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### Take LIRR Out to the Ballgame at Citi Field

#### *Convenient Schedule To and From Mets-Willets Point for Home Opener And Season Opener Viewing Party*

The LIRR welcomes the 2015 baseball season with extra service at Citi Field for the New York Mets home opener on April 13, when they take on the Philadelphia Phillies at 1:10 p.m. And don't miss the Mets season opener viewing party on April 6 when they play the Nationals in Washington, D.C. at 4:05 p.m. The Mets will be simulcasting the game on Citi Field's new hi-definition video display. Port Washington Branch trains will make stops at Mets-Willets Point between 2:30 p.m. and 10:30 p.m.

The LIRR is a fast and convenient way to get you to all of this season's games at Citi Field with direct train service to the ballpark available from Penn Station, Woodside, and all stations on the Port Washington Branch. Those traveling from Long Island or southern Queens on other branches can reach Citi Field by changing trains at Woodside, just a five-minute ride from the stadium. Customers from Eastern Long Island should consult branch timetables for service to Woodside, where transfers can be made to Port Washington Branch trains on Platform B for service to Mets-Willets Point. Fans from NYC or New Jersey can board trains at Penn Station, which is just a quick 19 minutes away on the LIRR. The ballpark is just 17 minutes from Great Neck and 27 minutes from Port Washington.

"We can all agree that we're overdue for spring, and what better way to start off the season than to take in a game at Citi Field," said LIRR President Patrick Nowakowski. "You can enjoy a hassle-free, quick ride on the LIRR with fellow Mets fans for all home games."

Regularly scheduled Port Washington Branch trains will stop at the Mets-Willets Point Station throughout the regular season for all games, which means that depending on what time the game is being played, between 32 and 42 trains will stop at Citi Field for each game. For weeknight games, the LIRR is adding an extra Penn Station-bound train, stopping at Mets-Willets Point at 6:22 p.m. Schedule summaries valid through the systemwide timetable change on May 19 are below, and specific train times are available on the Mets-Willets Point special timetable, available at <http://web.mta.info/lirr/Timetable/Branch/Mets-Willets.pdf>.

#### Opening Day & Weekday Afternoon Games (First Pitch 1:10 PM)

*April 13 & 23*

	To the Game	From the Game
From Penn Sta.	Game-bound trains will depart Penn Station at :19 and :49 minutes past the hour starting at 9:19 a.m.	Trains bound for Penn Station depart Mets-Willets Point at :05 and :36 minutes past the hour through 4:05 p.m., then 4:33, 5:03 and 5:28 p.m.
From Port Washington Branch	Trains depart every half hour from most stations on the Port Washington Branch beginning with a 9:40 a.m. departure from Port Washington. Service from Plandome, Auburndale, Broadway and Murray Hill is once per hour. Check the Mets-Willets Point timetable for specific train times.	Eastbound trains making all local stops will depart Mets-Willets Point at 3:34 p.m., 4:05, 4:41, and 5:02 p.m. Customers traveling to Manhasset, Plandome and Port Washington on the 4:41 and 5:02 departures will change trains at Great Neck.
From S. Queens & Long Island	Use LIRR planning tools at <a href="http://mta.info/lirr">mta.info/lirr</a> or the <a href="#">LIRR Train Time app</a> for iPhone or Android to find a train from your local station bound for Woodside. Trains bound for the game will depart Woodside at :00 and :30 minutes past every hour.	Trains bound for Woodside depart Mets-Willets Point at :05 and :36 minutes past the hour through 4:05 p.m., then 4:33, 5:03 and 5:28 p.m.

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

April 14, 15, 16, 17, 21, 22 & 30; May 1, 5, 6, 15		
	To the Game	From the Game
From Penn Sta.	Trains will depart from Penn Station at 2:49 p.m., 3:18, 3:49, 4:25, 4:46, 5:14, 5:29, 5:50, 5:56, 6:14, 6:42, 7:14 and 7:49 p.m. All are peak-hour trains except for the first three departures.	Trains bound for Penn Station depart Mets-Willets Point at :06 and :36 minutes past the hour starting at 8:06 p.m. through 11:06 p.m., then 12:06 a.m. and 1:06 a.m.
From Port Washington Br.	Ten trains making stops at Port Washington Branch stations will get you to the game in time for the opening pitch, beginning with a 3:40 p.m. departure from Port Washington. Check the Mets-Willets Point timetable for specific train times.	Eastbound trains making all local stops will depart Mets-Willets Point at :05 and :35 minutes past every hour starting at 8:05 p.m. until 12:05 a.m., then 12:36, a.m. and 1:35 a.m. (12:34 a.m. and 1:33 a.m. following Friday night games.)
From S. Queens & Long Island	Use LIRR planning tools at <a href="https://www.mta.info/lirr">mta.info/lirr</a> or the <a href="#">LIRR Train Time app</a> for iPhone or Android to find a train from your local station bound for Woodside. Trains bound for the game will depart Woodside 3:00 p.m., 3:29, 4:00, 4:36, 4:57, 5:40, 6:07, 6:25, 6:53, 7:25 and 8:00 p.m.	Trains bound for Woodside depart Mets-Willets Point at :06 and :36 minutes past the hour starting at 8:06 p.m. through 11:06 p.m., then 12:06 a.m. and 1:06 a.m.
Weekend Afternoon Games (First Pitch 1:10 p.m.)		
April 19; May 3, *17		
	To the Game	From the Game
From Penn Sta.	Trains will depart from Penn Station at :18 and :48 minutes past every hour starting at 9:48 a.m.	Trains bound for Penn Station depart Mets-Willets Point at :06 and :36 past every hour until 8:06 p.m.
From Port Washington Br.	Trains will make all local stops from Port Washington Branch stations every half-hour in time for the opening pitch, beginning with a 9:39 a.m. departure from Port Washington. Check the Mets-Willets Point timetable for specific train times.	Eastbound trains making all local stops will depart Mets-Willets Point at :05 and :35 minutes past every hour until 7:35 p.m.
From S. Queens & Long Island	Use LIRR planning tools at <a href="https://www.mta.info/lirr">mta.info/lirr</a> or the <a href="#">LIRR Train Time app</a> for iPhone or Android to find a train from your local station bound for Woodside. Trains bound for the game will depart Woodside at :00 and :30 past every hour starting at 10:00 a.m.	Trains bound for Woodside depart Mets-Willets Point at :06 and :36 past every hour until 8:06 p.m.
Weekend Evening Game (First Pitch 7:10 p.m.)		
April 18; May 2 & *16		
	To the Game	From the Game
From Penn Sta.	Trains will depart from Penn Station at :18 and :48 minutes past every hour starting at 3:48 p.m.	Trains bound for Penn Station depart Mets-Willets Point at :06 and :36 past every hour until 11:06 p.m., then 12:06 a.m. and 1:06 a.m.
From Port Washington Br.	Trains will make all local stops from Port Washington Branch stations every half-hour in time for the opening pitch, beginning with the 3:39 p.m. departure from Port Washington. Check the Mets-Willets Point timetable for specific train times.	Eastbound trains making all local stops will depart Mets-Willets Point at :05 and :35 minutes past every hour through 11:05 p.m., then 11:37 p.m., 12:34 a.m. and 1:33 a.m. (12:36 a.m. and 1:35 a.m. following Sunday evening games)
From S. Queens & Long Island	Use LIRR planning tools at <a href="https://www.mta.info/lirr">mta.info/lirr</a> or the <a href="#">LIRR Train Time app</a> for iPhone or Android to find a train from your local station bound for Woodside. Trains bound for the game will depart Woodside at :00 and :30 minutes past the hour starting at 4:00 p.m.	Trains bound for Woodside depart Mets-Willets Point at :06 and :36 past every hour until 11:06 p.m., then 12:06 a.m. and 1:06 a.m.

\*Note: A special trackwork timetable will be in effect for games on May 16 and 17.

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 Off-peak tickets are accepted on all trains to baseball games, except for weeknight trains scheduled to depart Penn Station between 4 p.m. and 8 p.m. The one-way off-peak fare from Penn Station is \$6.00, and the peak fare is \$8.25

. The off-peak fare from Great Neck through Port Washington is \$8.25.

On weekends, fans coming from Penn Station, Woodside, Auburndale, Bayside, Broadway, Douglaston, Flushing-Main Street, Little Neck or Murray Hill can save money by using CityTicket, which is just \$4.25 one way. CityTicket cannot be purchased on board a train, and is valid only on the day purchased.

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 \$1 each (in each direction) on PM peak and off-peak trains, when accompanied by an adult paying the regular 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. Children under 5 ride for free at all times.

#### **Accessibility for the Disabled at Mets-Willets Point**

The Mets-Willets Point Station is not accessible to the disabled. The New York City Subway's 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://web.mta.info/lirr/Timetable/Branch/Mets-Willets.pdf>. Printed timetables are available at LIRR ticket offices and terminals. Fans can also contact the LIRR's Customer Service Center by calling 511 from any phone in New York State. 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),