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MTA LIRR IS ACES WITH FREQUENT SERVICE TO U.S. OPEN TENNIS, AUG. 24-SEPT. 12

The MTA/ Long Island Rail Road is serving up aces with its frequent service to the U.S. Tennis Open. Extra trains will stop at the Mets-Willets Point Station, which is just a short walk to the USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center. It's the fastest and most convenient way to get to the qualifying rounds starting August 24 and Arthur Ashe Kids Day on August 28 right through the finals on September 12.

The train ride is just 19 minutes from Penn Station to the Mets-Willets Point Station. For those traveling from Long Island, the tennis stadium is just six minutes from Woodside, 17 minutes from Great Neck and 27 minutes from Port Washington.

Following is LIRR service to the Mets-Willets Point Station for the U.S. Tennis Open:

Qualifying Rounds (August 24-August 27)

Eastbound (Mets-Willets Point Station stops added to the following Penn Station to Port Washington and Great Neck trains) (Departing Penn Station at): 9:09 AM, 9:39 AM, 10:09 AM, 10:39 AM, 11:09 AM, 11:39 AM, 12:09 PM, 12:39 PM, 1:09 PM, 1:39 PM, 2:09 PM, 2:39 PM, 3:18 PM, 3:49 PM, 4:25 PM, 4:46 PM, 5:14 PM, 5:29 PM, 5:50 PM, 5:56 PM, 6:14 PM, 6:42 PM, 7:14 PM, 7:49 PM, 8:19 PM, 8:48 PM, 9:18 PM, 9:48 PM, 10:18 PM, 10:48 PM, 11:18 PM, 11:48 PM and 12:19 AM (Saturday, Aug. 28)

Westbound (Mets-Willets Point Station stops added to the following trains from Port Washington and Great Neck): 9:32 AM (depart Great Neck), (following depart Port Washington) 9:35 AM, 10:05 AM, 10:35 AM, 11:05 AM, 11:35 AM, 12:05 PM, 12:35 PM, 1:05 PM, 1:35 PM, 2:05 PM, 2:35 PM, 3:05 PM, 3:40 PM, 4:06 PM, 4:36 PM, 5:00 PM, 5:23 PM, (The following depart Great Neck) 5:44 PM, 6:04 PM, 6:20 PM, (departs Port Washington) 6:24 PM, (departs Great Neck) 6:44 PM ; (the following depart Port Washington): 7:09 PM, 7:39 PM, 8:09 PM, 8:39 PM 9:09 PM, 9:39 PM, 10:09 PM, 10:39 PM, 11:39 PM and 12:43 AM (Saturday, Aug 28).

Arthur Ashe Kids Day (August 28)

Eastbound (Mets-Willets Point stops added to following Penn Station to Port Washington trains)(departing Penn Station at): 7:19 AM, 7:52 AM, 8:19 AM, 8:52 AM, 9:19 AM, 9:52 AM, 10:19 AM, 10:52 AM, 11:19 AM, 11:52 AM, 12:19 PM, 12:52 PM, 1:19 PM, 1:52 PM, 2:19 PM, 2:52 PM, 3:19 PM, 3:52 PM, 4:19 PM, 4:52 PM, 5:19 PM, 5:52 PM, 6:19 PM, 6:52 PM, 7:19 PM, 7:52 PM, 8:19 PM, 8:52 PM, 9:19 PM, 9:52 PM, 10:19 PM, 10:52 PM, 11:19 PM, and 12:19 AM (Sunday, Aug. 29).

Westbound (Mets-Willets Point stops added to following trains from Port Washington): 7:10 AM, 7:43 AM, 8:10 AM, 8:43 AM, 9:10 AM, 9:43 AM, 10:10 AM, 10:43 AM, 11:10 AM, 11:43 AM, 12:10 PM, 12:43 PM, 1:10 PM, 1:43 PM, 2:10 PM, 2:43 PM, 3:10 PM, 3:43 PM, 4:10 PM, 4:43 PM, 5:10 PM, 5:43 PM, 6:10 PM, 6:43 PM, 7:10 PM, 7:43 PM, 8:10 PM, 8:43 PM, 9:10 PM, 9:43 PM, 10:10 PM, 10:43 PM, 11:40 PM and 12:43 AM (Sunday Aug. 29).

Weekdays (August 30-September 3)

Eastbound (Mets-Willets Point stops added to the following Penn Station to Port Washington and Great Neck trains) (departing Penn Station at): 8:21 AM, 8:51 AM, 9:09 AM, 9:39 AM, 10:09 AM, 10:39 AM, 11:09 AM, 11:39 AM, 12:09 PM, 12:39 PM, 1:09 PM, 1:39 PM, 2:09 PM, 2:39 PM, 3:18 PM, 3:40 PM (Sept. 3 only), 3:49 PM, 4:25 PM, 4:46 PM, 5:14 PM, 5:29 PM, 5:50 PM, 5:56 PM, 6:14 PM, 6:42 PM, 7:14 PM, 7:49 PM, 8:19 PM, 8:48 PM, 9:18 PM, 9:48 PM, 10:18 PM, 10:48 PM, 11:18 PM, 11:48 PM (and Saturday Aug. 4) 12:19 AM, 1:18 AM.

Westbound (Mets-Willets Point stops added to the following trains from Port Washington and Great Neck): 8:58 AM (depart Great Neck), 9:32 AM (depart Great Neck), (following depart Port Washington) 9:35 AM, 10:05 AM, 10:35 AM, 11:05 AM, 11:35 AM, 12:05 PM, 12:35 PM, 1:05 PM, 1:35 PM, 2:05 PM, 2:35 PM, 3:05 PM, 3:40 PM, 4:06 PM, 4:36 PM, 5:00 PM, 5:23 PM, (the following depart Great Neck) 5:44 PM, 6:04 PM, 6:20 PM, (departs Port Washington) 6:24 PM, (departs Great Neck) 6:44 PM, (the following depart Port Washington) 7:09 PM, 7:39 PM, 8:09 PM, 8:39 PM, 9:09 PM, 9:39 PM, 10:09 PM, 10:39 PM, 11:39 PM (and Saturday Aug. 4) 12:43 AM, 2:10 AM.

Weekdays (September 7-September 10)

Eastbound (Mets-Willets Point stops added to the following Penn Station to Port Washington and Great Neck trains) (departing Penn Station at): 8:21 AM, 8:51 AM, 9:09 AM, 9:39 AM, 10:09 AM, 10:39 AM, 11:09 AM, 11:39 AM, 12:09 PM, 12:39 PM, 1:09 PM, 1:39 PM, 2:09 PM, 2:39 PM, 3:18 PM, 3:40 PM (Sept. 3 only), 3:49 PM, 4:25 PM, 4:46 PM, 5:14 PM, 5:29 PM, 5:50 PM, 5:56 PM, 6:14 PM, 6:42 PM, 7:14 PM, 7:49 PM, 8:19 PM, 8:48 PM, 9:18 PM, 9:48 PM, 10:18 PM, 10:48 PM, 11:18 PM, 11:48 PM (and Saturday Aug. 4) 12:19 AM, 1:18 AM.

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Weekends and Labor Day (Sept. 4, 5, 6, 11, 12)

Eastbound (Mets-Willets Point stops added to following Penn Station to Port Washington trains)(departing Penn Station at): 7:19 AM, 7:52 AM, 8:19 AM, 8:52 AM, 9:19 AM, 9:52 AM, 10:19 AM, 10:52 AM, 11:19 AM, 11:52 AM, 12:19 PM, 12:52 PM, 1:19 PM, 1:52 PM, 2:19 PM, 2:52 PM, 3:19 PM, 3:52 PM, 4:19 PM, 4:52 PM, 5:19 PM, 5:52 PM, 6:19 PM, 6:52 PM, 7:19 PM, 7:52 PM, 8:19 PM, 8:52 PM, 9:19 PM, 9:52 PM, 10:19 PM, 10:52 PM, 11:19 PM, and (Mondays Aug. 30 and Sept. 13) 12:19 AM, 1:19 AM.

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Customers traveling to Mets-Willet Point Station from branches other than Port Washington can take the LIRR to Woodside Station, then transfer to a Port Washington Branch train. Since Mets-Willets Point Station is located in Fare Zone One, tickets to that zone from outlying stations are valid to Mets-Willets Point. However, customers must hold onto their ticket stubs and inform ticket collectors of their intention to travel to Mets-Willets Point.

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 service (allow five business days for delivery). 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.

LIRR Customers with mobility impairments who are traveling to the U.S. Open should travel to Woodside Station. At Woodside Station, which is ADA accessible, customers should transfer to a Flushing-bound #7 subway train to the Mets-Willets Point subway stop, and then use the ramp to reach Roosevelt Avenue, across from the ballpark. To return to Woodside after the game, customers with mobility impairments should board the #7 subway and travel one-stop east to its end point, the Flushing-Main Street Station. There, after a brief wait on the train, the subway will head west to Woodside. This is necessary due to the location of the ramp, which will only permit access to the eastbound platform.

Customers should pick up a copy of the LIRR's special U.S. Open timetable, dated

August 24-September 12, 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.