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LIRR

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Extra MTA LIRR Service Offered For Christmas Holiday

14 Additional Holiday Trains Operate on Friday, December 23

The MTA Long Island Rail Road will provide extra, early-afternoon service out of Penn Station on Friday, Dec. 23, for those customers looking to get an early start to the holiday weekend. On Christmas Eve, Saturday, Dec. 24, and Christmas Day, Sunday, Dec. 25, the LIRR will be operating its full complement of weekend/holiday trains for those traveling to be with family or friends, or to do some last-minute shopping.

And, for holiday travel with the children, the LIRR's deeply discounted Family Fare program will be in effect throughout the weekend (Dec. 24 & 25). With the Family Fare, up to four children ages 5-11 can ride weekend off peak trains for the advance purchase fare of 75-cents per child each way when accompanied by a fare-paying parent or guardian. Weekly and monthly ticket holders just pay for the kids. Children under 5 ride free on the LIRR.

The fourteen extra, afternoon trains will depart Penn Station on Friday, Dec. 23 between 12:38 PM and 3:40 PM.

The extra service includes:

Ronkonkoma Branch

- 12:38 PM stopping at Woodside, Jamaica, Mineola, Hicksville and all stops to Ronkonkoma
- 1:38 PM stopping at Woodside, Jamaica, Mineola, Hicksville and all stops to Ronkonkoma

Babylon Branch

- 1:28 PM express to Rockville Centre, then all stops to Babylon
- 1:53 PM stopping at Jamaica, Rockville Centre, then all stops to Babylon
- 2:17 PM express to Rockville Centre, then all stops to Babylon
- 2:24 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

Note: The 5:59 PM from Penn Station to Babylon will not operate on Friday, Dec. 23. Customers will be accommodated by the 6:05 PM from Penn Station, which will make all stops from Merrick to Babylon that day.

Port Jefferson Branch (to Huntington)

- 2:08 PM stopping at Jamaica, Mineola, then all stops to Huntington
- 2:29 PM stopping at Forest Hills, Kew Gardens, Jamaica, New Hyde Park, then all stops to Huntington
- 3:24 PM stopping at Jamaica, Mineola, Westbury, Hicksville

Port Washington Branch

- 3:18 PM stopping at Woodside, Flushing-Main St., then all stops to Port Washington.
- 3:40 PM stopping at Woodside, Flushing-Main St., 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

Port Jefferson Branch train with added stop:

On Friday, December 23 only, the 2:50 PM train from Huntington to Port Jefferson will instead originate at Jamaica at 1:46 PM

The LIRR will operate on a holiday schedule Christmas Day (Sunday, Dec. 25) and a regular weekday schedule on Monday, Dec. 26.

To ensure easy rail travel during the holiday, customers are advised to purchase tickets before you go. Round trip tickets, including MetroCards for connecting subway and bus service, can be purchased in advance in order to save time and avoid lines at LIRR ticket windows and New York City Transit MetroCard windows and ticket machines.

For additional information, customers can call 511, the New York State Travel Information Line, and say: Long Island Rail Road. Customers can also visit the LIRR's website at www.mta.info. If you are deaf or hard of hearing, use your preferred relay service provider for the free 711 relay to reach LIRR at 511.