

# MILEPOSTS

A Newsletter for MTA Metro-North Railroad Customers

April 2019

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## New Savory Digs Coming to Five Metro-North Stations

Wood-fired pizza anyone? Or how about Korean barbeque tacos? Or if you're running for a train, you might just settle for a 'steaming cup of Joe and breakfast to go' in a newly minted restaurant space before you hop on the train.

Soon, you will be able to have your cake and eat it too at five stations.

New leases have been given to food and drink purveyors at the **Mt. Kisco**, **Purdy's**, **Hastings-on-Hudson**, **Peekskill** and **Tarrytown** stations. Those eatery artistes will transform underutilized station spaces, and reinvigorate them with welcoming new decor and fragrant food offerings catered to Metro-North customers.

"A welcoming station house that offers customers an inviting spot to grab a bite or a cup of coffee, wait for a train, unwind after work or meet up with family and friends can only make commuting a more positive experience," said Metro-North President Catherine Rinaldi.

Not only will the spaces be improved, but the tenants will be responsible for maintaining the buildings, which reduces Metro-North's operating and maintenance costs. At the same time, Metro-North customers will continue to have the full access to the restrooms and waiting areas.

Here are some highlights of what to expect:

Mt. Kisco

Purdy's

Peekskill

Hastings-on-Hudson

Tarrytown



Last month, **Locali Kitchen & Bar**, known for its wood-fired pizza



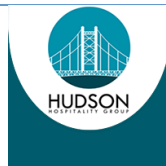
opened in the Mt. Kisco station building. Co-owned and operated by Joe Bueti, who also runs restaurants and pizza trucks in the tri-state area, brings his northern Italian cuisine to this newly renovated



Slated to open within this year, **Hayfields Market**, (well-known in the North Salem area),



will offer fresh produce, dry goods, beverages, small gift items, gardening décor and flowers in a newly refurbished, standalone space.



Customers will be able to 'grab and go' or 'sit and stay' in an outdoor patio area of the Stazione Peekskill which is currently under construction.

Louis Lanza of the **Hudson Hospitality Group** is converting the current waiting room into a casual eating experience,



Coming this year, **The Good Witch**, will operate a full-service, internationally inspired bakery and a "to-go" café. The Good Witch is an homage to Billie Burke, who played Glinda the Good Witch of the North in "The Wizard of Oz," and was a former resident of zip code 10706.



Early morning commuters will be able to enjoy a full coffee bar and breakfast items right at the station thanks to **The Bakehouse Inc.**, a full-service bakery and restaurant that is slated to be built in the station house in the near future.



The company also runs the

space in the station.



You'll be able to pick up and go for breakfast, lunch and dinner. They also plan to offer a concierge service, which could include dry cleaning, shoe repair and car detailing.

where you will be able to dine on Italian specialty foods, coffee and breakfast all day, with light entrees, full bar service and a wine selection offered on the evening menu.

Joanna Prisco, whose roaming pop-up shop has graced the Lower Hudson Valley for the past year and a half, will transform the Hastings station house into a community gathering place with food and events for children and adults.

**Riviera Bakehouse**, a well-known bakery located in Ardsley, New York.



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## Look for these Station Improvements at White Plains, Harlem-125th Street, and Port Chester

Improvements at the White Plains, Harlem-125th St., and Port Chester stations which started in 2018, are designed to improve aesthetics, introduce new technology, and enhance sustainability, bringing world class standards to the Metro-North experience.

These improvements are all part of our [Way Ahead plan](#), whose priorities include improving our customers' day-to-day experience through station enhancements.

### The White Plains Station, Metro-North's third busiest,

is entering the next phase of its three-year renovation, with on-going installation of an island platform canopy ceiling, new restrooms, and new electrical systems. Structural repairs have been completed on the Mott Street stairs. (The full project completion is scheduled for March 2021.)



### At the Harlem-125th Street Station,

most of the improvements have been completed. Ticket vending machines have been moved to one central location to allow greater flow in the central waiting area, while information



dashboards showing real train times were added in their place, and the main floor restrooms have been renovated.

On the platforms, new art graces the interiors of the waiting areas, and new seating has been added.

Improving safety and security, new LED lighting over the street level exterior southern plaza, and above the sidewalk area

in front of the station entrance has been installed. New station identification signage will be installed on the viaduct, providing a new look for the station as customers approach from the east and west on 125th Street—and should be complete by May 2019.

New southern stairways from the street up to Tracks 2 & 4 and Tracks 1 & 3 have been completed and provide better lighting, renovated iron railings, and refurbished stairs. A new ornamental iron-work vestibule at the top of the 1 & 3 platform stairs has been completed as well. Construction of a new 2 & 4 platform stairway vestibule is underway, with completion in May 2019.

#### At the Port Chester Station,

the Kiss & Ride canopy, plaza, stairs, and ramp have been renovated.

New seating and recycling centers have also been added to the platforms. An improved ADA ramp with new artwork on the railings, and new stairs make access faster, easier—and more enjoyable--while new signage at

the entrance gives customers real time information on train arrivals. In addition, we've repaved the parking lot, and added Wi-Fi to the Kiss & Ride waiting area.



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## We're back in the game!



#### Cheer on the Bronx Bombers in their 2019 Season!

Make your way conveniently to **baseball games at Yankee Stadium** by taking our frequent "**Train to the Game**" service featuring Hudson, Harlem and New Haven Line trains to Yankee games, which includes frequent game-day shuttles operating between Grand Central and Harlem-125th Street Station and our Yankees-E. 153rd Street Station, a short walk from the stadium!

#### Get Your Kicks on at Metro-North!

Tired of having to get your "football fix" (*we're talking REAL football here*) from another time zone?

The New York City Football Club (NYCFC) is enjoying its fifth season of soccer games at Yankee Stadium!

And you can take our "**Train to the Game**" to see *YOUR* local team (*in your own time zone*) kick up their heels!



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# BLOOD DRIVE

## All Aboard to Save Lives

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**25**  
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2019

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## New Fares Effective April 21, 2019 for Travel on Metro-North Railroad in New York State

On Sunday, April 21, 2019, **new fares will go into effect** on Metro-North's Harlem and Hudson Lines, as well as on the New Haven Line for travel between stations in New York State ONLY.

(PLEASE NOTE: fare increases will NOT go into effect on the Port Jervis and Pascack Valley Lines.)

Look for the following specific changes:

- **For monthly and weekly commuters**, fares will increase by no more than 3.85%. Monthly ticket increases will not exceed \$15.00. Weekly ticket increases will not exceed \$5.75.
- **Intermediate monthly and weekly ticket** increases are also capped at 3.85%. Some one-way fares will have larger increases only because fares must occur in 25¢ increments. For these one-way fares, any increase greater than 6% would be not more than 50¢ per ride.
  - There is no increase for Monthly Tickets greater than or equal to \$460.00.
  - There is no increase for Weekly Tickets greater than or equal to \$147.00.
- **Monthly Commutation tickets** will be available for sale on the **25th of the preceding month**, beginning April 25, 2019, so if you are purchasing your monthly ticket for May, it will not be on sale until April 25.
- There is **no increase** for **Family Fare** tickets.
- **City Ticket** fares will increase by 25¢ to \$4.50.
- **AM Peak Restrictions** have been modified to Weekday, AM Peak trains arriving in Grand Central Terminal **6 AM – 10 AM** inclusive, and trains departing GCT **6 AM – 9 AM** inclusive.



- **Monthly/Weekly UniTickets** with connecting services will increase by approximately 4.0%.
- Starting with the May monthly commutation tickets, including for the Hudson, Harlem, and New Haven Lines, **\$50 MetroCards will no longer be available** in conjunction with your monthly ticket.
- **Ticket offices** and **Ticket Vending Machines** will continue to offer a round trip rail ticket with **\$5.50 Metro-Card on the back**, and/or you can purchase a stand-alone \$25 MetroCard at the machine.

**PLEASE NOTE: The April 21 fare increase does not affect ticket prices for travel between stations in Connecticut and New York, or between stations within Connecticut**

We'd like to remind you of the timesaving and convenient purchasing options that will save you money:

The best and most cost-effective way to buy tickets is by purchasing multiple-ride tickets (such as monthly, or weekly tickets) in advance of your trip. Visit a ticket window or ticket machine, or use MTA eTix®, the free mobile ticketing app that lets you purchase tickets directly on your smartphone or mobile device.

**Pre-tax federal transit benefits programs** can help you save on commuting costs. Contact your employer and ask about participation that saves both you and your company money.

See more information [online](#) or, look for details in our Tickets & Fares brochure, which are available in Grand Central Terminal and outlying ticket offices.

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## Connect With Us!

We're coming to a station near you with our upcoming customer forums, where you can meet with Metro-North President Catherine Rinaldi, other senior management and members of our customer service department. These will be held at the following stations and times:

### Connect with Us!

Metro-North's Series Of Informal  
**Customer Forums**

Talk with  
**Metro-North Customer Service Representatives & Management**

#### Grand Central Terminal

Tues., May 14  
7 AM – 8:30 AM

*Outside the Station Masters Office*

#### Bridgeport Station

Tues., June 25  
6 AM – 8 AM

*Station Building*

Ask questions! • Give us your input! • Share your comments, concerns and suggestions!



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Way Ahead

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## Safety Rules of the Issue

**A safety reminder from Metro-North:**

It's **SPRING**

**so please remember to...**

- Walk, don't run, for your train.
- Stand back from the platform edge.
- Watch the gap.
- Avoid moving from car to car, especially on a moving train.
- Keep off the tracks at all times.
- Stop using smartphones/tablets when walking on platforms, stairs & near crossings.




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Your safety is always our first priority.



We bring you these rules because your safety is always our first priority all year long!

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## Courtesy Corner

April Showers Bring May Flowers...



...They also bring plenty of wet umbrellas onto Metro-North trains.

Please place your wet umbrella under your seat – and leave the seat next to you free for a fellow passenger!

After all, you never know when the kind favor will be repaid!

**It's the courteous thing to do!**

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