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Gambling Alert - August 9, 2017



Lottery public hearing August 14 for new private manager

The Illinois Lottery issued a notice for a public hearing regarding the selection of a new private manager. The hearing will be held on **Monday, August 14, 2017 at 1:30 pm at the Illinois Department of Employment Security Conference Room, 8124 33 S. State Street in Chicago.**

The purpose of this public hearing is to provide an opportunity for **Camelot Illinois** - the finalist in the Illinois Lottery's solicitation for a private manager - to present an overview of its proposal for private management of the Lottery and to **allow the public to comment on the proposal.** [Read more](#)

Gambling at Piggly Wiggly No jackpot

When Antioch's Piggly Wiggly added four video gambling machines behind a new bar at the grocery store in June, village officials weren't thrilled, but they were looking forward to the additional revenue the machines would provide.

That's not exactly how things panned out.

Besides the Piggly Wiggly, two other restaurants in town added eight more video gambling machines to the 61 already in service in June. But the \$15,791 Antioch made in June from 73 gambling machines was the lowest amount since February,

when there were only 50 machines, according to the Illinois Gaming Board. [Read more](#) **NOTE: Local residents LOST over \$13,000 in the gambling machines at the grocery store in their first month of operation!**

Arlington Racetrack wants slot machines and table games like casinos

"We're lucky to be part of a bigger company (Churchill Downs Inc.) and have financial backing, but they have to answer to shareholders, and the last seven or eight years the investment doesn't good so good on paper anymore," said Tony Petrillo.

At some point in time, here, investors and activists will start looking at this property as having other uses more sustainable than horse racing." [Read more](#)

NOTE: Omaha transformed a race track into a college campus!

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