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### **LIRR Adding Extra Early Afternoon Service on Friday, September 1, for Early Labor Day Weekend Getaway**

*Railroad to Run on Weekend Schedule September 2-3, Holiday Schedule on Labor Day*

MTA Long Island Rail Road will provide additional early afternoon trains on Friday, September 1, for customers planning an early getaway for the Labor Day Weekend. Eight additional trains will depart from Penn Station between 1:49 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.

On Tuesday, September 5, new timetables go into effect for all branches, as previously announced. Following Amtrak's announcement that regularly scheduled operations will resume at Penn Station that day, the new timetables reflect restored service.

Discounted fares for traveling to alternative stations are ending effective Friday, September 1. The temporary bus and ferry service put in place as alternative travel options for LIRR ticket holders will no longer operate after Friday, September 1.

#### **Extra Afternoon Service on Friday, September 1**

##### **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 stopping at Jamaica, Rockville Centre, then making all stops to Babylon.

##### **Montauk Branch**

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MTA New York City Transit  
MTA Long Island Rail Road

MTA Metro-North Railroad  
MTA Bridges and Tunnels

MTA Capital Construction  
MTA Bus Company

- 3:18 p.m. train from Jamaica running express to Westhampton and then making all local stops to Montauk. This train connects at Jamaica with the 2:56 p.m. train from Penn Station, and the 2:35 p.m. train from Atlantic Terminal, Brooklyn.

This train complements eight seasonal Friday-only special Montauk Branch trains that depart Penn Station at 7:39 a.m. terminating at Patchogue (customers change at Jamaica for Montauk Branch service), 7:49 a.m. (change at Babylon), 11:05 a.m. (change at Jamaica), 10:59 a.m. terminating at Patchogue (change at Babylon), 1:41 p.m. (change at Jamaica), 4:06 p.m. (The Cannonball, direct train), 5:09 p.m. (direct train), and 7:11 p.m. (change at Jamaica).

### **Port Jefferson Branch**

- 2:08 p.m. train from Penn Station stopping at Jamaica, Mineola, then making all stops to Huntington.
- 2:29 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**

- 1:49 p.m. train from Penn Station stopping at Woodside, Jamaica, Mineola, Hicksville and all stops to Ronkonkoma, excluding Pinelawn.

### **Far Rockaway Branch**

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

### **Service for Saturday & Sunday, September 2 & 3**

On Saturday, September 2, and Sunday, September 3, the Long Island Rail Road will be operating on a regular Weekend Schedule.

### **Service for Labor Day, Monday, September 4**

On Labor Day, Monday, September 4, the LIRR will operate on a regular Holiday Schedule.

### **Many Methods for Service Information**

The LIRR encourages customers to sign up for train service updates. Information about this additional service, and all planned service changes, is available via many channels.

**Email and text message service updates.** The LIRR will send reminders to the 87,500 customers who receive updates via email and text message. Customers are encouraged 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.

**@LIRR on Twitter.** Similarly, the railroad will issue reminders via its Twitter feed, @LIRR.

**LIRR Train Time™.** Customers who use the LIRR Train Time™ app will see up-to-the-minute status for each upcoming train at each station. As a caution, trains that start out their trips on time may experience delays en route.

Audio **public address announcements** at stations and on trains, accompanied by visual updates on **digital screens** at stations will remind customers of service status and changes.

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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