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## Gambling Alert - April 7, 2022



### **For a short time only, Arlington Trackside reopens to gamblers**

Rockford Charitable Games has set up shop inside the old OTB and banquet facility operated by Arlington Park at the corner of Euclid and New Wilke roads in Arlington Heights. The betting parlor has been closed for horse racing wagers since the beginning of the year, after the Illinois Racing Board rejected owner Churchill Downs Inc.'s request to keep open its network of six remaining OTBs in the state. [Read](#)

### **Three casino finalists set to meet the neighbors**

Developers will make their cases to residents this week  
When Mayor Lori Lightfoot discarded two bids last month to build a Chicago casino, she left three players at the table competing for a multibillion-dollar project. The remaining proposals will also dramatically change the face of one Chicago neighborhood for decades to come, turning a large swath of urban real estate into a gambling and entertainment mecca. [Read](#)

### **BETWEEN A ROCK AND A HARD ROCK PLACE? Casino developer hears resident gripes about traffic, crime — and other looming ‘millstone’**

A wild card in Chicago’s deck of possible casino developers on Tuesday tried to win over a packed auditorium of South Loop residents expressing concern over increased traffic and crime potentially “**destroying the quality of life**” in their neighborhood if the city’s long-sought gambling

house is placed near Soldier Field. “You put together a comprehensive proposal, but One Central is the millstone around your neck,” one resident said during a contentious Q&A session, voicing the issue that drew the most responses to the city’s written-submission question format. **“The community doesn’t want it.”** [Read](#)

### **Ex-gambling addict describes how his addiction 'drove him to the brink'**

Footballers and celebrities will no longer be allowed to appear on gambling and betting adverts under new rules introduced by the UK's advertising regulator. [Read](#)

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