

# RETAILER REPORT

A NEWSLETTER FOR MARYLAND LOTTERY RETAILERS

**APRIL-JUNE 2025** 



STARTING APRIL 5TH

# MEGAJUST GOT BIGGER!



Let's Make a Deal® scratch-off and second-chance promotion – Pages 4-5

# Bring on the Green!



ING, the grass is greening and we're bringing your business the "seeds" to grow a bumper crop of Lottery sales and com-

missions. This issue of the newsletter provides an overview of the exciting lineup of scratch-offs, FAST PLAY tickets and second-chance promo-

tions coming to market in the final quarter of Fiscal Year 2025.

We'll provide plenty of marketing support to help your spring season be a success. New product highlights include two scratch-offs — *PRESS YOUR LUCK*® with a \$30,000 top prize and *Let's Make a Deal*® — plus a May family of scratch-off games featuring the lucky number 7. Our April 7 *FAST PLAY* launch is packed with games your players will recognize, such as *Roulette*, *SCRABBLE*® and *WILLY WONKA & THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY* ™.

Don't forget to prepare for our <u>Mega Millions</u> transition on April 5, which will lead to bigger jackpots more often and bigger prizes. Check out the article on **page 12**, review your <u>Retailer Information Sheet</u> available on Retailer Corner or visit <u>this page</u> on <u>mdlottery.com</u> for answers to frequently asked questions.

You can do your part to keep players flocking to your store. Give your Lottery point-of-sale materials a spring cleaning. Work with your district sales manager to discard damaged or dirty materials, add new point-of-sale items and Lottery signage. Spruce up or set up a stay-and-play area. Keep your dispensers and self-service vending equipment fully stocked. Activate new games as soon as they arrive and put them on display. Also, be sure your clerks are aware of active Lottery promotions.

We're on track to mark the end of this fiscal year on June 30 with another solid showing, so keep up the great work. We appreciate all you do to help us generate funds to support the State of Maryland's good causes. Thank you!

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## NIKI FOOD MART & LOTTERY SELLS AT CHESAPEAKE BAY BOAT SHOW





(From left) Baltimore Retailer K Patel, Lottery District Sales Manager Tim Perry and Niki Patel take a break from Lottery sales at this fourth annual event. Sales were strong during the show, which took place Jan. 10-12 in Timonium.

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### RESPONSIBLE GAMING: Do Your Part for Players

All retailers and their employees,

from managers to clerks, play an important role in helping Lottery customers enjoy our games in a responsible way.

Be sure you have plenty of the two-sided yellow *Play Responsibly* cards on display in your playslip container or ask your district sales manager for a new supply. We also have two-sided *Problem Gambling* business-size cards that list free Maryland resources and the confidential helpline: **1-800-GAMBLER**.

We're counting on you to help us reach players who may be on the verge of becoming problem gamblers. If you or your employees hear players make the following statements, be sure to give them the facts about game odds and random-number generators and suggest they consider seeking help:

- "If I play the same numbers every day, I will win a big prize."
- "My family says I should stop playing so much, but it is so hard to cut back. I feel like a big win is coming soon."
- "I need groceries but if I buy 10 of these scratch-offs, I am bound to win big."

Thank you for all that you do to keep Marylanders playing responsibly.

#### RESPONSIBLE GAMBLING

24/7 Problem Gambling Helpline **CALL** 1-800-GAMBLER | **CHAT** *mdproblemgambling.com*Click on chat.

#### **VOLUNTARY EXCLUSION PROGRAM**

The Lottery is strongly committed to promoting responsible play and encourages retailers to display our Voluntary Exclusion Program brochure and Winners Play Responsibly pamphlet. Questions? Visit *mdlottery.com*, click on "About Us" and then "Responsible Play" or contact **Responsible Gambling staff** at

410-230-8798 or email responsible.gaming@maryland.gov.



#### RETAILER REPORT

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#### CONNECT WITH US:









#### NEW SCRATCH-OFFS!

#### **SOFT LAUNCH: APRIL 15-18**

\$1 - Lucky 13 / #778 \$1,313 top prize (12)

#### **LAUNCH: APRIL 21**

\$3 – PRESS YOUR LUCK® / #740

\$30,000 top prize (6)

\$5 – Let's Make a Deal® / #741 + \$50,000 top prize (7)

\$10 - ICE / #742

\$100,000 top prize (6)

\$30 - FIRE / #743

\$2,000,000 top prize (3)

#### **LAUNCH: MAY 19**

\$1 - Lucky 7s / #744

\$777 top prize (33)

\$2 – Lucky 7s Doubler / #745

\$7,777 top prize (9)

\$5 – Lucky 7s Tripler / #746

\$57,777 top prize (8)

\$10 – Lucky 7s Multiplier / #747

\$77,777 top prize (10)

\$20 - Lucky 777 / #748

\$1,000,000 top prize (6)

#### **LAUNCH: JUNE 23**

\$3 - Diamond Bingo 6th Edition / #749

\$5 - Cash Blast / #750

\$10 – Win \$50, \$100 or \$200 \_\_\_\_\_ 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition / #751











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### **NEW FAST PLAY GAMES! LAUNCH: APRIL 7**







\$2 - Roulette / #92 \$10,000 top prize (10) No prize less than \$3

\$3 - SCRABBLE® / #93 \$30,000 top prize (10) \$10 - WILLY WONKA & THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY™ /#94 \$100,000 top prize (15) Loaded with \$100 prizes

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#### **ENTER THE**

### LET'S MAKE A DEAL

SECOND-CHANCE PROMOTION

The zany fun kicks off April 21, when players can start entering nonwinning Let's Make a Deal® scratch-offs into My Lottery Rewards to qualify for this second-chance contest.

During five drawings from May to September, the Lottery will select five trip winners and 20 \$5,000 cash prize winners. Trip winners enjoy a four-day, three-night excursion for two, with transportation included, to Los Angeles for a VIP tour of LA landmarks, a costume shop visit, access to a taping of Let's Make a Deal and participation in a Let's Make a Deal Cash Prize giveaway contest with guaranteed prizes of \$1,000 to \$3,000. Visit www.mdlottery.com/letsmakeadeal starting April 21 for details.





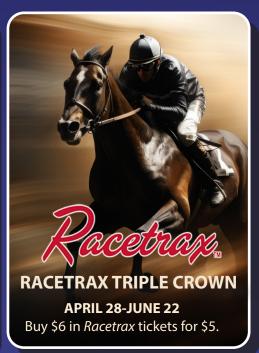






















**REGION 1** 

**PARKVIEW LIQUORS, CUMBERLAND** 



**Retailer:** Robert Robinette

#### Reason for selection:

This Western Maryland business owned by Robert Robinette for 32 years is a community staple, in business since 1955 and a Lottery retailer since 1978. "We provide good service," said Robinette.

Customers love this lucky location, which sold four major winning tickets in 2024 and two \$50,000 top-prize winning *Bonus Match 5* tickets in 2023. The four lucky tickets were a \$2,000,000 top-prize winning \$2,000,000 Gold Rush scratch-off, an \$88,000 top-prize winning *Electric 8s* scratch-off, a \$50,000 top-prize

winning Bonus Match 5 ticket and \$50,000-winning FAST PLAY Wild Bonus X10 ticket.

Customers can choose from 54 scratch-off facings along with other Lottery games, and have 13 options each in the \$5 and \$10 instant ticket category. Lottery sales are so strong that Parkview Liquors' 13-week sales average is up \$5,000 over the same period last year. And, in Fiscal Year 2025, the liquor and packaged goods business surpassed its Lottery sales goal in the first and second quarters by 115.97% and 122.61%.



**District Sales Manager:**Joey Thorne





# RETAILER SPOTLIGHT

**REGION 3** 

RIGGS GROCERY, RIVERDALE



**Retailers:** Vipul Thakore (left) and Archana Thakore

#### Reason for selection:

This husband-and-wife team took over Riggs Grocery in July 2023 and have turned it into a successful Lottery location. Their weekly Lottery sales consistently outpace those of the five closest Lottery retailers and the store's 13-week sales average is double that of its competitors.

After a year of ownership, the Thakores qualified for a vending machine and were awarded Expanded Cashing Authority Program (XCAP) status. They now offer players a choice of 77 scratch-off facings and other games sold through the PHD and two countertop terminals.

Factors aiding the store's success are its indoor and outdoor stay-and-play areas for Lottery customers. Monitors in the front window face outside so players can sit on the patio in nice weather and watch *Keno* and *Racetrax*.

Riggs Grocery offers Lottery regulars free soda or coffee and a free \$1 scratch-off to anyone cashing in a winning ticket worth \$200 or more. The couple also learned Spanish to better serve their primarily Spanish-speaking customers!



District Sales
Manager:
Stan Lundy



# EYE-CATCHING BANNERS HELP PROMOTE LUCKY STORE STATUS!

Those top-prize winning scratch-offs or high-tier prizes in draw and monitor games could lead to a promotional banner coming your way. Display the banner indoors or outside to alert customers that your business is a lucky Lottery retailer.















# MONTHLY SCRATCH-OFF LAUNCH DATES CHANGING

**Starting in July,** your business will receive each month's new scratch-off games on Fridays instead of Mondays. Watch for delivery on or after these dates in 2025:

Fridays July 18, Aug. 22, Sept. 19, Oct. 17 and Dec. 5. Mark your calendar!





10 a.m. April 10

#### **SPRING RETAILER ADVISORY BOARD SESSION**

#### **Ocean City – Hilton Suites Oceanfront**

Check your retailer email for an invitation. Ensure we have your correct email address on file!

### WE SALUTE EIGHT HOLIDAY BONUS WINNERS



**Congratulations to these** eight lucky retailers that won a \$1,500 grand prize in the Retailer Holiday Bonus Program. The fun wrapped up the first week of January, with the grand-prize drawing selecting these winners:

Chicken Man
Salisbury
(Wicomico Gounty)

Circle K #4198

Cumberland

(Allegany County)

High's #009

Baltimore

(Baltimore County)

Jolly's Food Mart Baltimore (City)

Stadium
Osprey
Baltimore
(City)

Three Road Liquors

Brandywine
(Prince George's
County)

Walmart #2790

Hagerstown
(Washington
County)

Wawa #8503
Glen Burnie
(Anne Arundel
County)

# MEGAGOT BIGGER!

★ BIGGER starting jackpots! ★ BIGGER jackpots more often! ★
 ★ BIGGER wins! ★ NEW built-in multiplier! ★

#### **COUNTDOWN UNDER WAY TO MEGA MILLIONS MAKEOVER**



E'RE ONLY DAYS
AWAY from mega
changes to the Mega
Millions jackpot
game. All of these
great features come with a new ticket
price of \$5 and a minimum prize of \$10.

playslips after the April 4 drawing and put out the new ones. Be sure your Mega Millions point-of-sale materials are visible to customers. Scanning the materials' QR codes with a smartphone will enable players to access a special Mega Millions page at mdlottery.com with all of the details about the changes.

Questions? Review your <u>Retailer</u>
<u>Information Sheet</u> available on Retailer
Corner, watch your monthly Retailer
Preview video also on Retailer Corner or
visit <u>this page</u> at <u>mdlottery.com</u> for answers
to frequently asked questions.



#### **LUCKY RETAILERS: FEBRUARY 2025**

**Congratulations** to these lucky retailers, which sold winning tickets and scratch-offs of \$50,000 or more from Feb. 1-28. **We salute you!** 

### DRAW, JACKPOT & MONITOR GAMES

#### RETAILER

#### **MULTI-MATCH**

J Convenience, Parkville\*

\$3.3 Million



J Convenience owners Jack Patel (father, left) and AJ Patel (son) display the promotional banner celebrating their store's sale of a \$3.3 million winning Multi-Match ticket.

#### PICK 5 \_\_\_\_\_

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 Upper Marlboro
 \$100,000

 Loch Raven BP, Towson
 \$50,000

Oak Street Station Oceanic,

Baltimore\* \$50,000

#### POWERBALL

7-Eleven #28930, Waldorf \$50,000 A-1 Mart, Frederick\* \$50,000 Wine Rack, Fruitland \$50,000

#### RACETRAX

Shady Grove Beer & Wine,

*Gaithersburg\** **\$140,903** 

\*Expanded Cashing Authority Program Retailer

#### **INSTANT GAMES**

PRIZE/RETAILER

**GAME** 

FAST PLAY -

\$296,551

**All Saints Liquors**, *Laurel* 

**Grand Progressive** 

#### **SCRATCH-OFFS**

\$1,000,000

Royal Farms #271, Aberdeen

MONOPOLY X100™

\$100,000

**7-Eleven #11551**, *Baltimore* **7-Eleven #36092**, *Denton* **Omega Grocery & Market**,

**Baltimore** 

Royal Farms #384, Fruitland Walmart #3490. Hanover

MONOPOLY X50™ MONOPOLY X50™

\$100,000 Crossword 8<sup>th</sup> Edition \$5,000,000 Fortune Mega Bucks

\$50,000

7-Eleven #11570, Gaithersburg 7-Eleven #23428, Brooklyn Park Arundel Mills Exxon, Hanover\* Chillum Wine & Spirits, Hyattsville Food Lion #0656, Leonardtown

Giant Eagle #1841, Frederick Golden Star Carryout, Baltimore Goshen Plaza Beer & Wine,

Montgomery Village\*

Herald Harbor Inn and Mini Mart,

Crownsville

Kettering BP, Upper Marlboro Like On TV, Greenbelt Mountain View Convenience & Food Mart. Thurmont

**Quick Mart 11**, Dundalk **Rolling Road BP**, Windsor Mill

**Sagar Beer and Wine**, *Gaithersburg\** **Skky Market**, *Gaithersburg* 

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