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MTA LIRR Schedules Public Hearing on Proposed Restoration of Weekend/Holiday Service on the LIRR's West Hempstead Branch

Hearing Set for Monday, September 15 at 5 PM at Malverne Village Hall

MTA Long Island Rail Road will hold a public hearing on a plan to restore weekend and holiday service on the West Hempstead Branch year-round on Monday, September 15 at Malverne Village Hall located at 99 Church Street in Malverne, N.Y. The public hearing will begin at 5 PM.

Under the proposal, the LIRR would restore weekend and holiday train service on the West Hempstead Branch, effective Saturday, November 22, 2014. Weekend/holiday trains would operate every two hours between West Hempstead and Penn Station/Atlantic Terminal with connecting service at Valley Stream and Jamaica Station. Currently, no trains operate on the branch on Saturdays, Sundays or holidays.

Registration to speak will begin at 4:30 PM and remain open until 8 p.m. Oral testimony is limited to three (3) minutes for each speaker. To register in advance to speak at the hearing or for more information, please call 646-252-6777. Deaf/hearing impaired customers should call 711 for relay services, and then ask to be connected to 646-252-6777 to speak with an agent.

Written comments may be sent to LIRR Government & Community Affairs, Jamaica Station, Mail Code 1131, Jamaica, NY, 11435 or submitted via email through the MTA website, www.mta.info. The deadline to receive written comments is September 19, 2014. All comments will be transcribed and made part of the permanent record to be reviewed by the MTA Board.

Directions to the Public Hearing

By Rail: LIRR West Hempstead Branch to Malverne Station. Walk southwest on Hempstead Avenue. Turn left onto Church Street. Malverne Village Hall will be on the left. By Bus: N31/32.

Accessibility

Malverne Village Hall is accessible to the mobility impaired. An interpreter for hearing impacted customers will be available upon advance request made no later than September 10.