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LIRR Adds Extra Service for Extended New Year's Holiday Weekend Beginning Friday, December 28

Alcoholic Beverages Prohibited on LIRR Trains, Platforms, and at Stations on New Year's Eve through 12 Noon on New Year's Day

MTA Long Island Rail Road will provide additional trains to and from Penn Station during the extended New Year's holiday period beginning Friday afternoon December 28 through New Year's Day, Tuesday, January 1.

The extra service being added to the regular schedules include 8 additional eastbound afternoon trains on Friday, December 28 to accommodate customers leaving work early; 14 extra trains on Saturday, December 29 and Sunday, December 30 for customers heading to and from Manhattan for the holiday sites, entertainment and shopping; 8 additional eastbound afternoon trains from Penn Station on New Year's Eve, Monday, December 31; 18 additional westbound trains to Penn Station beginning at 4:55 PM on New Year's Eve and 14 extra early morning eastbound trains returning from the city on Tuesday, January 1, New Year's Day.

Buy Tickets Early

The LIRR advises customers to purchase round trip tickets, including MetroCards for connecting subway and bus service, in advance in order to save time and avoid lines at LIRR ticket windows and New York City Transit MetroCard windows and ticket machines.

Family Fare on PM Peak Trains December 28 & December 31

During PM Peak periods on Friday, December 28 and on New Year's Eve, Monday, December 31, discounted Family Fare tickets are available. As many four children, ages 5-11, can ride for the advance purchase fare of 75 cents per child each way when accompanied by a fare-paying adult or guardian. Children under 5 ride free on the LIRR. Regular fares remain in effect during AM Peak hours.

Alcohol Ban

As in prior years, open alcoholic beverage containers will not be allowed on LIRR trains, platforms and at stations from 12 Noon on New Year's Eve, December 31, 2011 through 12 Noon on New Year's Day, January 1, 2012. MTA Police will enforce this restriction.

Extra Service Program for Extended New Year's Weekend

The following trains are being added to the regular schedule Friday, December 28 through Tuesday, January 1. Here is a list of the extra trains and scheduled departure times:

Friday, December 28:

There will be 8 additional afternoon eastbound trains from Penn Station.

Huntington/Port Jefferson Branch

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

Babylon Branch

- 2:32 PM from Penn Station stopping at Lynbrook, then all stops to Babylon
- 3:00 PM from Penn Station stopping at Jamaica, Rockville Centre, then all stops to Babylon
- 3:31 PM express from Penn Station to Rockville Centre, then all stops to Babylon

Port Washington Branch

- 3:40 PM from Penn Station stopping at Woodside, Flushing-Main St., all stops to Great Neck

Far Rockaway Branch

- 3:48 PM from Penn Station stopping at Locust Manor, Laurelton, Rosedale, Valley Stream, then all stops to Far Rockaway
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Saturday, December 29 and Sunday, December 30

As it has since the weekend after Thanksgiving, the LIRR is running extra trains over the weekend of December 29-30 to make travel to and from New York City more convenient.

Port Washington Branch

Eight extra trains are being added to Saturday and Sunday schedule four westbound trains between 9 AM and 1 PM and four eastbound trains between 4 PM and 8 PM.

Huntington/Port Jefferson Branch

The LIRR will add one overnight train between Penn Station and Huntington to accommodate customers taking in late night events in the city during the holidays.

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Long Beach Branch

Eight extra trains are being added to the weekend schedule – four westbound trains between 9 AM and 1 PM and four eastbound trains between 4 PM and 8 PM.

Ronkonkoma Branch

Three westbound trains between Farmingdale and Penn Station will be added to Saturday and Sunday schedules between 10 AM and 1 PM and three westbound trains between Penn Station and Farmingdale will be added to the weekend schedules between 4 PM and 7 PM. These particular trains were added with the start of the new November 12 timetable and after the holidays will remain part of the regular schedule to permanently enhance service along this busy corridor.

Monday, December 31 (New Year's Eve) PM Eastbound

Eight extra trains are being added to the Eastbound PM schedule. They include:

Babylon Branch

- 2:32 PM from Penn Station, stopping at Lynbrook, then all stops to Babylon.
- 3:00 PM from Penn Station, stopping at Jamaica and Rockville Centre, then all stops to Babylon.
- 3:31 PM from Penn Station, stopping at Rockville Centre, then all stops to Babylon.

Huntington/Port Jefferson Branch

- 1:31 PM from Penn Station will make an added stop at Jamaica.
- 2:08 PM from Penn Station, stopping at Jamaica, Mineola, then all stops to Huntington.
- 2:29 PM from Penn Station, stopping at Forest Hills, Kew Gardens, Jamaica, New Hyde Park, then all stops to Huntington.
- 3:24 PM from Penn Station, stopping at Jamaica, Mineola, Westbury, Hicksville.

Port Washington Branch

- 3:40 PM from Penn Station, stopping at Woodside, Flushing Main Street, then all stops to Great Neck.

Far Rockaway Branch

- 3:48 PM from Penn Station stopping at Locust Manor, Laurelton, Rosedale, Valley Stream, then all stops to Far Rockaway.
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Monday, December 31 (New Year's Eve) PM Westbound

Eighteen extra trains will be added to the PM Westbound schedule on New Year's Eve, Monday December 31. The extra trains include:

Babylon Branch

- 6:20 PM from Babylon, making all stops to Rockville Centre, Jamaica and Penn Station.
- 7:24 PM from Freeport, stopping at Baldwin, Rockville Centre, Jamaica and Penn Station.
- 8:09 PM from Babylon, making all stop to Rockville Centre, Jamaica and Penn Station.
- 9:05 PM from Babylon, making all stops to Rockville Centre, Jamaica and Penn Station.

Port Jefferson Branch

- 4:55 PM from Huntington, stopping at Cold Spring Harbor, Syosset, Hicksville, Jamaica and Penn Station.
- 6:59 PM from Hicksville, making all stops to Jamaica and Penn Station.
- 7:10 PM from Port Jefferson, making all stops to Huntington, then Hicksville and Jamaica and Penn Station.
- 7:33 PM from Hicksville, local to Jamaica and Penn Station.
- 7:38 PM from Huntington, making all stops to Jamaica and Penn Station.
- 8:25 PM to Huntington making, all stops to Jamaica and Penn Station.

Montauk Branch

- 8:00 PM from Speonk, making all stops to Babylon, then Jamaica and Penn Station.

Port Washington Branch

- 7:07 PM from Great Neck, making all stops to Woodside, then Penn Station.
- 8:42 PM from Port Washington, making all stops to Woodside, then Penn Station.

Long Beach Branch

- 5:42 PM from Long Beach, making all stops to Jamaica.
- 8:15 PM from Long Beach, making all stops to Jamaica.

Ronkonkoma Branch

- 7:42 PM from Ronkonkoma, making all stops to Hicksville (except Pinelawn) also stopping Mineola, Jamaica, and Penn Station.
- 8:39 PM from Ronkonkoma, making all stops to Hicksville (except Pinelawn) also stopping Mineola, Jamaica, and Penn Station.

Hempstead Branch

- 7:31 PM from Hempstead, making all stops to Jamaica and Penn Station.

Tuesday, January 1 (New Year's Day) AM Eastbound

The LIRR will operate on a weekend/holiday schedule on New Year's Day with 14 additional eastbound trains from Penn Station between 12:36AM and 4:20 AM. The December monthly pass will be valid for travel on New Year's Day morning.

Babylon Branch

- 1:11 AM from Penn Station, stopping at Jamaica, Lynbrook, then all stops to Babylon.
- 2:11 AM from Penn Station, stopping at Jamaica, Lynbrook, and all stops to Babylon.
- 2:59 AM from Penn Station, stopping at Jamaica, Lynbrook, and all stops to Babylon.
- 3:29 AM from Penn Station, stopping at Jamaica, Lynbrook, and all stops to Babylon.

Montauk Branch

- 1:29 AM from Penn Station, stopping at Jamaica, Rockville Center, and all stops to Speonk.

Huntington/Port Jefferson Branch

- 2:14 AM from Penn Station, stopping at Jamaica, New Hyde Park, then all stops to Huntington.

Port Jefferson Branch

- 3:12 AM from Penn Station, stopping at Jamaica, New Hyde Park, all stops to Port Jefferson.

Ronkonkoma Branch

- 12:52 AM from Penn Station, stopping at Jamaica, Mineola, Hicksville and all stops to Ronkonkoma.
- 2:03 AM from Penn Station, stopping at Jamaica, Mineola, Hicksville, and all stops to Ronkonkoma.
- 3:54 AM from Penn Station, Jamaica, Mineola, Hicksville, and then making all stops to Ronkonkoma.

Port Washington Branch

- 12:35 AM – Penn Station, Woodside, Flushing Main St., and all stops to Port Washington.
- 2:19 AM – Penn Station, Woodside, Flushing Main St., and all stops to Port Washington.

- 4:19 AM – Penn Station, Woodside, Flushing Main St., and all stops to Port Washington.

Long Beach Branch

- 2:44 AM from Penn Station stopping at Jamaica, Valley Stream, and all stops to Long Beach.
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Wednesday, January 2: Regular Service Resumes

The LIRR will return to its regular weekday schedule on Wednesday, January 2, 2013.

December Monthly Passes

The December monthly commutation pass will be accepted for one courtesy ride only after midnight on December 31 and up until 10:00 AM on Wednesday, January 2, 2012.

For Additional Information

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. If you are deaf or hard of hearing,