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Extra LIRR Service for New Year's Weekend Starting With 13 Extra Eastbound Afternoon Departures for Early Friday Getaway

Also, More City-Bound Trains on New Year's Eve, and Early Morning Eastbound Service on New Year's Day to Ensure Travel Options for Late-Night Revelers

MTA Long Island Rail Road is ready to help customers ring in the New Year with extra train service for the extended holiday weekend, beginning with 13 additional eastbound trains to accommodate customers leaving work early on Friday, December 28, and again on Monday, December 31. The railroad will also run 21 additional westbound trains on Monday, New Year's Eve, for revelers heading to the city to celebrate, as well as 19 extra service early in the morning on New Year's Day, Tuesday, January 1, 2019, to get partygoers safely back home.

Over the New Year's weekend, the railroad will operate on a weekend-holiday schedule with the usual ban on alcohol on trains and on station platforms from noon on New Year's Eve until noon on New Year's Day.

Friday, December 28, and Monday, December 31 – 13 Extra Eastbound Early Getaway Trains

The Long Island Rail Road is adding 13 trains to its eastbound afternoon schedule of departures from Penn Station on Friday, December 29, and again on Monday, December 31, to accommodate customers leaving work early on either day. The additional service will be provided between 12:46 p.m. and 3:48 p.m. on the Babylon, Far Rockaway, Port Jefferson, Port Washington and Ronkonkoma Branches.

Babylon Branch – 6 Extra Trains

- 1:28 p.m. express to Rockville Centre, then local to Babylon
- 1:56 p.m. express to Jamaica, stopping at Rockville Centre, then local to Babylon
- 2:22 p.m. express to Rockville Centre, then local to Babylon
- 2:32 p.m. express to Lynbrook, then local to Babylon

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- 3:00 p.m. stopping at Jamaica, Rockville Centre, then local to Babylon
- 3:31 p.m. express to Rockville Centre, then local to Babylon

Far Rockaway Branch – 1 Extra Train

- 3:48 p.m. stopping at Locust Manor, Laurelton, Rosedale, Valley Stream, then local to Far Rockaway.

Port Jefferson Branch – 3 Extra Trains

- 2:08 p.m. stopping at Jamaica, Mineola, then local to Huntington
- 2:29 p.m. stopping at Forest Hills, Kew Gardens, Jamaica, New Hyde Park, then local to Huntington
- 3:24 p.m. stopping at Jamaica, Mineola, Westbury and Hicksville

Port Washington Branch – 1 Extra Train

- 3:40 p.m. stopping at Woodside, Flushing Main Street, then local to Great Neck.

Ronkonkoma Branch – 2 Extra Trains (No Pinelawn Stop)

- 12:46 p.m. stopping at Woodside, Jamaica, Mineola, Hicksville, then local to Ronkonkoma
- 1:49 p.m. stopping at Woodside, Jamaica, Mineola, Hicksville, then local to Ronkonkoma

New Year's Eve, Monday, December 31 – 21 Extra Westbound Trains

Those who plan to head to New York City to mark the arrival of 2019 or to attend the Post Malone/Lil Pump concert at Barclays Center that evening will find 21 extra trains added to the regular weekday schedule, with extra service on seven branches.

Babylon Branch – 5 Extra Trains

- 5:45 p.m. from Babylon making local stops to Rockville Centre, then Jamaica and Atlantic Terminal
- 6:20 p.m. from Babylon making local stops to Rockville Centre, then Jamaica and Penn Station
- 7:24 p.m. from Freeport making local stops to Rockville Centre, then Jamaica and Penn Station
- 8:09 p.m. from Babylon making local stops to Rockville Centre, then Jamaica and Penn Station

- 9:25 p.m. from Babylon making local stops to Rockville Centre, then Jamaica and Penn Station

Hempstead Branch – 1 Extra Train

- 7:36 p.m. from Hempstead making local stops to Jamaica, then Penn Station

Long Beach Branch – 2 Extra Trains

- 5:42 p.m. from Long Beach making local stops to Jamaica, then Penn Station
- 8:14 p.m. from Long Beach making local stops to Jamaica, then Penn Station

Montauk Branch – 1 Extra Train

- 8:03 p.m. from Speonk making local stops to Babylon, then Jamaica and Penn Station

Port Jefferson Branch – 7 Extra Trains

- 4:55 p.m. from Huntington stopping at Cold Spring Harbor, Syosset, Hicksville, Jamaica and Penn Station
- 6:39 p.m. from Huntington stopping at Cold Spring Harbor, Syosset, Hicksville, Jamaica and Atlantic Terminal
- 6:59 p.m. from Hicksville, making local stops to Jamaica, then Penn Station
- 7:10 p.m. from Port Jefferson making local stops to Huntington, then Hicksville, Jamaica and Penn Station
- 7:33 p.m. from Hicksville, making local stops to Jamaica, then Penn Station
- 7:38 p.m. from Huntington, making local stops to Jamaica, then Penn Station
- 8:25 p.m. from Huntington, making local stops to Jamaica, then Penn Station

Port Washington Branch – 2 Extra Trains

- 7:07 p.m. from Great Neck making all local stops to Woodside and Penn Station
- 8:42 p.m. from Port Washington making all local stops to Woodside and Penn Station

Ronkonkoma Branch – 3 Extra Trains (No Pinelawn Stops)

- 6:50 p.m. from Ronkonkoma, local to Bethpage, then Jamaica and Atlantic Terminal
- 7:42 p.m. from Ronkonkoma, local to Hicksville, then Mineola, Jamaica and Penn Station
- 8:40 p.m. from Ronkonkoma, local to Hicksville, then Mineola, Jamaica and Penn Station

New Year's Day, Monday, January 1, 2018 – 19 Extra AM Eastbound Trains

Between 12:35 a.m. and 4:20 a.m. on New Year's Day, Tuesday, January 1, 2019, a total of 19 extra eastbound trains will operate to accommodate customers heading home after celebrating the arrival of the New Year. For the remainder of the day, the LIRR will operate on a holiday/weekend schedule.

Babylon Branch & Montauk Branch – 7 Extra Trains

- 1:13 a.m. from Penn Station stopping at Jamaica, Rockville Centre, then local to Babylon
- 1:30 a.m. from Penn Station stopping at Jamaica, Rockville Center, then local to Speonk
- 1:34 a.m. from Atlantic Terminal, stopping at Jamaica, Lynbrook and all stops to Babylon
- 2:04 a.m. from Atlantic Terminal, stopping at Jamaica, Lynbrook and all stops to Babylon
- 2:11 a.m. from Penn Station, stopping at Jamaica, Lynbrook, then local to Babylon
- 2:59 a.m. from Penn Station, stopping at Jamaica, Lynbrook, then local to Babylon
- 3:29 a.m. from Penn Station, stopping at Jamaica, Lynbrook, then local to Babylon

Long Beach Branch – 1 Extra Train

- 2:44 a.m. from Penn Station, stopping at Jamaica, Valley Stream and all stops to Long Beach

Port Jefferson Branch – 4 Extra Train

- 1:54 a.m. from Penn Station stopping, at Jamaica, New Hyde Park, and all stops to Huntington
- 2:14 a.m. from Atlantic Terminal, stopping at Jamaica, New Hyde Park, and all stops to Huntington
- 2:44 a.m. from Penn Station, stopping at Jamaica, New Hyde Park, and all stops to Huntington
- 3:11 a.m. from Penn Station, stopping at Jamaica, New Hyde Park, and all stops to Port Jefferson

Port Washington Branch – 3 Extra Trains

- 12:35 a.m. from Penn Station stopping at Woodside, Flushing-Main St and all stops to Port Washington
- 2:19 a.m. from Penn Station stopping at Woodside, Flushing-Main St and all stops to Port Washington
- 4:19 a.m. from Penn Station stopping at Woodside, Flushing-Main St and all stops to Port Washington

Ronkonkoma Branch – 4 Extra Trains (No Pinelawn Stop)

- 12:49 a.m. from Penn Station stopping at Jamaica, Mineola, Hicksville, then all stops to Ronkonkoma
- 1:37 a.m. from Atlantic Terminal stopping at Jamaica, Mineola, Hicksville, then all stops to Ronkonkoma
- 2:02 a.m. from Penn Station stopping at Jamaica, Mineola, Hicksville, then all stops to Ronkonkoma
- 3:54 a.m. from Penn Station stopping at Jamaica, Mineola, Hicksville, then all stops to Ronkonkoma

Many Channels for Services Updates

Information about the service changes noted in this press release 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.

MYmta app – Customers who use the new, comprehensive MYmta app will see real-time travel information for LIRR and connecting services all in one place. 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.

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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