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### Catch Spring Fever, And The LIRR Too, To Mets Citi Field Stadium

#### *LIRR Service to Mets-Willets Point Station Starts with Mets Open Practice, Sun., April 4 and Season Opener, Mon., April 5*

Baseball is back starting Monday, April 5 with the Mets season opener against the Florida Marlins. The game is timeless, and so too, is getting there on the MTA Long Island Rail Road, the best way to travel to Mets home games at Citi Field Stadium. For the 1:10 PM season opener, the LIRR will provide extra service to supplement the regular train service to Mets-Willets Point Station for Mets baseball. On April 4, the day prior to the season opener, there will be an Open Practice at Citi Field starting at 11 AM, and LIRR train service will be available for fans attending the event.

Train service to Mets-Willets Point is available on eastbound Port Washington Branch trains from Penn Station and westbound trains from Great Neck and Port Washington. The train ride is just 19 minutes from Penn Station to Mets-Willets Point. For those traveling on the LIRR from Long Island, the ballpark is just seven minutes from Woodside, 17 minutes from Great Neck and 27 minutes from Port Washington. From Long Island, customers may travel directly to the stadium from Port Washington Branch stations. Customers from other branches should transfer at Woodside for service to Mets-Willets Point.

LIRR trains will be making stops at Mets-Willets Point Station during regular games. Starting times for weekday day games are 1:10 PM, weekday night games at 7:10 PM, and weekend day games at 1:10 PM. Please note, the weekend game on Sunday, April 25, will start at 8:05 PM.

#### Sunday, April 4 – Mets Open Practice

The LIRR will stop regularly scheduled trains at Mets-Willets Point station stop this Sunday, April 4 for the Mets special workout taking place between 11:00 AM and 1 PM.

The following Port Washington Branch trains will stop at Mets-Willets Point this Sunday:

Eastbound: Depart NY at 8:48 AM, 9:19 AM, 9:48 AM, 10:19 AM,

10:48 AM, 11:19 AM, 11:48 AM, 12:19 PM, 12:48 PM, 1:19 PM, 1:48 PM, and 2:19 PM.

Westbound: Depart Port Washington at 8:39 AM, 9:10 AM, 9:39 AM,

10:10 AM, 10:39 AM, 11:10 AM, 11:39 AM, 12:10 PM, 12:39 PM, 1:10 PM, 1:39 PM, and 2:10 PM.

On Opening Day, April 5, the LIRR will provide additional eastbound trains from Penn Station to Mets-Willets Point, and additional westbound trains from Port Washington to supplement the regular Mets schedule. The full listing on Opening Day train service is as follows:

#### Opening Day, April 5 (start at 1:10 PM)

Eastbound: Departing Penn Station at: 9:49 AM, 10:49 AM, 11:19 AM, 11:49 AM, 12:19 PM, 12:49 PM, 1:19 PM, 1:49 PM, 2:49 PM, 3:18 PM, 3:49 PM, 4:22 PM, 4:25 PM, and 4:46 PM.

Westbound: Departing Port Washington at: 10:08 AM, 10:40 AM, 11:08 AM, 11:40 AM, 12:08 PM, 12:40 PM, 1:08 PM, 2:08 PM, 3:10 PM, 3:40 PM, 4:06 PM, 4:36 PM, and 5:00 PM

The following Main Line trains will have added Woodside stops:

Eastbound: 4:54 PM train from NY to Farmingdale, 5:04 PM train from NY to Hempstead, 5:24 PM train from NY to Hempstead, 6:21 PM train from NY to Ronkonkoma and 6:35 PM from NY to Hicksville.

Westbound: 10:29 AM from Babylon, 11:28 AM from Freeport, 11:29 AM from Babylon and 12:28 PM from Freeport.

The following Port Washington trains will have added Mets-Willets Point Station stops during regular season day games, Monday through Friday, from April 28 through May 12:

#### Regular Season Day Games (start at 1:10 PM)

Eastbound: Departing Penn Station at: 9:49 AM, 10:49 AM, 11:49 AM, 12:49 PM, 1:49 PM, 2:49 PM, 3:18 PM, 3:49 PM, 4:25 PM, and 4:46 PM

Westbound: Departing Port Washington at: 10:08 AM, 11:08 AM, 12:08 PM, 1:08

PM, 2:08 PM, 3:10 PM, 3:40 PM, 4:06 PM, 4:36 PM, and 5:00 PM

The following Port Washington trains will have added Mets-Willets Point Station stops during regular season night games, Monday through Friday, from April 7 through May 16:

Regular Season Night Games (start at 7:10 PM)

Eastbound: Departing Penn Station at: 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, 12:19 AM (Saturday)

Westbound: Departing Port Washington at: 4:06 PM, 4:36 PM, 5:00 PM, 5:23 PM, 6:24 PM, 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, 12:40 AM (Saturday); The following trains will originate at Great Neck: 5:44 PM, 6:04 PM, 6:20 PM, and 6:44 PM

The following Port Washington trains will have added Mets-Willets Point Station stops during regular season day games, Saturday, Sunday and Holiday day games from April 10 through May 16:

Saturday, Sunday and Holiday Day Games (start at 1:10 PM)

Eastbound: Departing Penn Station at: 10:19 AM, 10:48 AM, 11:19 AM, 11:48 AM, 12:19 PM, 12:48 PM, 1:19 PM, 1:48 PM, 2:19 PM, 2:48 PM, 3:19 PM, 3:48 PM, 4:19 PM, 4:48 PM, 5:19 PM, 5:48 PM, 6:19 PM, 6:48 PM, and 7:19 PM

Westbound: Departing Port Washington at: 10:10 AM, 10:39 AM, 11:10 AM, 11:39 AM, 12:10 PM, 12:39 PM, 1:10 PM, 1:39 PM, 2:10 PM, 2:39 PM, 3:10 PM, 3:39 PM, 4:10 PM, 4:39 PM, 5:10 PM, 5:39 PM, 6:10 PM, 6:39 PM, 7:10 PM, and 7:39 PM

The following Port Washington trains will have added Mets-Willets Point Station stops on Sunday, April 25:

Sunday Night Game, April 25 only (start at 8:05 PM)

Eastbound: Departing Penn Station at: 4:48 PM, 5:19 PM, 5:49 PM, 6:19 PM, 6:48 PM, 7:19 PM, 7:48 PM, 8:19 PM, 8:48 PM, 9:19 PM, 9:48 PM, 10:19 PM, 10:48 PM, 11:19 PM, 12:19 AM and 1:18 AM (Monday)

Westbound: Departing Port Washington at: 4:39 PM, 5:10 PM, 5:39 PM, 6:10 PM, 6:39 PM, 7:10 PM, 7:39 PM, 8:10 PM, 8:39 PM, 9:10 PM, 9:39 PM, 10:10 PM, 10:39 PM, 11:40 PM, and 12:40 AM (Monday)

The LIRR's Mets-Willets Point Station is not handicapped accessible. The subway Flushing Line Mets-Willets Point station is accessible via the Queens-bound local platform, with an ADA ramp connecting to the sidewalk on the south side of Roosevelt Avenue. LIRR Customers with mobility impairments who are traveling to see the Mets should travel to Woodside Station. At Woodside Station, which has elevators, 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 train will head west to Woodside. This is necessary due to the location of the ramp, which will only permit access to the eastbound platform.

Fans traveling from branches other than Port Washington can reach Mets-Willets Point by taking a regularly scheduled train to Woodside Station, then changing to an

eastbound Port Washington Branch train. Since Mets-Willets Point is located in Zone 1, tickets to that zone from outlying stations are valid to Mets-Willets Point. However, passengers must retain their ticket stubs and inform ticket collectors of their intention to travel to Mets-Willets Point Stadium. Customers must hold onto their tickets, which will be collected at Mets-Willets Point after they disembark.

The Railroad's special Family Fare is a great way for future big leaguers to see their favorite team. Children, ages 5 through 11, can ride for only 75-cents each when tickets are purchased at a ticket office or from a ticket machine, during off-peak hours, when accompanied by an adult paying the regular off-peak fare. Parents with monthly or weekly tickets just pay for the children. Up to four children can travel with each parent (or guardian, 18 or older) at this special rate. The Family Fare is \$1 per child if purchased on-board a train. For travel during peak hours, the child fare is one-half the regular one-way fare. Children under 5 ride for free at all times.

Mets-Willets Point timetables are available at LIRR ticket offices and terminals. Fans can also contact the LIRR's 24-hour Travel Information Center.

The numbers are, in Suffolk County 631-231-LIRR, in Nassau County 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 can also refer to the LIRR's web site: [www.mta.info](http://www.mta.info).