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MEDIA ADVISORY: MTA LIRR to Provide Additional New Year's Holiday Service on December 31 and January 1;

OFF-PEAK FARES IN EFFECT FOR HOLIDAY WEEKEND; ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES PROHIBITED ON LIRR TRAINS, PLATFORMS AND AT STATIONS ON NEW YEAR'S EVE AND THROUGH MORNING ON NEW YEAR'S DAY

The MTA Long Island Rail Road will provide additional trains to and from Penn Station for the New Year's holiday. The extra service includes 13 additional eastbound afternoon trains on New Year's Eve, Wednesday, December 31; 18 additional westbound evening trains on New Year's Eve and 14 additional eastbound trains from Penn Station on New Year's Day, Thursday, January 1.

The LIRR will operate on a regular weekday schedule on Friday, January 2.

Off-peak fares will be in effect for the entire weekend (January 1-January 4). The special Family Fare Program will also be in effect this long weekend where up to four children ages 5-11 can ride for the advance purchase fare of 75-cents each when accompanied by fare-paying parent or guardian. Weekly and monthly ticket holders just pay for the kids. Children under 5 ride free.

As in prior years, alcohol will not be allowed on LIRR trains, stations and platforms on New Year's Eve and through the morning on New Year's Day. MTA Police will enforce this restriction.

The 13 additional early afternoon eastbound trains (from Penn Station) on New Year's Eve are as follows:

Wednesday, December 31, New Year's Eve
Eastbound (12:55 PM-3:48 PM)

Ronkonkoma Branch

- 12:55 PM stopping at Woodside, Jamaica, Mineola, Hicksville and all stops to Ronkonkoma.
- 1:55 PM stopping at Woodside, Jamaica, Mineola, Hicksville and all stops to Ronkonkoma.

Babylon Branch

- 1:30 PM express to Rockville Centre, then all stops to Babylon.
- 1:52 PM stopping at Jamaica, Rockville Centre, then all stops to Babylon.
- 2:12 PM express to Rockville Centre, then all stops to Babylon.
- 2:22 PM express to Lynbrook, then all stops to Babylon.
- 3:00 PM stopping at Jamaica, Rockville Centre, then all stops to Babylon.
- 3:31 PM express to Rockville Centre, then all stops to Babylon.

Port Jefferson Branch (to Huntington)

- 2:09 PM stopping at Jamaica, Carle Place, then all stops to Huntington.
- 2:26 PM stopping at Forest Hills, Kew Gardens, Jamaica, New Hyde Park, then all stops to Huntington.
- 3:24 PM stopping at Jamaica, Mineola, Westbury and Hicksville.

Port Washington Branch (to Great Neck)

- 3:40 PM stopping at Woodside, Flushing-Main Street, then all stops to Great Neck.

Far Rockaway Branch

- 3:48 PM stopping at Locust Manor, Laurelton, Rosedale, Valley Stream, then all stops to Far Rockaway.

The 5:59 PM from Penn Station to Babylon will not operate on New Year's Eve. Customers will be accommodated by the 6:05 PM from Penn Station, which will make all stops from Merrick to Babylon on New Year's Eve.

The 18 additional evening westbound trains (to Penn Station) on New Year's Eve are as follows:

Wednesday, December 31, New Year's Eve
Westbound (4:55 PM-8:39 PM)

Port Jefferson Branch

- Leave Huntington at 4:55 PM, stopping at Cold Spring Harbor, Syosset, Hicksville, Jamaica and Penn Station.

- Leave Hicksville at 6:59 PM, making all stops to Jamaica and Penn Station.
- Leave Port Jefferson at 7:10 PM, making all stops to Huntington, then Hicksville, Jamaica and Penn Station.
- Leave Hicksville at 7:33 PM, making all stops to Jamaica, then Penn Station.
- Leave Huntington at 7:35 PM, making all stops to Jamaica, then Penn Station.
- Leave Huntington at 8:29 PM, making all stops to Jamaica, then Penn Station.

Babylon Branch

- Leave Babylon at 6:23 PM, making all stops to Rockville Centre, then Jamaica and Penn Station.
- Leave Freeport at 7:24 PM, stopping at Baldwin, Rockville Centre, then Jamaica and Penn Station.
- Leave Babylon at 8:02 PM, making all stops to Rockville Centre, then Jamaica and Penn Station.

Montauk Branch

- Leave Speonk at 8:30 PM, making all stops to Babylon, then Jamaica and Penn Station.

Port Washington Branch

- Leave Great Neck at 7:07 PM, making all stops to Woodside, then Penn Station.
- Leave Port Washington at 8:36 PM, making all stops to Woodside, then Penn Station.

Long Beach Branch

- Leave Long Beach at 5:57 PM, making all stops to Lynbrook, Valley Stream, then Jamaica and Penn Station.
- Leave Long Beach at 7:23 PM, making all stops to Lynbrook, Valley Stream, then Jamaica and Penn Station.
- Leave Long Beach at 8:15 PM, making all stops to Lynbrook, Valley Stream, then Jamaica and Penn Station.

Hempstead Branch

- Leave Hempstead at 6:48 PM, making all stops to Jamaica, then Penn Station.

Ronkonkoma Branch

- Leave Ronkonkoma at 7:42 PM, making all stops to Wyandanch, then Farmingdale, Bethpage, Hicksville, Mineola, Jamaica, then Penn Station.
- Leave Ronkonkoma at 8:39 PM, making all stops to Wyandanch, then Farmingdale, Bethpage, Hicksville, Mineola, Jamaica, then Penn Station.

The 14 additional eastbound trains (from Penn Station) on New Year's Day are as follows:

Thursday, January 1, New Year's Day

Eastbound (12:42 AM-4:17 AM)

Port Washington Branch

- 12:42 AM stopping at Woodside, Flushing-Main St., then all stops to Port Washington.
- 2:19 AM stopping at Woodside, Flushing-Main St., then all stops to Port Washington.
- 4:17 AM stopping at Woodside, Flushing-Main St., then all stops to Port Washington.

Long Beach Branch

- 2:44 AM stopping at Jamaica, Valley Stream, Lynbrook, then all stops to Long Beach.

Ronkonkoma Branch

- 12:45 AM stopping at Jamaica, Mineola, Hicksville, then all stops to Ronkonkoma.
- 2:03 AM stopping at Jamaica, Mineola, Hicksville, then all stops to Ronkonkoma.
- 3:54 AM stopping at Jamaica, Mineola, Hicksville, then all stops to Ronkonkoma.

Port Jefferson Branch

- 2:14 AM stopping at Jamaica, New Hyde Park, then all stops to Huntington.
- 3:12 AM stopping at Jamaica, New Hyde Park, then all stops to Port Jefferson.

Babylon Branch

- 1:10 AM stopping at Jamaica, Lynbrook, then all stops to Babylon.
- 2:10 AM stopping at Jamaica, Lynbrook, then all stops to Babylon.
- 2:59 AM stopping at Jamaica, Lynbrook, then all stops to Babylon.
- 3:29 AM stopping at Jamaica, Lynbrook, then all stops to Babylon.

Montauk Branch

- 1:29 AM stopping at Jamaica, Rockville Centre, then all stops to Speonk.

For further 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.