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### Catch The Long Island Rail Road - And Maybe A Fly Ball! - With Mets 2011 Baseball

#### *LIRR Service to Mets-Willets Point Station Starts with Season Opener on Friday, April 8*

After a long, cold winter, the New York Mets return to Citi Field on Friday, April 8! They'll take on the Washington Nationals in their home opener. With speedy, reliable service that lets you avoid traffic tie-ups and parking fees, the Long Island Rail Road is the best way to get to the game, and to *all* Mets home games.

Direct train service to the ballpark is available from Penn Station, Woodside, and all stations on the Port Washington Branch. The ride from Penn Station is just a quick 19 minutes and affords you the company of your fellow Mets fans. The ballpark is just 17 minutes from Great Neck and 27 minutes from Port Washington. For those traveling from Long Island on other branches, fans can reach Citi Field by changing at Woodside, just a five-minute ride from the stadium.

Regularly scheduled Port Washington Branch trains will make stops at the Mets-Willets Point Station throughout the regular season for all games – including weekend games, weeknight games and weekday games. Schedules for opening day and for the first month of Mets baseball action are below.

#### Opening Day

In anticipation of big crowds for the home opener, the LIRR will supplement its regular schedule by providing additional eastbound and westbound trains to Mets-Willets Point on April 8.

#### Opening Day (First Pitch 4:10 PM)

April 8

	To the Game	From the Game
Eastbound	Trains will depart Penn Station at 12:49 PM, 1:49, 2:11, 2:49, 3:18, 3:49, 4:07, and service then continues roughly every half hour throughout the game. Trains depart Woodside at 1:00 PM, 2:00, 2:22, 3:00, 3:29, 4:00 and 4:18 and then will continue roughly every half hour throughout the game. See the special Mets-Willets Point timetable for details.	Trains will depart at 5:30 PM, 5:45, 6:06, 6:12, 6:30, 6:58, 7:30, 8:05, 8:35, 9:05, 9:35, and 10:05. In some cases, customers traveling to Manhasset, Plandome or Port Washington may have to transfer at Great Neck. In addition, the 5:30 and 6:06 departures run express to Bayside.
Westbound	Departing Port Washington at: 1:08 PM, 1:40, 2:08, 2:40, and 3:08; There is also a train that originates at Great Neck at 3:40 PM. Service then continues with multiple departures each hour throughout the game.	Penn Station-bound trains will depart at 5:40 PM, 6:00, 6:40, 6:44, 6:59, 7:36, 7:47, 8:06, 8:23, 8:36, 9:06, 9:36 and 10:06. All of these trains will stop at Woodside for connections to eastbound trains on branches other than Port Washington.

Customers using other branches can transfer to ballpark-bound trains by using any train that normally stops at Woodside. In addition, on April 8, two trains that normally bypass Woodside will make special stops there so fans can transfer to game trains.

The 2:04 PM train from Huntington, which offers connecting service from the 1:10 PM train from Port Jefferson, will stop at Woodside at 3:01 PM after making all local stops on the Port Jefferson Branch.

The 2:11 PM train from Ronkonkoma, which offers connecting service from the 12:42 PM train from Greenport, will stop at Woodside at 3:21 PM after making all local stops on the Ronkonkoma Branch.

#### Baseball Service Through May 8

The Long Island Rail Road will provide special train service to all Mets home games this season. Below are descriptions of train service that will be in place through the LIRR systemwide timetable change in May.

#### Weeknight Games (First Pitch 7:10 PM)

April 11, 12, 13, 19, 20, 21 and 22, and May 3, 4 and 6

	To the Game	From the Game

Eastbound	Trains will depart Penn Station at 3:49 PM., 4:25, 4:46, 5:14, 5:29, 5:50, 5:56, 6:14, 6:42, 7:14, 7:49 and 8:19, and will then continue every half hour at :48 and :18 past the hour throughout the duration of the game. Peak fares apply for the trains departing between 4:25 and 7:49 PM. All of these trains will stop at Woodside 11 minutes after departing from Penn Station.	Trains will depart Mets-Willets Point every half hour, at :05 and :35 minutes past the hour, until 1:35 a.m. (1:36 AM following Friday night games as the Saturday schedule takes effect.) All trains will make all local stops to Port Washington.
Westbound	The Port Washington Branch will offer nine trains arriving at Mets-Willets Point between 4:33 and 6:59 PM and service will continue through the duration of the game. Check the special Mets-Willets Point timetables for details, as some trains originate at Great Neck and some run as expresses or partial expresses.	Trains bound for Penn Station and Woodside will depart Mets-Willets Point every half hour at :06 and :36 minutes past the hour between 8:36 and 11:06 PM, and then also at 12:06 AM and 1:07 AM.
<b>Weekday Games (First Pitch 1:10 PM)</b> <i>April 14 and May 5</i>		
	To the Game	From the Game
Eastbound	Trains will depart Penn Station at :49 minutes past every hour starting at 9:49 AM. Trains will depart Woodside at the top of every hour starting at 10:00 AM.	Trains will depart Mets-Willets Point at 3:05 PM, 4:05, 4:41 and 5:02. Customers on the 4:41 or 5:02 trains bound for Manhasset, Plandome or Port Washington will transfer at Great Neck.
Westbound	Trains making all local stops along the Port Washington Branch will depart from Port Washington at :08 minutes after every hour starting at 10:08 AM.	Trains bound for Penn Station and Woodside will depart Mets-Willets Point at 3:36 PM, 4:33, 5:03 and 5:27.
<b>Weekend Afternoon Games (First Pitch 1:10 PM)</b> <i>April 10, 23 and 24, and May 8</i>		
	To the Game	From the Game
Eastbound	Trains will depart Penn Station at :19 minutes past every hour starting at 10:19 AM. Trains will depart Woodside at :31 minutes past every hour starting at 10:31 AM.	Trains will depart Mets-Willets Point at :36 minutes past every hour until 7:36 PM. These trains will make all local stops to Port Washington.
Westbound	Trains will depart Port Washington at :40 minutes past every hour starting at 9:40 AM. The trains will make all local stops to Mets-Willets Point.	Trains will depart Mets-Willets Point at :07 minutes past every hour until 7:07 PM. All trains will stop at Woodside and Penn Station.
<b>Weekend Night Games (First Pitch 7:10 PM)</b> <i>April 9 and May 7</i>		
	To the Game	From the Game
Eastbound	Trains will depart Penn Station at :19 minutes past every hour starting at 4:19 p.m. Trains will depart Woodside at :31 minutes past every hour starting at 4:31 PM.	Trains will depart Mets-Willets Point at :36 minutes past every hour until 1:36 AM. These trains will make all local stops to Port Washington.
Westbound	Trains will depart Port Washington at :40 minutes past every hour starting at 3:40 PM. The trains will make all local stops to Mets-Willets Point.	Trains will depart Mets-Willets Point at :07 minutes past every hour until 1:07 AM. All trains will stop at Woodside and Penn Station.

Trains are subject to be held at Mets-Willets Point at the conclusion of games for loading purposes, which may result in missed connections at Woodside or Penn Station.

#### Fares

Except for weeknight trains from Penn Station as noted above, all trains to baseball games accept off-peak tickets.

Fans traveling from branches other than the Port Washington Branch who change at Woodside will *not* need a separate ticket for that leg of the journey. Since Mets-Willets Point is located in Zone 1, tickets to Woodside or Penn Station are valid to Mets-Willets Point as well. 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 may 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 (in each direction) 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.

**Opening Weekend – April 9-10 – Busing on Babylon Branch**

Mets fans please note: On the weekend of April 9-10, the LIRR will be providing shuttle bus service between Freeport and Babylon on the Babylon Branch while the final work is performed to cut over to a new signal system at Amityville and Wantagh. To avoid busing on Babylon Branch on the weekend of April 9-10, Mets fans are advised to use unaffected stations, including stations on the Port Washington, Port Jefferson or Ronkonkoma Branches. For additional information on the Babylon Branch weekend busing on April 9-10, please see the LIRR's Special Service Notice.

**A Note About Accessibility for the Disabled**

The 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-compliant 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.

**For More Information**

Mets-Willets Point timetables are available at this link: <http://bit.ly/Mets-LIRR>. Printed timetables are available at LIRR ticket offices and terminals. Fans can also contact the LIRR's Travel Information Center at 718-217-5477 (718-217-LIRR). If you are deaf or hard of hearing, use your preferred relay service provider or the free 711 relay to reach LIRR at 718-217-5477. Customers can also consult the LIRR's website at [www.mta.info](http://www.mta.info).