



MGC Newsletter

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We create and maintain a fair, transparent, and participatory process for implementing the expanded gaming law.



Commissioner Bruce Stebbins recognizes MGM Springfield for exceeding all construction period diversity goals

MGM submitted their last diversity report to the MGC's Access and Opportunity Committee and thanked the stakeholders who had invested significant time to ensuring their success. This group includes the union building trades community representatives and other stakeholders. The Gaming Commission was pleased to receive this last report, which showed MGM exceeded its goals for diversity during the construction period: 8.55% of hours were worked by women, 21.78% were worked by minorities, and 8.71% were worked by veterans. Those figures beat goals of 6.9%, 15.3%, and 8.0% respectively.



Top Left: MGC Commissioner Bruce Stebbins (left) presents MGM Springfield Vice President of Construction and Development Brian Packer (center) with a Certificate of Appreciation for MGM Springfield's commitment to diversity goals. Also pictured: MGM Resorts International Vice President of National Diversity Relations Tony Gladney (right) Photo courtesy MGM Springfield

Top Right: Members of the Access and Opportunity Committee pose before a tour of MGM Springfield

Bottom Left: Members of the Access and Opportunity Committee pose with a "Build A Life That Works" poster at MGM Springfield's close-out meeting, October 9, 2018

Bottom Right: The MGM Springfield Construction Diversity Appreciation Night, October 9, 2018. Photo courtesy MGM Springfield

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From WGBH: Casino projects draw more women into building trades

MGC Director of Workforce, Supplier, and Diversity Development Jill Griffin recently discussed with WGBH the "Build A Life That Works" program, a collaboration between MGC, building trades, and other interested stakeholders to present opportunities in the building trades for women.



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Research Update: Plainridge Park Casino real estate impact analysis

Since the awarding of its gaming license and its subsequent opening in 2015, the Plainridge Park Casino (PPC) has not had a strong effect on several indicators that measure the local residential, commercial, and industrial real estate markets, according to a study conducted by the UMass Donahue Institute as part of the Social and Economic Impacts of Gambling in Massachusetts (SEIGMA) research team.

“Plainridge Park Casino is unique among gaming license recipients in that it is built on the outskirts of the host community and on the site of an existing gaming facility. Both of those factors are likely to limit the extent to which this development could affect the local real estate market,” said Mark Melnik, director of UMass Donahue Institute’s Economic & Public Policy Research Group.

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A request for public comment: Request to reconsider Region C

The Massachusetts Gaming Commission has received a request to re-open Region C (Southeastern Mass.) for the award of a Category 1 gaming license. As part of that process, the Commission is requesting comments on the items listed at the following link.



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Revenue Report

The month of September 2018 at Plainridge Park Casino and MGM Springfield generated \$41,271,328.81 in Gross Gaming Revenue (GGR). PPC, a category 2 slots facility, is taxed on 49% of GGR. Of that total taxed amount, 82% is paid to Local Aid and 18% is allotted to the Race Horse Development Fund. MGM Springfield, a category 1 resort-casino, is taxed on 25% of GGR; those monies are [allocated to several specific state funds](#) as determined by the gaming statute.

MGC will continue to make monthly revenue reports available on approximately the 15th of each month.



REVENUE REPORT

SEPTEMBER 2018	GROSS GAMING REVENUE		TAXES
MGM SPRINGFIELD <small>SUBJECT TO 25% TAXES</small>	TABLE	\$8,802,344.03	\$6,738,024.10
	SLOTS	\$18,149,752.36	
	TOTAL	\$26,952,096.39	
PLAINRIDGE PARK CASINO <small>SUBJECT TO 49% TAXES</small>	SLOTS	\$14,319,232.42	\$7,016,423.89
	TOTAL	\$14,319,232.42	
TOTAL TAXES		\$13,754,447.99	

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- MassLive:** [Following 'successful' grand opening, MGM Springfield lands permanent operations certificate from state](#)
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