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### MTA LIRR Schedules Extra Train Service on St. Patrick's Day, Thursday, March 17

#### *Alcohol Banned Aboard Trains from 12:01 a.m. Thursday till 5 a.m. Friday*

MTA Long Island Rail Road has scheduled 16 extra trains – six westbound morning trains and 10 eastbound afternoon trains to accommodate thousands of LIRR customers who will be traveling to and from the annual St. Patrick's Day Parade in Manhattan on Thursday, March 17. The additional trains will supplement the LIRR's regular weekday schedule.

#### **No Alcoholic Beverages Allowed**

In an effort to maintain orderly travel for customers, alcoholic beverages will not be permitted on trains, platforms or at stations from 12:01 a.m., Thursday, March 17 through 5 a.m., Friday, March 18. Any alcoholic beverages found by MTA Police on trains, stations and platforms will be confiscated.

#### **Buy Your Tickets Before Boarding the Train**

LIRR customers are advised to buy round trip tickets including MetroCards for connecting subway and bus service in advance in order to save time and avoid lines at LIRR ticket windows and ticket machines. Customers purchasing tickets onboard the train will be charged a higher step-up fare. The following trains are being added to the regular weekday schedule:

#### **6 Extra Morning Westbound Trains to Penn Station**

##### **Babylon Branch**

- 8:41 a.m. from Freeport train making all stops through Lynbrook, then stopping at Jamaica and Penn Station.
- 9:23 a.m. train from Wantagh making all stops through Rockville Centre, then stopping at Jamaica and Penn Station.
- 9:30 a.m. train from Wantagh making all stops through Rockville Centre, then stopping at Jamaica and Penn Station.

##### **Port Jefferson Branch**

- 9:00 a.m. train from Hicksville, stopping at Westbury, Mineola, Merillon Ave, New Hyde Park, Jamaica, and Penn Station.
- 10:15 a.m. from Huntington, stopping at Hicksville, Jamaica, and Penn Station.

##### **Ronkonkoma Branch**

- 9:25 a.m. train from Farmingdale, stopping at Bethpage, Hicksville, Mineola, Jamaica, and Penn Station

#### **10 Extra Afternoon Eastbound Trains from Penn Station**

##### **Ronkonkoma Branch**

- 1:49 p.m. train from Penn Station stopping at Woodside, Jamaica, Mineola, Hicksville and all stops to Ronkonkoma.

##### **Huntington-Port Jefferson Branch**

- 2:08 p.m. train from Penn Station stopping at Jamaica, Mineola, Carle Place and making all stops to Huntington.
- 2:29 p.m. train from Penn Station stopping at Forest Hills, Kew Gardens, Jamaica, New Hyde Park, and making all stop to Huntington.
- 3:24 p.m. train from Penn Station stopping at Jamaica, Mineola, Westbury and Hicksville.

##### **Babylon Branch**

- 2:19 p.m. train from Penn Station operating express to Rockville Centre, then making all stops to Babylon.
- 2:32 p.m. train from Penn Station operating express to Lynbrook, then making all stops to Babylon.
- 3:00 p.m. train from Penn Station to stopping at Jamaica, Rockville Centre, then making all local stops to Babylon.
- 3:31 p.m. train from Penn Station operating express to Rockville Centre, then making all local stops to Babylon

**Port Washington Branch**

- 3:40 p.m. train from Penn Station stopping at Woodside, Flushing Main Street and making all stops to Great Neck.

**Far Rockaway Branch**

- 3:48 p.m. train to Far Rockaway stopping at Locust Manor, then making all stops to Far Rockaway.

**For More Information:**

The most up-to-date LIRR service status is available at [www.mta.info](http://www.mta.info). Sign up for real-time LIRR Service Alerts via text message or email at [www.mymtaalerts.com](http://www.mymtaalerts.com). You can also contact the LIRR's Travel Information Center by calling 511 and saying "Long Island Rail Road" when prompted. If you are deaf or hard of hearing, use your preferred relay service provider or the free 711 relay to reach LIRR at 511