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### **Metro-North Gives Customers a Head Start on the Labor Day Weekend**

*Railroad Offering 17 Extra Afternoon Departures on Friday, August 31*

Metro-North Railroad wants to help you get a jump on the Labor Day weekend. The railroad has plenty of train service to get you where you need to go for the entire holiday weekend, starting on Friday, September 1, and continuing through Labor Day, Monday, September 3.

**On Friday, August 31**, Metro-North will offer 17 early-afternoon getaway trains departing Grand Central Terminal between 1 p.m. and 4 p.m., as well as an extra departure from Hoboken Terminal on the railroad's Port Jervis Line.

To allow Metro-North to operate this special service, some late evening peak trains departing from Grand Central Terminal will be canceled or combined due to reduced ridership during this period.

For Metro-North's West of Hudson customers, the 6:15 p.m. departure from Hoboken on the Port Jervis Line will not operate, and the 5:58 p.m. departure from Hoboken to Spring Valley on the Pascack Valley Line will not operate.

**On Saturday, September 1, and Sunday, September 2**, Metro-North will operate on a regular weekend schedule.

**On Labor Day, Monday, September 3**, Sunday service will be in effect on the Hudson, Harlem and New Haven Lines, and weekend service will be in effect on the Port Jervis Line and Pascack Valley Line. On the Port Jervis Line, Metro-North will add an extra inbound train departing Port Jervis at 4:09 p.m. for those heading back to Hoboken or Manhattan. For full details on West of Hudson service, please see [http://web.mta.info/mnr/html/labor\\_dayWOH.htm](http://web.mta.info/mnr/html/labor_dayWOH.htm)

### **Getaway Service on Friday, August 31**

*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

## Harlem Line

Three extra “getaway” trains will depart from Grand Central at:

- 2:18 p.m., stopping at Harlem-125th Street, then all stations between Scarsdale and North White Plains.
- 3:13 p.m., stopping at Harlem-125th Street, then White Plains and North White Plains only.
- 3:34 p.m., stopping at Harlem-125th Street, White Plains, North White Plains, then all stations between Goldens Bridge through Southeast.

The following trains usually departing Grand Central will not operate:

- The 5:27 p.m. train to Southeast
- The 5:38 p.m. train to Crestwood
- The 5:58 p.m. train to Crestwood
- The 7:05 p.m. train to North White Plains
- The 7:28 p.m. train to North White Plains

## Hudson Line

Five extra “getaway” trains will depart from Grand Central at:

- 1:38 p.m., stopping at Harlem-125th Street, Peekskill, Beacon, New Hamburg and Poughkeepsie.
- 2:38 p.m., stopping at Harlem-125th Street, Peekskill, Beacon, New Hamburg and Poughkeepsie.
- 3:11 p.m., stopping at Harlem-125th Street, then all stops between Tarrytown and Croton-Harmon.
- 3:45 p.m., stopping at Harlem-125th Street, Peekskill, Beacon, New Hamburg and Poughkeepsie.
- 4:11 p.m., stopping at Harlem-125th Street, Peekskill, Beacon, New Hamburg and Poughkeepsie.

The following trains usually departing Grand Central will not operate:

- The 5:29 p.m. train to Poughkeepsie
- The 5:57 p.m. train to Croton-Harmon
- The 6:12 p.m. train to Poughkeepsie

### *Hudson Line Connecting Services*

The Hudson Rail Link will begin a peak level of buses at Spuyten Duyvil starting with the 2:20 p.m. train from Grand Central and at Riverdale starting with the 3:21 p.m. train from Grand Central.

The Haverstraw-Ossining Ferry will have an early ferry trip that will meet the 3:11 p.m. train from Grand Central, which arrives in Ossining at 3:56 p.m. Since the 5:57 p.m. train will not

operate, a 6:00 p.m. train from Grand Central, which arrives in Ossining at 6:53 p.m., will be met by the ferry. To accommodate this trip, the ferry will not meet the regular 6:22 p.m. train from Grand Central.

The Newburgh-Beacon Ferry will have three early trips meeting the 2:43 p.m., 3:18 p.m. and 3:48 p.m. trains from Grand Central.

### **New Haven Line**

Nine extra “getaway” trains will depart from Grand Central at:

- 12:58 p.m., stopping at Harlem-125th Street, Westport, and all stations between Fairfield and New Haven.
- 2:01 p.m., stopping at Harlem-125th Street, Westport, and all stations between Fairfield and New Haven.
- 2:28 p.m., stopping at Harlem-125th Street, Westport, and all stations between Fairfield and New Haven.
- 2:31 p.m., stopping at Harlem-125th Street, New Rochelle, Larchmont, Mamaroneck and Harrison.
- 2:56 p.m., stopping at Harlem-125th Street, Stamford then all stations between Noroton Heights and South Norwalk.
- 2:59 p.m., stopping at Harlem-125th Street, New Rochelle, Larchmont, Mamaroneck and Harrison.
- 3:26 p.m., stopping at Harlem-125th Street, New Rochelle, Larchmont Mamaroneck and Harrison.
- 3:29 p.m., stopping at Harlem-125th Street, Westport and all stations between Fairfield and New Haven.
- 4:00 p.m., stopping at Harlem-125th Street, Stamford, and all stations between Bridgeport and New Haven.

The following trains usually departing Grand Central will not operate or are combined:

- The 5:18 p.m. train to Harrison and the 5:21 p.m. train to New Rochelle are combined, departing Grand Central at 5:21 p.m., stopping at Harlem-125th Street and all stations between Mount Vernon East and Harrison.
- The 5:41 p.m. train to New Haven will not operate.
- The 5:57 p.m. train to Harrison and the 6:02 p.m. train to New Rochelle are combined, departing Grand Central at 6:02 p.m., making all stops between Mount Vernon East and Harrison.
- The 6:07 p.m. train to New Haven and the 6:13 p.m. train to Bridgeport are combined, departing Grand Central at 6:13 p.m., stopping at Harlem-125th Street and all stations between South Norwalk and New Haven.
- The 6:49 p.m. train to New Haven will not operate.
- The 7:09 p.m. train to Harrison will not operate.

## **Pascack Valley Line**

The regularly scheduled Pascack Valley Friday-only train will depart Hoboken at 2:58 p.m., and stop at Secaucus Junction, select stations in New Jersey, and Pearl River, Nanuet and Spring Valley. Customers from Manhattan who are wishing to connect to this train should be on the 2:51 p.m. departure from Penn Station-NY to connect at Secaucus Junction. To accommodate this train, the 5:58 p.m. departure from Hoboken to Spring Valley will not operate.

## **Port Jervis Line**

The Port Jervis Line train departing Hoboken at 2:41 p.m., stopping at Secaucus Junction, and all stops between Suffern and Middletown/Town of Wallkill, will be extended to stop at Otisville and Port Jervis as well. Customers from Manhattan wishing to connect to this train should be on the 2:29 p.m. departure from Penn Station-NY to connect at Secaucus Junction. To accommodate the early getaway train, the 6:15 p.m. departure from Hoboken to Port Jervis will not operate.

## **Many Channels for Service Updates**

Information about the additional service noted in this press release, and all planned service changes, is available through Metro-North'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 Metro-North and connecting services all in one place. The rail tab of the "Service Status" box in the center of [new.mta.info](http://new.mta.info) and at left side of [www.mta.info](http://www.mta.info) is updated every minute and is always the definitive source for the latest status for each branch. The Metro-North Train Time app also remains available for customers to access train information.

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

**@MetroNorth on Twitter** – Twitter users can follow @MetroNorth 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, Metro-North 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 Metro-North's Customer Service Center by calling 511, the New York State Travel Information Line, and saying: "Metro-North Railroad." For customers calling from Connecticut, the number is: 877-690-5114. Those

who are deaf or hard of hearing can use their preferred service provider for the free 711 relay to reach Metro-North at 511.

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TO CONTACT THE MTA PRESS OFFICE: During normal business hours, call 212-878-7440. After hours and on weekends, for subway, bus, bridge and tunnel information, call 646-370-0391; for commuter railroad information, call 646-370-0394.