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### Sam the Bugler Trumpets LIRR'S Extra Service for the Belmont Stakes

#### ***Beat the Traffic to the Racetrack for 144th Running of History Race; Racing Fans Urged to Purchase Round-Trip LIRR Tickets in Advance of Travel***

Famed New York racetrack bugler Sam Grossman – Sam the Bugler to thoroughbred racing fans – joined MTA Long Island Railroad President Helena Williams today to trumpet the LIRR's plan to provide extra service this Saturday, June 9 for the running of the 144th Belmont Stakes.

Formally attired in red riding jacket, white pants and black hat, Sam kicked off the LIRR's press conference at Belmont Park with a snappy rendition of "Call to the Post," the familiar pre-race summons and signal to millions the world over that the final leg of thoroughbred racing's Triple Crown is about to get underway.

With 18 trains scheduled to shuttle customers to Belmont on Stakes Day and the promise of unlimited post-race service to get everyone home, the LIRR is the ticket to see history in the making when Triple Crown contender "I'll Have Another" tries to become the first horse since Affirmed in 1978 to win the Kentucky Derby, the Preakness Stakes and the Belmont.

"The LIRR is the most convenient way to reach Belmont and avoid traffic and parking hassles," said Williams. "With a Triple Crown contender in the race, we expect a capacity crowd. The LIRR is adding extra service to bring you directly to the park so you won't miss any of the excitement."

New York Racing Association officials are expecting at least 100,000 people to turn out at Belmont Park on Stakes Day and an estimated 20% will travel there on the Long Island Rail Road – an easy 36 minute ride from Penn Station - rather than fight the traffic on local highways and bridges. Bumper to bumper traffic is expected on the Cross Island Parkway and lane closures on the Throgs Neck Bridge and Clearview Expressway will not help matters.

Williams said the Railroad's schedule of 18 trains will get under way at Penn Station starting at 9:59 AM. Those traveling to the Stakes from Long Island can take trains that arrive at Jamaica in time to connect with the Belmont Stakes trains departing Jamaica at 10:19 AM, 10:31 AM, 10:55 AM, 11:19 AM, 11:29 AM, 11:51 AM, 12:00 PM, 12:19 PM, 12:49 PM, 12:58 PM, 1:16 PM, 1:26 PM, 1:56 PM, 3:00 PM, 3:19 PM, 3:54 PM, 4:19 PM, and 4:55 PM. First race post time is 11:35 AM. The Belmont Stakes is set for 6:40 PM with two more races following to finish out the day.

#### **Purchasing LIRR tickets**

The LIRR urges all racing fans taking the LIRR to the Belmont Stakes to purchase their round-trip tickets in advance. Round-trip tickets from your station of origin to Belmont and back are now on sale at any LIRR ticket window and from all LIRR full service ticket machines (gray, blue or green) by selecting "Deals & Getaways," then "Belmont Park." Ticket machines accept cash, ATM/debit or credit cards. Weekly and monthly ticket holders can use their commuter ticket to and from Jamaica, but must purchase an LIRR Belmont Park ticket prior to boarding at Jamaica to cover the additional fare between Belmont Park and Jamaica. Only Belmont Park tickets will be accepted for train service to and from the track. The LIRR's CityTicket is not valid for travel on Belmont Park trains.

On Belmont Stakes day, tickets will not be sold on-board trains. But the LIRR will be implementing a pilot program, using hand-held ticketing machines, for purchasing tickets at Belmont Park Station with credit cards or debit-as-credit cards. You can buy tickets with cash at Belmont Station on Stakes day only.

#### **Pick Up Special LIRR Stakes Schedule**

The Belmont Stakes timetable follows below and is also available at stations and on the LIRR's website at [www.mta.info/lirr](http://www.mta.info/lirr). Train schedules are also available via cell phone by texting CooCoo or 266266.

Eastbound: To Belmont Park																			
For explanation, see "Reference Notes"	Saturday June 9, 2012 Only																		
	11:35 AM Post Time																		
	AM	AM	AM	AM	AM	AM	AM	AM	PM	PM	PM	PM	PM	PM	PM	PM	PM	PM	PM
PENN STATION	9:59	10:06	10:28	10:58	11:06	11:30	11:36	11:57	12:28	12:36	12:55	1:03	1:33	2:36	2:55	3:33	J 3:45	J 4:25	
Woodside	J 10:03	J 10:03	J 10:27	J 11:03	J 11:03	J 11:27	J 11:27	J 12:03	J 12:27	J 12:27	J 12:57	J 1:03	J 1:27	J 2:27	J 3:03	J 3:27	J 3:57	J 4:27	
ATLANTIC TERMINAL	J 9:41	J 9:41	J 10:11	J 10:41	J 11:11	J 11:11	J 11:41	J 12:11	J 12:11	J 12:41	J 12:41	J 1:11	J 2:11	J 2:41	J 3:11	J 3:41	J 4:11		
Nostrand Avenue	J 9:48	J 9:48	J 10:18	J 10:48	J 11:18	J 11:18	J 11:48	J 12:18	J 12:18	J 12:48	J 12:48	J 1:18	J 2:18	J 2:48	J 3:18	J 3:48	J 4:18		
East New York	J 9:53	J 9:53	J 10:23	J 10:53	J 11:23	J 11:23	J 11:53	J 12:23	J 12:23	J 12:53	J 12:53	J 1:23	J 2:23	J 2:53	J 3:23	J 3:53	J 4:23		
JAMAICA (Arrive)	10:18	10:29	10:53	11:18	11:27	11:50	11:58	12:17	12:48	12:56	1:15	1:25	1:54	2:58	3:17	3:53	4:06	4:45	
JAMAICA (Leave)	10:19	10:31	10:55	11:19	11:29	11:51	12:00	12:19	12:49	12:58	1:16	1:26	1:56	3:00	3:19	3:54	4:19	4:55	
BELMONT PARK	10:32	10:44	11:07	11:34	11:44	12:04	12:12	12:31	1:01	1:10	1:28	1:38	2:08	3:12	3:33	4:06	4:31	5:07	
Train #	AM	AM	AM	AM	AM	PM	PM	PM	PM	PM	PM	PM	PM	PM	PM	PM	PM	PM	PM
	7900	7902	7904	7906	7908	7912	7914	7916	7918	7920	7922	7924	7928	7930	7932	7934	7936	7938	

Westbound: To Jamaica, Brooklyn & New York																			
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BELMONT PARK	4:16	4:51	5:18	5:51															
JAMAICA (Arrive)	4:32	5:03	5:30	6:05															
JAMAICA (Leave)	4:39	5:20	5:39	6:20															
East New York	J 4:56	J 5:29	J 5:56	J 6:29															
Nostrand Avenue	J 5:01	J 5:34	J 6:01	J 6:34															
ATLANTIC TERMINAL	J 5:07	J 5:40	J 6:07	J 6:40															
Woodside	J 4:48	J 5:31	J 5:48	J 6:31															
PENN STATION	J 4:59	J 5:43	J 5:59	J 6:43															
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**Accessibility**

Belmont is a special event station. The station is not wheelchair accessible, and there are no elevators and only limited escalator service. It is necessary to use a staircase to and from most train platforms.

**LIRR Fares**

**From New York, Brooklyn and Woodside:**

One-way \$7; Round-trip \$13

**From Jamaica:**

One-way \$6; Round-trip \$10

**Round-trip fares from Long Island with transfer at Jamaica:**

- Zone 3 (Rosedale, St. Albans, Queens Village, Hollis) \$10
- Zone 4 (Far Rockaway, Lynbrook, Hempstead, Mineola) \$12
- Zone 7 (Long Beach, Massapequa, Hicksville, Oyster Bay) \$14
- Zone 9 (Babylon, Deer Park, Huntington, Northport) \$17
- Zone 10 (Bay Shore, Sayville, Ronkonkoma, Patchogue, Port Jefferson) \$22

**Belmont Park Admission:**

Remember that special prices are in effect for Belmont Stakes Day:

- General Admission: \$10
- Clubhouse Admission \$20

**No Alcohol Allowed**

Also on Stakes day, the MTA Police will be enforcing a no alcohol policy on trains to Belmont Park. Bags and coolers are subject to search prior to boarding Belmont Park trains at Penn Station and at Jamaica Station. Also, Belmont Park is enforcing its own alcohol ban and will not permit alcohol beverages of any kind to be brought into the facility. The restrictions regarding alcohol have been enacted in the interest of customer safety and in an attempt to make sure that people drink responsibly.

**Leaving Belmont Park after the Stakes Race**

To ensure the safe and orderly boarding of LIRR trains, the MTA Police Department will employ a color-coded train queuing system. LIRR personnel will be assigned at key locations to assist customers. Return LIRR service to Jamaica, Atlantic Terminal in Brooklyn and Penn Station is available departing Belmont at 4:16 PM, 4:51 PM, 5:18 PM, 5:51 PM and then every 15 minutes starting at 6:27 PM until 9 PM. Announcements will provide customers with departure information. Wait times can range from 15 minutes to 2 hours. Once inside the queuing area, customers can expect wait times of 15 to 60 minutes. Customers waiting to enter the queuing area can expect longer wait times, possibly up to 2 hours.

**MTA Bus and Subway Service**

MTA Q2 and Q110 buses serve Belmont Park full time. The Q2 bus connects to the F subway line at 169th St. and Hillside Ave, and 179th St. and Hillside Ave. as well as numerous local bus routes at the 165th St. Bus Terminal. The Q110 bus connects to the E and J subway lines at Jamaica Center-Parsons-Archer and the F subway line at Parsons Blvd and Hillside Ave. via a one-block walk. Customers paying bus fare with a MetroCard will receive a free transfer to any of these buses if transferring from the subway.

**Bus Stops at Belmont Stakes**

- On Belmont Stakes day, as well as all race days, the Q2 and Q110 buses are extended to stop at the Belmont Park bus terminal. Going to the park, customers exit at the escalator leading to the LIRR/Racetrack overpass.
- Leaving the Belmont Park, the buses pull up to Lane #3 to pick up customers at the designated Q2 and Q110 bus stops.

**For Additional Information**

For additional information, racing fans can contact the LIRR's Travel Information Center by calling 511, the New York State Travel Information Line, and say: Long Island Rail Road. If you are deaf or hard of hearing, use your preferred relay service provider for the free 711 relay to reach LIRR at 511. Customers can also consult the LIRR's [Belmont Park Schedule](#) on the website at [www.mta.info/lirr](http://www.mta.info/lirr).