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### MTA LIRR to Provide Extra Service To Us Open Tennis

The MTA Long Island Rail Road is the best road for tennis fans attending the U.S. Open Tennis Championships and the Arthur Ashe Kids Day at the Arthur Ashe Tennis Stadium at Flushing Meadows from August 25 through September 9. The train ride is just 16 minutes from Penn Station to the Stadium. For those traveling on the LIRR from Long Island, the tennis stadium is just six minutes from Woodside, 15 minutes from Great Neck and 25 minutes from Port Washington.

Beginning Saturday, August 25 (rain date, Sunday, August 26), for the Arthur Ashe Kids Day, and continuing through Sunday, September 9, the following LIRR trains will make added stops at Shea Stadium, adjacent to the Arthur Ashe Tennis Stadium, on the Port Washington Branch:

Saturday, August 25 - Arthur Ashe Kids Day

- Eastbound trains departing Penn Station half-hourly from 7:14 AM Saturday through 1:14 AM Sunday morning.
- Westbound trains departing Port Washington half-hourly from 6:41 AM Saturday through 1:41 AM Sunday morning.

Weekdays, August 27 - September 7

- Eastbound trains departing Penn Station approximately every half-hour from 8:21 AM through 1:19 AM the following morning.

Westbound trains departing Port Washington approximately every half-hour from 9:41 AM through 1:39 AM the following morning, and departing Great Neck at 8:58 AM, 9:32 AM, 5:44 PM, 6:20PM and 6:44PM.

Weekends and Labor Day, September 1, 2, 3, 8 & 9

- Eastbound Port Washington trains departing Penn Station half-hourly from 7:14 AM through 1:14 AM the following morning.
- Westbound trains departing Port Washington half-hourly from 6:41 AM through 1:41 AM the following morning.

Tennis buffs traveling from branches other than the Port Washington line can reach Shea Stadium by taking the LIRR to Woodside Station, then transferring to a Port Washington Branch train. Since Shea Stadium is located in Fare Zone One, tickets to that zone from outlying stations are valid to Shea. However, passengers must hold onto their ticket stubs and inform ticket collectors of their intention to travel to Shea. (Please note: CityTicket is not valid for travel to and from Shea Stadium.)

Since on-board fares are higher, customers are advised to buy tickets in advance at ticket offices, ticket machines, or on-line through the LIRR's WebTicket. Customers planning to attend more than one match, or planning to travel with other tennis fans, may want to purchase a Peak or Off-Peak Ten-Trip ticket.

Customers should pick up a copy of the LIRR's special U.S. Open timetable, dated August 25-September 9, at terminals and stations. For additional information, customers can contact the LIRR's 24-hour Travel Information Center, in Suffolk County at 631-231-LIRR, in Nassau County at 516-822-LIRR or in New York City at 718-217-LIRR. The Travel Information Center's TDD telephone 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).