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Ride the LIRR to Feast at the 35th Annual Oyster Festival in Oyster Bay Village

Extra Trains Added Between Jamaica and Oyster Bay + Discounted Tickets to the October 13 + 14 Fest

The 35th 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. 13-14, 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 this 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 7 p.m. on Saturday, and 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Sunday. An added nighttime train leaving at 8 p.m. from Oyster Bay on Saturday will also be available to accommodate those staying late to watch the fireworks, which begin at 7 p.m.

The festival boasts an abundance of oysters and seafood selections served up by a mixture of volunteers and culinary pros. 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, while profits from carnival rides and merchandise sales is donated to additional charities supported by the Rotary throughout the year. Admission to the festival is free.

Trains to the Oyster Festival will travel over the brand new Buckram Road Bridge in Locust Valley, which the LIRR replaced last weekend - just in time to avoid conflicting with the Oyster Festival weekend. [Click here for a time-lapse video of the bridge replacement.](#)

*Please note that [LIRR Autumn Weekends](#) is not valid on trips to the Oyster Festival.

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

Oyster Bay Branch – [Special Timetable Here](#)

Eastbound

- A 9:57 a.m. train from Jamaica Station arriving in Oyster Bay at 10:51 a.m.
- An 11:57 a.m. train from Jamaica Station arriving in Oyster Bay at 12:51 p.m.
- A 1:57 a.m. train from Jamaica due Oyster Bay at 2:51 p.m.

Westbound

- A 1:21 p.m. train from Oyster Bay arriving at Jamaica at 2:15 p.m.
- A 3:21 p.m. train from Oyster Bay arriving at Jamaica at 4:15 p.m.
- A 7:21 p.m. train from Oyster Bay arriving at Jamaica at 8:15 p.m.
- On Saturday ONLY: 8 p.m. train from Oyster Bay arriving at Jamaica at 8:56 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.

LIRR Getaways Package Deal

Visit [this link](#) for details on how to purchase our LIRR Getaways package deal.

- 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 here: theoysterfestival.org.

Many Channels for Services Updates

Information about the added 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 [MyMTAAAlerts.com](https://www.mta.info/MyMTAAAlerts.com). To avoid unwanted messages, a user can tailor the messages to the specific branch, and the specific times of day.

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. 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 the left side of [www.MTA.info](https://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.