funded entirely by Wynn Resorts, and resulted in more than 8,800 truckloads and 3,300 railcars full of soil over seven months.

Wynn Resorts will now dredge soil around the shoreline as it creates a living shoreline along the Mystic River.



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### **Plainridge Park Racecourse holds opening day**

On April 10, Plainridge Park Racecourse opened its 125-day harness racing meet. This year, Plainridge Park Racecourse is introducing its new Wicked Hi-5 Pentafecta race. Later this year, on July 28th, Plainridge Park will host Massachusetts' richest harness race in history, the \$250,000 Spirit of Massachusetts Trot. With an estimated \$8.7 million in purses to be awarded during the racemeet, it promises to be an exciting year.

View a race at Plainridge Park from the point-of-view of the starting gate car:



## Banking on Shared Values

### MGC Selects Eastern Bank as Its Primary Financial Institution in Recognition of a Shared Commitment to Diversity & Inclusion



The Massachusetts Gaming Commission is pleased to announce that it has selected Eastern Bank as its primary financial institution in support of the bank's demonstrated commitment to diversity and inclusion. MGC will transition its depository banking operations to Eastern Bank; this includes daily taxes on Gross Gaming Revenue (GGR), all casino licensing fees, all horse racing fees associated with wagers on races, and annual assessments on casino licensees.

Eastern Bank, America's oldest and largest mutual bank, is well known for its outspoken advocacy on social justice. Last year, Eastern's Chairman and CEO, Bob Rivers, received the "20/20 Visionary Award" for diversity and inclusion from The Ad Club, and, for the last four years, Eastern has been recognized by the Human Rights Campaign as one of the "Best Places to Work for LGBT Equality." Organizations such as the Boston Business Journal, Color

Magazine, the National Center for Race Amity, and Get Konnected! are among the many to recently recognize Eastern's commitment to diversity and inclusion.

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## Revenue Report: March 2017



The Massachusetts Gaming Commission reported that the month of March 2017 at Plainridge Park Casino generated \$14,179,600.25 in Gross Gaming Revenue. 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 \$138,014,425.49 in total state taxes and race horse assessments from Plainridge Park Casino since its June 24, 2015 opening.

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## A Request for Public Comment

### Draft regulation amendments pertaining to gaming devices and electronic game equipment



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

- **205 CMR 143.02 DRAFT:** Gaming Devices and Electronic Gaming Equipment

The amendments set forth the requirements for a gaming licensee to transfer a progressive jackpot.

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## A Request for Public Comment

### Draft regulation amendments pertaining to sale and distribution of alcoholic beverages at gaming establishments



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

**205 CMR 136.08 DRAFT: Sale and Distribution of Alcoholic Beverages at Gaming Establishments**

The amendments will eliminate the requirement to list on a gaming beverage license the names and contact information for managers or other principals.

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## The Massachusetts Gaming Commission in the news

- 22News: [MGM Springfield celebrating construction milestone](#)
- MassLive: ['From that storm rises a phoenix'](#)
- Everett Independent: [Wynn Boston Harbor removes last load of soil at Everett site](#)
- NBC Boston: [New partnership aims to increase women working at Wynn Boston Harbor](#)
- Sun Chronicle: [Harness horse racing pulling ahead at Plainville casino](#)

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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