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Ride the LIRR to Feast at the 34th Annual Oyster Festival in Oyster Bay Village

Extra Trains Between Jamaica and Oyster Bay + Discounted Tickets to the Oct. 14 + 15 Fest

The 34th Annual Oyster Festival at Theodore Roosevelt Park in Oyster Bay Village is expected to attract more than 200,000 people on Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 14-15, for the East Coast's largest waterfront fete. Revelers can avoid traffic and parking lines by taking one of the many trains the LIRR will be running to Oyster Bay Station that weekend – dropping festivalgoers off in the middle of the fairgrounds – including three extra eastbound and westbound trains to get there and back for the family-friendly event running from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. both days.

The festival -- going 34 years strong -- boasts an abundance of oysters and seafood selections served up by a variety of locals, including firefighters, U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, high school athletes, Rotary, Kiwanis and Lions clubs members. Watch the legendary oyster shucking and eating contests, get your fill of oyster po' boy sandwiches, lobster dinners, scallops, crab cakes, fish tacos, brats, gyros, empanadas, steak sandwiches and an international array of desserts, shop the 150 arts and crafts tables, soak in the live entertainment, pirate shows, and more. Profits from food sales will help to support local charities within the Oyster Bay-East Norwich Central School District.

The LIRR has added the following trains to its regular weekend schedule to provide hourly service during peak festival travel times:

Eastbound

- A 9:52 a.m. train from Jamaica Station arriving in Oyster Bay at 10:46 a.m.
- An 11:52 a.m. train from Jamaica Station arriving in Oyster Bay at 12:46 p.m.
- A 1:52 a.m. train from Jamaica due Oyster Bay at 2:46 p.m.

Westbound

- A 1:19 p.m. train from Oyster Bay arriving at Jamaica at 2:13 p.m.
- A 3:19 p.m. train from Oyster Bay arriving at Jamaica at 4:13 p.m.
- A 7:19 p.m. train from Oyster Bay arriving at Jamaica at 8:13 p.m.

Coming from points East?

- Take the Port Jefferson Branch to the Syosset station, where shuttle buses provided by the Festival will provide transportation to the fair grounds.

Package Deals

Visit <http://web.mta.info/lirr/getaways/longisland/oysterfestival.htm> for details on how to purchase discounted LIRR tickets to/from the Oyster Bay Station for the Oyster Festival! • Discount packages include: Round-trip rail to/from Oyster Bay Station along the North Shore; Vouchers for five free oysters on the half-shell with each adult ticket; Free admission to the Slide for children. Cost varies from originating LIRR station, from \$11 to \$19.50 for adults; \$3 for children ages 5-11 from any station.

Additional details on the festival at: theoysterfestival.org.

Many Channels for Services Updates

Information about the additional service noted in this press release and all planned service changes is available through the LIRR's real-time service information sources:

Email and text message service updates – Customers are urged to sign up to receive the alerts by visiting MyMTAAlerts.com. To avoid unwanted messages, a user can tailor the messages to the specific branch, and the specific times of day.

LIRR Train Time app – Customers who use the LIRR Train Time app will see up-to-the-minute status for each upcoming train at each station. As a caution, trains that start out their trips on time may experience delays en route.

MTA.info – The rail tab of the "Service Status" box at the left side of www.MTA.info is always the definitive source for the latest status for each branch, updated every minute. In addition, customers can visit www.mta.info/lirr to see special service notices in the upper center of the page.

@LIRR on Twitter – Twitter users can follow @LIRR to receive updates of a similar nature to the email and text alerts, shortened to fit Twitter's format.

The above communications channels can be accessed while at home or on the go. For customers who are located at stations, the LIRR will post the latest service updates on **digital signs** at station platforms and will make **audio announcements** over public address systems, and **on-board announcements** made by train crews.

For those who prefer the **telephone**, information is available from the LIRR's Customer Service Center by calling 511, the New York State Travel Information Line, and saying: "Long Island Rail Road." Those who are deaf or hard of hearing can use their preferred service provider for the free 711 relay to reach the LIRR at 511.