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LIRR to Offer Eight Extra Trains on Wednesday, July 3, to Help Customers Celebrate Independence Day

The Long Island Rail Road will provide extra eastbound service on Wednesday, July 3, for customers to get a head start and celebrate the Fourth of July by adding eight extra trains from Penn Station. Information about the extra trains will be available in timetables and the Mymta App, MTA.info website, LIRR Train Time app and on station departure boards. The extra early-afternoon trains will depart Penn Station starting at 2:08 p.m. and includes three extra trains on the Babylon Branch, one extra train on the Far Rockaway Branch, three on the Port Jefferson Branch, and one extra on the Port Washington 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

Far Rockaway Branch

- 3:48 p.m. express to 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
- 2:29 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

Port Washington Branch

- 3:40pm stopping at Flushing – Main Street, all stops to Great Neck

The agencies of the MTA

MTA New York City Transit
MTA Long Island Rail Road

MTA Metro-North Railroad
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MTA Bus Company

Additional Montauk Branch Service on Wednesday, July 3

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

- For Connections to Fire Island Ferries: 8:07 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.
- From Babylon to Montauk departing at 8:27 a.m.
- From Jamaica 11:27 a.m. to Montauk
- From Babylon to Patchogue departing 12:06 p.m. Customers can reach this train taking the 10:55 a.m. from Penn Station, stopping at Jamaica at 11:18 a.m. and arriving to Babylon at 12:02 p.m.
- 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.
- 5:10 p.m. from Penn Station to Montauk.
- From 7:30pm Babylon to Speonk. Customers can reach this train by taking the 6:29 p.m. out of Penn Station, stopping at Woodside and Jamaica and arriving to Babylon at 7:25 p.m.

Thursday, July 4, Independence Day: Trains will operate on a weekend/holiday Schedule.

Friday, July 5: Trains will operate on a weekday schedule.

Many Ways to Stay Connected

Information about the planned schedule change noted in this press release, and all planned service changes, is available through the LIRR's real-time service information sources.

myLIRR.org - Customers can see real-time positions of upcoming trains in real time, on a smartphone-optimized map that refreshes every 3- to 5-seconds, by logging into myLIRR.org, which is optimized for smartphone screens.

MYmta app & MTA.info – Customers who use the new, comprehensive MYmta app will see real-time travel information for the LIRR and connecting services all in one place, with push notifications when service is not operating normally. As a caution, trains that start out their trips on time may experience delays en route. The LIRR Train Time app also remains available for customers to access LIRR train information. The rail tab of the “Service Status” box at new.MTA.info is always the definitive source for the latest status for each branch, updated every minute.

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 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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