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### MTA Long Island Rail Road Offering Extra Service & Off-Peak Fares for the Extended Thanksgiving Holiday Weekend

#### *Off-Peak and Family Fare Pricing in Effect Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, November 22-25*

MTA Long Island Rail Road is giving thanks to our customers this Thanksgiving with additional train service along with off-peak ticket pricing this extended holiday weekend, from November 22-25, 2018.

- Starting Thanksgiving Eve, Wednesday, November 21: one dozen extra afternoon eastbound trains will run to handle the rush of customers racing home to start the holiday weekend.
- Thanksgiving, Thursday, November 22: Extra trains will be available to get customers into the city for the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade, as well as extra trains to get home following the festivities.
- Black Friday, November 23: The LIRR will run a regular weekday schedule this day to accommodate the hordes of shoppers headed for discounts and deals. All day Black Friday, the LIRR will honor all tickets at lower, off-peak fares.
- Saturday and Sunday, November 24-25: Still have the urge to get out and about? The LIRR is ramping up extra service on these days, too – the first of six consecutive weekends that the LIRR will bolster service to meet the holiday season demand.

#### **Off-Peak & Family Fares in Effect Thursday, November 22, through Sunday, November 25**

In getting with the holiday spirit, the LIRR will offer tickets at off-peak prices over the four-day Thanksgiving holiday starting on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 22, until Sunday, November 25. The railroad's Family Fare Discount will also be in effect all four days: children ages 5-11 (limit of four children per fare-paying adult) can ride one-way for \$1 each. These tickets must be purchased before boarding the train. Children, as always, under 5 ride for free.

Service details follows by day:

#### **Thanksgiving Eve, Wednesday, November 21**

12 extra trains will depart Penn Station in the afternoon, as follows.

##### *Babylon Branch*

- 2:22 p.m. express to Rockville Centre, then local to Babylon.
- 2:32 p.m. express to Lynbrook, then local to Babylon.
- 3:00 p.m. stopping at Jamaica, Rockville Centre, then local to Babylon.
- 3:31 p.m. express to Rockville Centre, then local to Babylon.

##### *Far Rockaway Branch*

- 3:48 p.m. express to Locust Manor, then all stops to Far Rockaway.

##### *Montauk Branch*

- 4:06 p.m. to Westhampton, Southampton, Bridgehampton, East Hampton and Montauk.

##### *Port Jefferson Branch*

- 2:08 p.m. to Jamaica, Mineola, then local to Huntington.
- 2:29 p.m. to Forest Hills, Kew Gardens, Jamaica, New Hyde Park, then local to Huntington.
- 3:24 p.m. to Jamaica, Mineola, Westbury and Hicksville.

##### *Port Washington Branch*

- 3:40 p.m. to Woodside, Flushing Main Street, then all stops to Great Neck.

*Ronkonkoma Branch*

- 12:46 p.m. to Woodside, Jamaica, Mineola, Hicksville, then all stops to Ronkonkoma.
- 1:49 p.m. to Woodside, Jamaica, Mineola, Hicksville, then all stops to Ronkonkoma.

**Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 22**

On Thanksgiving Day, the LIRR is running on a weekend/holiday schedule supplemented with 17 extra trains timed perfectly for those attending the Thanksgiving Day Parade or otherwise visiting the city. There will be six extra westbound trains in the morning and 11 extra eastbound trains in the afternoon. Coach cars will be added to select trains as the demand requires to accommodate holiday travelers.

***Westbound – Six Extra Trains Heading into Penn Station****Babylon Branch*

- The 6:38 a.m. train from Babylon, making all stops to Rockville Center, then Jamaica, and Penn Station.
- The 7:38 a.m. train from Babylon, making all stops to Rockville Centre, then Jamaica and Penn Station.

*Montauk Branch*

- The 6:20 a.m. train from Speonk, making all stops to Babylon, Jamaica and Penn Station.

*Port Jefferson Branch*

- The 6:01 a.m. train from Port Jefferson making all stops to Huntington, then stopping at Jamaica and Penn Station.

*Ronkonkoma Branch*

- The 6:10 a.m. train from Ronkonkoma, making all stops to Hicksville, then Jamaica, Woodside and Penn Station.
- The 7:10 a.m. train from Ronkonkoma, making all stops to Hicksville, then Jamaica, Woodside and Penn Station.

***Eastbound – 11 Extra Trains Departing from Penn Station****Babylon Branch*

- The 11:29 a.m., 12:15 p.m., 12:39 p.m. and 1:09 p.m. trains stopping at Jamaica, Rockville Centre, then all local stops to Babylon.

*Montauk Branch*

- The 12:09 p.m. train to Jamaica, Freeport, then all stops to Speonk.

*Port Jefferson Branch*

- The 12:05 p.m. to Jamaica, New Hyde Park and all stops to Huntington.
- The 12:20 p.m. to Jamaica, Mineola, Hicksville, then all stops to Port Jefferson.

*Ronkonkoma Branch*

- The 11:35 a.m. to Woodside, Jamaica, Hicksville, Bethpage Farmingdale then all stops to Ronkonkoma except Pinelawn.
- The 12:35 p.m. to Woodside, Jamaica, Hicksville, Bethpage, Farmingdale, then all stops to Ronkonkoma except Pinelawn.
- The 1:03 p.m. to Woodside, Jamaica, New Hyde Park, then all stops to Farmingdale.
- The 1:35 p.m. to Woodside, Jamaica, Hicksville, Bethpage, Farmingdale, then all stops to Ronkonkoma, except Pinelawn.

**Black Friday, November 23**

LIRR trains will operate on a normal weekday schedule on Friday, November 23, with off-peak fares in effect the entire day.

**Saturday & Sunday, November 24-25**

Beginning this weekend, the LIRR is offering extra train service and seating capacity on weekends through the entire holiday season for your shopping, dining, sightseeing and entertainment pleasure. The LIRR is adding four morning westbound trains and six afternoon eastbound trains to its regular weekend schedule starting Saturday, November 24, and Sunday, November 25, and the weekends of December 1-2, December 8-9, December 15-16, December 22-23 and December 29–December 30.

The extra weekend trains are as follows:

*Babylon Branch*

Eastbound: The 1:13 a.m. from Penn Station, stopping at Jamaica, Rockville Centre and then all stops to Babylon.

*Long Beach Branch*

Westbound: The 8:54 a.m., 9:54 a.m., 10:54 a.m. and 11:54 a.m. trains from Long Beach making all local stops to Jamaica, then express to Penn Station.

Eastbound: The 4:15 p.m., 5:15 p.m., 6:15 p.m. and 7:15 p.m. trains from Penn Station, stopping at Jamaica and making all local stops to Long Beach.

*Port Jefferson Branch*

Eastbound: The 2:44 a.m. from Penn Station stopping at Jamaica, New Hyde Park, then all stops to Huntington.

**Many Channels for Service Updates**

Information about the planned schedule changes noted in this press release, and all planned service changes, is available through the Long Island Rail Road's real-time service information sources.

**MYmta app** – Customers who use the new, comprehensive MYmta app will see real-time travel information for LIRR and connecting services all in one place, with push notifications when service is not operating normally. As a caution, trains that start out their trips on time may experience delays en route. The LIRR Train Time app also remains available for customers to access LIRR train information.

**MTA.info** - The rail tab of the "Service Status" box at new.MTA.info is always the definitive source for the latest status for each line, updated every minute. In addition, customers can visit [www.mta.info/lirr](http://www.mta.info/lirr) to see special service notices in the upper center of the page.

**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.

**@MetroNorth 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.