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### New LIRR Timetables Go into Effect Tuesday, September 3

#### *Schedule Changes for Trains to Barclays Center, Belmont Park, Mets-Willets Point*

New MTA Long Island Rail Road timetables going into effect on Tuesday, September 3 include enhanced weekend service on the Ronkonkoma Branch and revised schedules for trains taking customers to sports and entertainment events at Barclays Center, Belmont Park and Mets-Willets Point, the station that serves Citi Field and U.S. Tennis Center.

Other schedule adjustments are coming during off-peak hours because of construction activities on the Hempstead Branch affecting Hempstead, Far Rockaway, Babylon and Huntington trains. Meanwhile, the end of the construction projects on the Oyster Bay and Port Jefferson branches means off-peak service on those lines will be returning to normal.

The new timetables remain in effect through Sunday, November 10. Here are the highlights:

#### **Ronkonkoma Branch: Enhanced Weekend Service**

Three existing eastbound and three existing westbound weekend trains that currently begin and end their runs in Farmingdale will now stop at all stations to Ronkonkoma, except Pinelawn. This enhanced service means that customers will have half-hourly service on the Ronkonkoma Branch during high-volume weekend travel periods. Customers can pick up a copy of the new Ronkonkoma Branch timetable for more details.

#### **Eastbound**

These trains will now make all stops between Farmingdale and Ronkonkoma, except Pinelawn:

- The 4:32 PM train from Penn Station
- The 5:32 PM train from Penn Station
- The 6:32 PM train from Penn Station

#### **Westbound**

These trains will now make all stops between Ronkonkoma and Farmingdale, except Pinelawn.

- The 10:05 AM train from Ronkonkoma
- The 11:05 AM train from Ronkonkoma
- The 12:05 PM train from Ronkonkoma

#### **Barclays Center/Atlantic Terminal**

Times have been adjusted for the four extra passenger trains added to the Atlantic Terminal Station schedule between 10 PM and Midnight to serve customers attending sports and other events at the new Barclays Center. The extra trains will still be available for both weeknight and weekend events.

#### **Fall Racing at Belmont Park**

Thoroughbred racing returns to Belmont Park on Saturday, September 7 and the Long Island Rail Road is ready to resume its service to the racetrack. Remember post time is 1:05 in September, and then moves up to 12:50 PM for October. Pick up a copy of the special Belmont Park Fall Racing Timetable.

#### **Mets-Willets Point Station/U.S. Open Tennis and Mets Baseball**

The LIRR has revised its special train schedule for Port Washington branch service to Mets-Willets Point station during the final seven days of the U.S. Open tennis tournament Tuesday, September 3 through Monday, September 9 and for the Mets 7:10 PM game on September 9. Pick up a copy of the Special Mets-Willets Point U.S. Open timetables. A new timetable is also available for Mets-Willets Point service for Mets games at Citi Field from Tuesday, September 10 through the end of the baseball season.

**We Are Working on the Railroad**

The new LIRR schedules include other changes during weekday off-peak hours to accommodate the following construction work:

**Hempstead Branch: Impacts Hempstead, Far Rockaway, Babylon & Huntington Trains**

LIRR crews will be installing new rail ties on the branch between Floral Park station and Garden City station resulting in a single track outage on weekdays during the midday period. As a result, eastbound Hempstead and Far Rockaways trains will operate 30 minutes later than normal. Eastbound Long Beach trains will operate 36 minutes later. Eastbound Babylon and Huntington trains will operate either one minute earlier or three minutes depending on the train.

**Returning to Normal: Oyster Bay and Port Jefferson**

The completion of track work on the Oyster Bay and Port Jefferson branches means that midday train service will be returning to normal.

**For More Information**

Customers can pick up the new timetables at station ticket offices or consult the LIRR website at [www.mta.info/lirr](http://www.mta.info/lirr) or call 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 on the free 711 relay to reach the LIRR at 511. For the most up-to-day information on train service, sign up for LIRR E-alerts and text messages at [www.mymtaalerts.com](http://www.mymtaalerts.com)