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MTA New York City Transit is Set For U.S. Open Tennis And Mets Baseball

MTA NYC Transit is ready to serve our customers whether they plan on watching the best in men's and women's tennis play some of the world's toughest tennis in the finale grand slam of the tennis season at the U.S. Open or cheering on the Amazin's as the Mets continue their march to the post-season across the street at Shea Stadium.

The 12th Annual Arthur Ashe Kids' Day kicks off New York's tennis season on Saturday, August 25th beginning at 9 a.m. at The USTA -- Billie Jean King National Tennis Center -- at Flushing Meadows/Corona Park. The 126th U.S. Tennis Open Championship begins on Monday, August 27th with first round matches and runs for two weeks ending with the Men's Singles Championship Match on Sunday, September 9th. Meanwhile, the Mets are playing at Shea and there will be days with both tennis matches and baseball games!

NYC Transit is on the ball with extra service and we've created a new turnstile configuration to make arriving and leaving the Willets Point/Shea Stadium 7 station a breeze. On August 27, September 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6, there will be extra trains available following matches providing local service to Manhattan. On August 25th, extra trains will be available after the conclusion of the Mets' game against the Dodgers.

Following the Mets' game on Friday, September 7th against the Houston Astros, extra 7 trains will provide increased local as well as express service from Shea and local service following tennis. Additional service will be available following Mets' weekend home games against the Astros and after the Women's Singles Championship Final on Saturday, September 8th and the Men's Singles Championship Final Sunday, September 9th, all of which will run local. Transit will be in communication with tournament officials at the USTA, so when matches are running late we'll have extra trains ready to go.

Flushing-bound 7 trains will open doors on the outside local platform for customers going to the tennis center. On days when there are baseball and tennis matches, Flushing-bound trains will open on both sides: "Baseball fans exit left!" and "Tennis fans exit right!" "It doesn't matter which sport you follow," said NYC Transit President Howard H. Roberts, Jr., "as long as you get there by mass transit, you're a winner."

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