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Make Your Fourth of July Getaway on Metro-North Railroad

Railroad to Provide Enhanced Service for Holiday

Declare your independence from traffic and tolls this Fourth of July holiday and take Metro-North to celebrate our nation's birthday. Metro-North Railroad will have lots of extra service on Wednesday, July 3, to help customers looking to get a jump start on the holiday.

On **Wednesday, July 3**, there are 13 extra "getaway" departures from Grand Central Terminal between 1 p.m. and 4:11 p.m. as detailed below.

On **Thursday, July 4**, Metro-North will operate on a Sunday schedule. Grand Central North will be closed.

Metro-North also provides service to Rye on the New Haven Line, with shuttle buses to Rye Playland where Westchester County puts on its own spectacular fireworks extravaganza over the Long Island Sound.

West of Hudson service will also operate on a weekend schedule with an extra inbound train from Port Jervis.

The Hudson Line connecting services--the Hudson Rail Link, the Haverstraw-Ossining ferry and the Newburgh-Beacon ferry--will not operate on Thursday, July 4.

On Friday, July 5: Regular service will operate on the Hudson and Harlem Lines. For the New Haven Line, see special CTDOT Atlantic St. Bridge Replacement schedule on the New Haven Line which is in effect on July 1, 2, 3, & 5.

Service details for Wednesday, July 3 are below:

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 Hudson Line trains usually departing Grand Central will not operate:

- The 5:29 p.m. to Poughkeepsie will not operate.
- The 5:57 p.m. to Croton-Harmon will not operate.
- The 6:12 p.m. to Poughkeepsie will not operate.

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 3:58 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.

Harlem Line

Three extra "getaway" trains will depart from Grand Central at:

- 2:15 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.
- 3:36 p.m., stopping at Harlem-125th Street, White Plains, North White Plains, then all stations between Goldens Bridge through Southeast.

The following Harlem Line trains usually departing Grand Central will not operate:

- The 5:27 p.m. to Southeast.
- The 5:38 p.m. to Crestwood.
- The 5:58 p.m. to Crestwood.
- The 7:03 p.m. to North White Plains.
- The 7:28 p.m. to North White Plains.

New Haven Line

Five extra "getaway" trains will depart from Grand Central at:

- 2:31 p.m., stopping at Harlem-125th Street, New Rochelle, Larchmont, Mamaroneck and Harrison.
- 2:59 p.m., stopping at Harlem-125th Street, New Rochelle, Larchmont, Mamaroneck and Harrison.
- 3:02 p.m., stopping at Harlem-125th Street, Stamford, Westport and all stations Fairfield to New Haven
- 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.

For all other train departures on the New Haven line, <u>customers should check the Special</u>
<u>CTDOT Atlantic Street Bridge Replacement schedule, in effect from June 29 – July 7</u> for their train times.

Metro-North will offer extended July 3 getaway service for West of Hudson customers: Port Jervis Line

The regularly scheduled departure from 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. Customers from Manhattan wishing to connect to this train should be on the 2:29 p.m. departure from New York-Penn Station to connect at Secaucus Junction. To accommodate this service, the 6:15 p.m. departure from Hoboken to Port Jervis will not operate.

Pascack Valley Line

An extra Pascack Valley Line train departs Hoboken at 2:58 p.m., with a connection departing New York-Penn Station at 2:51 p.m., making stops at select stations in New Jersey, and Pearl River, Nanuet and Spring Valley.

Many Ways to Stay Connected

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

MYmta app & MTA.info – Customers who use the new, comprehensive MYmta app will see real-time travel information for Metro-North 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 Metro-North Train Time app also remains available for customers to access Metro-North 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 line, 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.

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

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