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LIRR Adding Extra Early Afternoon Service Tomorrow for Early Labor Day Weekend Getaway

Railroad to Run on Weekend Schedule September 1-2, Holiday Schedule on Labor Day

MTA Long Island Rail Road will provide additional early afternoon trains on Friday, August 31, for customers planning an early getaway for the Labor Day Weekend. Ten additional trains will depart from Penn Station between 1:32 p.m. and 3:48 p.m. and will operate to Babylon, Far Rockaway, Huntington and Ronkonkoma, and one additional Montauk-bound train will operate from Jamaica after receiving passengers from trains originating at Penn Station and Atlantic Terminal. Details on the Friday getaway trains are included below.

Extra Afternoon Service on Friday, August 31

Babylon Branch

- 2:22 p.m. train from Penn Station running express to Rockville Centre, then making all stops to Babylon.
- 2:32 p.m. train from Penn Station running express to Lynbrook, then making all stops to Babylon.
- 3:00 p.m. train from Penn Station to Jamaica, Rockville Centre, then making all stops to Babylon.
- 3:31 p.m. train from Penn Station running express to Rockville Centre, then making all stops to Babylon.

Far Rockaway Branch

• 3:48 p.m. train from Penn Station running express to Locust Manor, then making all stops to Far Rockaway

Montauk Branch

• 1:42 p.m. train from Penn Station connects with the 2:10 p.m. train running express to Westhampton and then making all local stops to Montauk. The 1:35 p.m. train from Atlantic Terminal also connects to the Montauk train at Jamaica.

For a full list of Montauk Branch trains, including special service only on summer Fridays, <u>see</u> <u>here</u>.

Port Jefferson Branch

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

Ronkonkoma Branch

• 1:32 p.m. train from Penn Station stopping at Woodside, Jamaica, Mineola, Hicksville, Bethpage and Farmingdale.

Service for Saturday & Sunday, September 1 & 2

On Saturday, September 1, and Sunday, September 2, the Long Island Rail Road will be operating on a regular weekend schedule.

Service for Labor Day, Monday, September 3

On Labor Day, Monday, September 3, the LIRR will operate on a regular holiday schedule.

Many Channels for Services Updates

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

MYmta app and new.MTA.info – Customers who use the new, comprehensive MYmta app and website will see real-time travel information for LIRR and connecting services all in one place. The rail tab of the "Service Status" box in the center of new.mta.info and at left side of www.mta.info is updated every minute and is always the definitive source for the latest status for each branch. The LIRR Train Time app also remains available for customers to access LIRR train information.

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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