



MGC Newsletter

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



MGC's first ever Veterans Small Business Forum provides information about opportunities and certification for veteran-owned businesses

This month, as the nation commemorated Veterans Day and the 100th anniversary of the end of World War I, the Massachusetts Gaming Commission joined organizations around the country to recognize veterans who have started their own businesses during National Veterans Small Business Week (November 5th through the 9th).

As part of MGC's mission to provide strategies for maximizing the opportunities for veteran owned businesses, MGC Director of Supplier, Workforce, and Diversity Development Jill Griffin and Program Manager Crystal Howard organized the first-ever MGC Veterans Small Business Forum. Attended by more than 40 representatives from stakeholder organizations across Massachusetts, the event was a chance to highlight opportunities available to veteran-owned businesses at Massachusetts casinos.

Watch video of the presentations below or read more about the Commonwealth's Veteran Business Enterprise certification process [here](#).



A Request for Public Comment: 2019 Community Mitigation Fund draft guidelines

The Massachusetts Gaming Commission hereby requests public comment on the “Discussion Draft” of the 2019 Community Mitigation Fund Guidelines. Before beginning any final review of the “Discussion Draft”, the Commission determined that it would seek input from the general public. The purpose of the “Discussion Draft” is to receive substantial recommendations from parties to enable the Commission to evaluate the concepts in this draft. The Commission has not adopted these Guidelines.



[VIEW THE DISCUSSION DRAFT](#)

MGC Director of Racing Dr. Alexandra Lightbown thanks seasonal racing staff for another successful year

Their work enables a thriving industry at the only Standardbred race track in Massachusetts. They oversaw 110 days of racing that encompassed more than 1,100 races and contributed to the continued and growing success of harness racing at Plainridge Park. That includes the issuance of over 1,040 licenses for participants, and the post-race and TCO₂ testing of over 2,180 horses.



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Revenue Report

The month of October 2018 at Plainridge Park Casino (PPC) and MGM Springfield generated approximately \$35,768,531.80 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.

To date, the Commonwealth has collected approximately **\$285,489,004.00** in total taxes and assessments from PPC and MGM since the respective openings of each gaming facility.



REVENUE REPORT

OCTOBER 2018	GROSS GAMING REVENUE		TAXES
MGM SPRINGFIELD SUBJECT TO 25% TAXES	TABLE	\$7,618,950.75	\$5,560,685.60
	SLOTS	\$14,623,791.66	
	TOTAL	\$22,242,742.41	
PLAINRIDGE PARK CASINO SUBJECT TO 49% TAXES	SLOTS	\$13,525,789.45	\$6,627,636.83
	TOTAL	\$13,525,789.45	
TOTAL TAXES		\$12,188,322.43	



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