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LIRR Offers Extra Trains on Tuesday, July 3, to Help Customers Celebrate Independence Day

The Long Island Rail Road is helping customers get a head start celebrating the Fourth of July by adding eight extra trains from Penn Station on Tuesday, July 3. Information about the extra trains will be available in timetables and the LIRR Train Time App, MTA.info website and on station departure boards. The extra early-afternoon trains will depart Penn Station starting at 2:22 p.m. and includes four extra trains on the Babylon Branch, one extra train on the Far Rockaway Branch, and three on the Port Jefferson Branch.

Train-specific details are below.

Babylon Branch

- 2:22 p.m. express to Rockville Centre, then all stops to Babylon
- 2:32 p.m. express to Lynbrook, then all stops to Babylon
- 3:00 p.m. stopping at Jamaica, Rockville Centre, all stops to Babylon
- 3:31 p.m. express to Rockville Centre, then all stops to Babylon

Far Rockaway Branch

- 3:48 p.m. stopping at Locust Manor, then making all stops to Far Rockaway

Port Jefferson Branch

- 2:08 p.m. stopping at Jamaica, Mineola, then making all stops to Huntington
- 2:26 p.m. stopping at Forest Hills, Kew Gardens, Jamaica, New Hyde Park, then making all stops to Huntington
- 3:24 p.m. stopping at Jamaica, Mineola, Westbury and Hicksville

The agencies of the MTA

MTA New York City Transit
MTA Long Island Rail Road

MTA Metro-North Railroad
MTA Bridges and Tunnels

MTA Capital Construction
MTA Bus Company

Additional Montauk Branch Service on Tuesday, July 3

The following trains that normally run on summer Fridays, including the Cannonball, will also operate on Tuesday, July 3.

- *For Connections to Fire Island Ferries:* 8:08 a.m. from Jamaica, stopping at Babylon, Bay Shore, Sayville and Patchogue. Customers can reach this train by boarding the 7:39 a.m. Ronkonkoma Branch train from Penn Station or the 7:41 a.m. Far Rockaway Branch train from Atlantic Terminal, Brooklyn.
- *For Connections to Fire Island Ferries:* 10:54 a.m. from Penn Station, stopping at Jamaica and Babylon for a connecting train that stops at Bay Shore, Sayville and Patchogue. Customers can also reach this train by taking the 10:35 a.m. Far Rockaway Branch train from Atlantic Terminal, Brooklyn, and changing at Jamaica.
- 1:49 p.m. from Hunterspoint Avenue, stopping at Jamaica, then running express to Westhampton before making all stops to Montauk. Customers can reach this train by taking the 1:42 p.m. train from Penn Station, or the 1:35 p.m. Far Rockaway Branch train from Atlantic Terminal, Brooklyn, and changing at Jamaica.
- *The Cannonball:* The 4:06 p.m. departure from Penn Station will run express to Westhampton, then stop at Southampton, Bridgehampton, East Hampton and Montauk only.
- 7:23 p.m. from Jamaica, running express to Patchogue, then Mastic-Shirley, then Westhampton and all further stops to Montauk. Customers can reach this train by boarding the 6:56 p.m. Huntington-bound train from Penn Station, the 6:59 p.m. Far Rockaway Branch train from Atlantic Terminal, Brooklyn, or the 6:41 p.m. Oyster Bay Branch train from Hunterspoint Avenue, and changing at Jamaica.

Many Channels for Services Updates

Information about these additional trains, and all planned service changes, is available through the LIRR's real-time service information sources:

Email and text message service updates – Customers are urged to sign up to receive the alerts by visiting MyMTAAlerts.com. To avoid unwanted messages, a user can tailor the messages to the specific branch, and the specific times of day.

LIRR Train Time app – Customers who use the LIRR Train Time app will see up-to-the-minute status for each upcoming train at each station. As a caution, trains that start out their trips on time may experience delays en route.

MTA.info – The rail tab of the “Service Status” box at the left side of www.MTA.info is always the definitive source for the latest status for each branch, updated every minute. In addition,

customers can visit www.mta.info/lirr to see special service notices in the upper center of the page.

@LIRR on Twitter – Twitter users can follow @LIRR to receive updates of a similar nature to the email and text alerts, shortened to fit Twitter’s format.

The above communications channels can be accessed while at home or on the go. For customers who are located at stations, the LIRR will post the latest service updates on **digital signs** at station platforms and will make **audio announcements** over public address systems, and **on-board announcements** made by train crews.

For those who prefer the **telephone**, information is available from the LIRR’s Customer Service Center by calling 511, the New York State Travel Information Line, and saying: “Long Island Rail Road” Those who are deaf or hard of hearing can use their preferred service provider for the free 711 relay to reach the LIRR at 511.

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The most up-to-date information on MTA service status is always available at www.mta.info. For immediate notice of service changes, sign up for email or text alerts at www.mymtaalerts.com. For weekend subway service changes, visit www.mta.info/weekender.

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