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### MTA LIRR "Belmont Special" Puts Long Islanders In The Winner's Circle; Save \$1 Off Grandstand Admission To Belmont Park

The thoroughbreds are back from Saratoga for the start of the Fall racing season and Long Islanders can take the fast and easy way to the track with the MTA Long Island Rail Road's "Belmont Special" to beautiful Belmont Park. The LIRR's package ticket includes round-trip rail transportation and a \$1 discount off the \$2 grandstand admission to the track. Starting Friday, September 7, and continuing through Sunday, October 21, LIRR trains will operate to and from Belmont Park on all racing days. First race begins at 1:00 PM. The track is closed for racing on Mondays and Tuesdays, with the exception of Monday, October 8, Columbus Day. The track is also closed for racing on Wednesday, October 10.

The LIRR's discount package ticket for travel from Nassau, Suffolk and Queens counties is valid on off-peak trains arriving in Jamaica in time to transfer to the "Belmont Special" to the Park.

Round Trip Package Fares To Belmont Park (purchased at LIRR stations only)

Zone 3 (Rosedale, St Albans, Queens Village, Hollis) -- \$8.00

Zone 4 (Far Rockaway, Lynbrook, Hempstead, Mineola) -- \$9.25

Zone 7 (Long Beach, Massapequa, Hicksville, Oyster Bay) -- \$11.00

Zone 9 (Babylon, Deer Park, Huntington, Northport) -- \$13.75

Zone 10 (Bay Shore, Sayville, Ronkonkoma, Patchogue, Port Jefferson) -- \$17.00

Tickets for the "Belmont Special" can be purchased at LIRR stations in advance or on the day of the trip -- this ticket will not be sold on the train. The special package ticket to Belmont is not available for travel from stations on the Port Washington Branch.

Weekly and monthly ticket holders can use their tickets for travel to Jamaica and need only purchase an \$8.00 round-trip package ticket at a LIRR station prior to boarding the Belmont Special to cover the fare between Belmont Park and Jamaica. Round-trip tickets are not sold on-board trains. One-way tickets for travel between Jamaica and Belmont, sold on trains to use in conjunction with a monthly or weekly ticket, are \$9.00. A one-way ticket from Jamaica to Belmont, purchased at an LIRR station to use in conjunction with a monthly or weekly ticket, is \$5.00.

Belmont Package tickets are also available at LIRR full-service "Tickets" machines at stations - just press the "Getaways/Packages" button on the first screen; then select "Belmont Park." Payment can be made with cash, ATM/Debit or Credit Cards. The ticket office at Belmont is closed and there are no ticket machines at Belmont.

To avoid higher on-board fares and save time, customers should purchase round-trip tickets in advance. (Please note: CityTicket is not valid for travel to or from Belmont Park.)

Racing fans should pick up a copy of the LIRR's Belmont Park Fall Meet timetable at line stations and western terminals, or contact the LIRR's 24-hour Travel Information Center in Suffolk County at 631-231-LIRR, or in Nassau County at 516-822-LIRR for schedule information. The Travel Information Center's TDD telephone number for the hearing impaired is 718-558-3022. Belmont schedule information is also available on the LIRR's website at: [www.mta.info](http://www.mta.info)