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### MTA LIRR Operates Extra Service For Belmont Stakes June 9; Alcoholic Beverages Will Be Prohibited On Belmont Park Trains

The MTA Long Island Rail Road will provide extra train service for the 139th running of the Belmont Stakes at Belmont Park on Saturday, June 9. The LIRR will operate eighteen trains – most of them direct from Penn Station – between 9:59 AM and 3:48 PM. The MTA Police will be enforcing a no alcohol policy on trains to Belmont Park. Bags and coolers are subject to search prior to boarding Belmont Park trains at Penn Station and at Jamaica Station. On Belmont Stakes Day, no alcoholic beverages of any kind will be permitted to be brought into the Belmont Park facility.

Round trip LIRR Belmont package tickets should be purchased at ticket windows or from ticket machines prior to boarding the train. The round-trip fare from Penn Station is \$11; from Jamaica, \$8.00. The one-way fare from Penn Station and Woodside is \$6.00; from Jamaica, \$5.00. On Stakes Day, round-trip Belmont package tickets will not be sold on-board the train. Package tickets from Brooklyn and Woodside are also available with connections in Jamaica for trains to Belmont. Only Belmont Park tickets will be accepted for train service to and from Belmont Park – CityTicket, Monthly, Weekly and Ten-Trip Tickets are not valid on Belmont Park trains. Weekly and Monthly ticket holders can use their commuter tickets for travel to and from Jamaica, but must purchase a Belmont Park ticket prior to boarding at Jamaica to cover the fare between Belmont Park.

Round-trip fares from Long Island to Belmont, with a transfer at Jamaica are:

- 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

Belmont Park tickets are available for purchase from LIRR Full Service Ticket Machines (gray color machines) by pressing the "Getaways/Packages" button on the first screen, selecting "Belmont Park"; then paying with cash, ATM/debit or credit cards.

Special admission prices are in effect for Belmont Stakes Day – general admission is \$5; clubhouse admission is \$10. The \$1 off grandstand admission will not apply for Stakes Day.

#### Belmont Stakes Service From Penn Station

- 9:59 AM, stopping at Jamaica 10:19, arriving Belmont 10:31 AM
- 10:11 AM, stopping at Jamaica 10:34, arriving Belmont 10:46 AM
- 10:29 AM, stopping at Jamaica 10:51, arriving Belmont 11:06 AM
- 10:51 AM, stopping at Jamaica 11:14, arriving Belmont 11:30 AM
- 10:59 AM, stopping at Jamaica 11:23, arriving Belmont 11:35 AM
- 11:21 AM, stopping at Jamaica 11:42, arriving Belmont 11:56 AM
- 11:31 AM, stopping at Jamaica 11:55, arriving Belmont 12:12 PM
- 11:41 AM, stopping at Jamaica 12:04, arriving Belmont 12:18 PM
- 11:59 AM, stopping at Jamaica 12:23, arriving Belmont 12:37 PM
- 12:23 PM, stopping at Jamaica 12:46, arriving Belmont 12:59 PM
- 12:31 PM, stopping at Jamaica 12:51, arriving Belmont 1:05 PM
- 12:59 PM, stopping at Jamaica 1:21, arriving Belmont 1:35 PM
- 1:23 PM, stopping at Jamaica 1:46, arriving Belmont 1:59 PM
- 2:23 PM, stopping at Jamaica 2:46, arriving Belmont 2:59 PM
- 2:35 PM, stopping at Jamaica 2:57, arriving Belmont 3:11 PM
- 2:59 PM, stopping at Jamaica 3:21, arriving Belmont 3:35 PM
- 3:27 PM, connecting at Jamaica with 3:54 PM train, arriving Belmont 4:06 PM
- 3:48 PM, connecting at Jamaica with 4:20 PM train, arriving Belmont 4:34 PM

Customers traveling from Woodside, Flatbush Avenue, Nostrand Avenue and East New York, as well as from stations on Long Island can connect with Belmont trains at Jamaica. Customers may consult the special LIRR Belmont Stakes timetable available at stations, or the LIRR's website at [www.mta.info](http://www.mta.info) for full Belmont Stakes train schedules.

For the return trip, trains will depart Belmont beginning at 3:53 PM, then at 4:21 PM, 4:49 PM, 5:17 PM and then approximately every 15 minutes from 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM to Jamaica, Brooklyn and Penn Station.

*Leaving the Park (after the Stakes race)*

To ensure the safe and orderly boarding of LIRR trains, the MTA Police will employ a color-coded train queuing system. LIRR personnel will be assigned at key locations to assist customers. Announcements will provide customers with train departure information. Wait times can range from 15 minutes to 2 hours. Once inside the queuing area, customers can expect wait times of 15-to-60 minutes. Customers waiting to enter the queuing area can expect longer wait times for trains, possibly up to 2 hours.

For additional information, racing fans can contact the LIRR's 24-hour Travel Information Center in New York City at 718-217-LIRR, in Suffolk County at 631-231-LIRR, or in Nassau County at 516-822-LIRR. The Travel Information Center's TDD number for the hearing impaired is 718-558-3022. Customers may also consult the LIRR's website at [www.mta.info](http://www.mta.info). For information on races and admission to Belmont Park, please call 516-488-6000 ext 4306 or visit [www.nyra.com](http://www.nyra.com).