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**Community Calendar**

**Massachusetts Gaming Commission Hosts Educational Forum in Western Mass to Discuss Tourism, Community Mitigation and Workforce Development**  
*Members of the Commission to Meet and Discuss Mitigation Directly Following the Forum*

**WHO:** Members of the *Massachusetts Gaming Commission* including **Chairman Steve Crosby; Commissioner Gayle Cameron; Commissioner James F. McHugh; Commissioner Bruce F. Stebbins** and **Commissioner Enrique Zuniga; Pioneer Valley Planning Commission** Executive Director, **Tim Brennan;** *State Senator and Chair of the Joint Committee of Economic Development and Emerging Technologies* Honorable, **Gale Candaras** and *Holyoke Community College* President, **William Messner**

**WHAT:** Community members are encouraged to join the Massachusetts Gaming Commission and panelists in Western Mass to discuss key issues associated with the introduction of expanded gaming including tourism, community mitigation and workforce development. The forum will cover a collection of informative mitigation and regional planning matters for the Commission and the community to carefully consider as the Commonwealth moves toward the realization of expanded gaming. The session will provide the opportunity to hear from a panel of experts with experience from both Massachusetts and out-of-state who will be able to provide unique and informative perspectives on this process.

To attend the forum in person, please complete the registration form found at [mass.gov/gaming](http://mass.gov/gaming). Residents are also encouraged to connect with MGC's @MassGamingComm to view live tweets throughout the forum.

**SPECIAL NOTE:** Immediately following the forum, MGC commissioners will host a post-forum meeting to discuss mitigation related matters and information received at the forum.

**WHERE:** Western New England University  
River Memorial Hall  
Springfield, MA

**WHEN:** **August 8, 2012**  
**12:30pm- 5:00pm**  
**\*\* 5:30: MGC Commissioners Meet**

**About MGC**

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. In creating that process, the Commission will strive to ensure that its decision-making and regulatory systems engender the confidence of the public and participants, and that they provide the greatest possible economic development benefits and revenues to the people of the Commonwealth, reduce to the maximum extent possible the potentially negative or unintended consequences of the new legislation, and allow an appropriate return on investment for gaming providers that assures the operation of casino-resorts of the highest quality. . For more information on MGC, please visit [www.mass.gov/gaming](http://www.mass.gov/gaming) .