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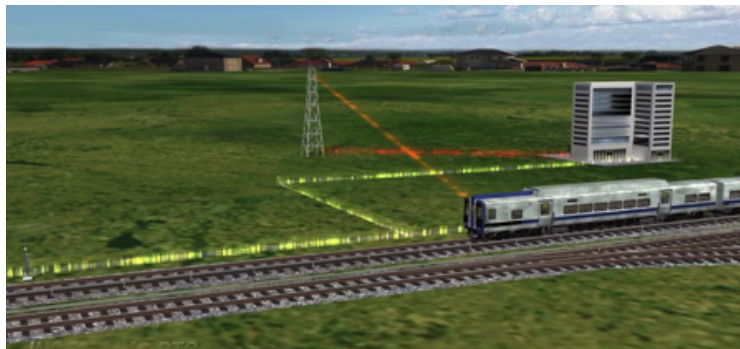
A Newsletter for MTA Metro-North Railroad Customers

December 2018

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A Pivotal PTC Milestone at Metro-North!

Metro-North ran its first passenger train operating with positive train control technology through its pilot segment in late November, and the operation was a resounding success!



Within the designated section of track from Tarrytown to Croton-Harmon, the PTC equipment functioned as intended, marking a pivotal step in our progress towards full implementation of the technology.

The pilot segment test was achieved after months of testing and is also a key compliance milestone with the Federal Railroad Administration.

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Rising to New Heights at Grand Central Terminal

Two new elevators opened for business in GCT in late November. Not only are they a mix of practical innovation and architectural style, they **improve access** to the Terminal, a key initiative of our [Way Ahead Strategic Plan](#).

Replacing stairways, the elevators improve accessibility from the Upper Level of the Terminal to the Street Level, (also known as the top of the “Kitty Kelly” ramp at the corner of 42nd Street and Vanderbilt Ave., for you railroad insiders.)

The elevators and elevator lobbies were designed and constructed in a style reminiscent of the historical design of GCT, though the elevator doors replace the older glass style with a new more practical solid metal panel.

The paint color, trim molding, and center lighting fixtures all are matched to be similar to other existing GCT elevators. The new elevators have additional downlights and a more durable epoxy floor for heavy traffic and equipment.

The two elevator lobbies, one at the top of the ramp and the other at the concourse level, are similarly reflective of the architecture in the landmarked Terminal. Repurposed from another area of GCT, the lobbies’ light fixtures are Terminal originals.

To complete the design, project architects referenced plans from our historical Plan Room.

Happy upward travels to you!



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New York Cares Coat Drive

Dec. 3 – 28

Graybar Passage
Track 13

Mon.- Fri.
7 AM - 9:30 AM

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Message from Security:

This Holiday Season, Remember....

#IfYouBringitOnTakeitOff

This holiday season when traveling with armloads of shopping bags, please remember #IfYouBringitOnTakeitoff – or you could find yourself on Santa's 'naughty' list when you come up short on gifts for family and friends!



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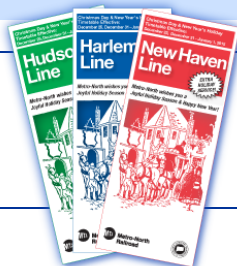
The Holidays are Coming, and so is our Special Christmas — New Year's Holiday Service (December 21 – January 1)

What's the best way to get around during the holidays? Is it:

- A. Driving a car into and out of the city; B. Riding a bicycle; C. Taking Metro-North's Special Holiday Service.

Of course, the answer is C. (Traffic can be very challenging during the holidays, and riding a bike in cold weather is daunting!)

To make your yuletide travels even easier, we have two holiday timetables....



We start with our "merry & bright" Christmas Getaway Service on Friday, December 21.

It features extra trains departing Grand Central beginning at 1 PM. Some evening trains will be cancelled or combined because of reduced ridership later in the day. (*Hopefully, you don't work for a Scrooge and they let you go home early!*)

Christmas Eve falls on Monday, December 24,

and we will operate an expanded Saturday schedule. (*Tip for a Merry Christmas: We recommend you do all your shopping before then...*)

On Christmas Day, Tuesday, December 25,

we will operate a special holiday schedule with hourly service on most line segments, and regular weekend service on all branch lines.

For the week between Christmas and New Year's (Wednesday – Thursday, December 26 – 27),

we will operate a weekday schedule with reduced AM Peak service and additional inbound service operating in the late morning. PM peak service will operate normally.

On Friday, December 28,

we will operate reduced weekday AM Peak service with additional inbound trains in the late morning. On Friday afternoon, look for our early getaway service (same as Friday, December 21) as shown in our [online timetable](#) or in our [Train Time app](#) (on [iPhone](#) or [Android](#)). Note that select evening trains will be cancelled or combined because of reduced ridership later in the day.

We wind down the old year and start up the new with our "holiday lights" New Year's Service

On New Year's Eve, Monday, December 31,

we will operate a reduced weekday schedule in the morning, which includes extra inbound late afternoon and early evening service to get you to your party. And there is "overnight" New Year's morning service that will get you safely home when that party is over!



Please remember that drinking alcohol on Metro-North trains and at our stations is banned from noon New Year's Eve until noon New Year's Day. (*Because there comes a time when the party really is over.*)

Your first resolution for the New Year should be to buy your tickets in advance: Those of you taking our early morning New Year's service will need to have your tickets ready for collection prior to boarding trains at Grand Central Terminal.

Finally, on New Year's Day, Tuesday, January 1, 2019,

we will operate hourly service on most line segments, and regular weekend service on branch lines.

For all your travels this holiday season, we recommend you use [MTA eTix®](#), the mobile ticketing app that enables you to purchase ten-trip, one way, round trip, weekly and monthly passes on your smartphone or mobile device.

For the full schedule see our [Christmas/New Year's Holiday Timetable](#) or our [Train Time app](#) (on [iPhone](#) or [Android](#)).

All of us at Metro-North wish you a safe and happy holiday season!

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...and When Jack Frost is Nipping at Your Nose...

.....and everyone else's, you should know the following phone numbers and web addresses to get the latest on how other services you use may be affected:

**MTA Metro-North Railroad Customer Information Center,
Hudson Rail Link,
Haverstraw-Ossining and Newburgh-Beacon Ferries:**
511 www.mta.info/mnr

(from Connecticut, dial
1-877-690-5114)

MTA New York City Transit (Including MTA Bus)
511 www.mta.info/nyct

Westchester County Bee Line Bus
1-914-813-7777 www.westchestergov.com/beelinebus

Ulster-Poughkeepsie LINK
1-888-827-8228 www.ulstercountyny.gov/ucat

Housatonic Area Regional Transit (HART)
1-203-744-4070 www.hartransit.com

Dutchess County Loop
1-845-473-8424 www.dutchessny.gov/PublicTransit

Newburgh-Beacon Shuttle
1-800-MAGIC17 www.leprechaunlines.com

LAZ Parking (Metro-North owned/operated facilities)
1-888-682-PARK www.rrparking.com/map/

Connecticut Transit
Stamford: 1-203-327-7433 www.cttransit.com
New Haven: 1-203-624-0151
Waterbury: 1-203-753-2538

Greater Bridgeport Transit Authority
1-203-333-3031 www.gogbt.com

Norwalk Transit District
1-203-852-0000 www.norwalktransit.com

CT Rail
1-877-287-4337
Shore Line East: www.shorelineeast.com
Hartford Line: www.hartfordline.com

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Safety Rules of the Issue

A safety reminder from Metro-North:

During the winter season, please remember to...

- Watch for icy conditions in station parking lots and on sidewalks, stairs and platforms (including temporary platforms).
- Always use stair handrails.
- Use caution when you enter and exit your train – train floors and platforms may be slippery.
- Avoid moving from car to car, especially on a moving train.
- Please allow extra time for travel during inclement weather.

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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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Looking for Outdoor Fun this Winter? You Can Take the Whole Family!



Between now and December 31, take our [discounted package to:](#)

Westchester's Winter Wonderland at Kensico Dam Plaza

where you can visit with Santa and friends, ice skate on the plaza (skates included), check out family rides and special events, and take in the Winter Wonderland Holiday Circus under a heated big top circus tent.

Stroll around the dazzling holiday light show, then warm up with a meal and drink from your favorite local food trucks.

And you'll **save on admission by taking Metro-North.**

See the [package price from Harlem Line Stations.](#)

Getting there is simple:

Take our [Harlem Line to Valhalla Station.](#) Kensico Dam Plaza is a short walk from the station!

Take the Train to the Slopes!

(We're not kidding!) And Metro-North gets you there with our [discount Getaway package!](#)

Thunder Ridge Ski Area

Just 70 miles north of Manhattan in Patterson, New York, the area's scenic slopes are perfect for all levels of skiers and snowboarders – from beginner to expert.

Trips are available Saturdays and Sundays, December 8 – March 17, 2019, including all of the holiday weekends.

Please check [weather conditions online](#) or call 845-878-4100.

Getting there is easy:

Take the [Harlem Line](#) to Patterson Station, where a shuttle bus meets [these trains](#) to take you to and from the ski area.

See a complete list of our [Getaways](#).



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Courtesy Corner



Just in time for the holidays, we present a handy guide to being “naughty” and “nice” while riding Metro-North Railroad:

Naughty:

Putting your feet and bags on the seats.

Nice:

Using the overhead racks to store your packages and keeping your feet on the floor!

Naughty:

Leaving your garbage on the train for the next person to deal with.

Nice:

Taking your garbage with you and throwing it out in the proper receptacle. *(Don't forget to recycle—that's very nice!)*

Naughty:

Talking loudly while riding in a Quiet Car. *(Make that "Very Naughty!")*

Nice:

Speaking in a subdued voice, and obeying all the **Quiet Car® rules**.

Doing all of the above will ensure you do not get coal in your stocking, and that everyone's commute is more pleasant.

It's the courteous (and nice) thing to do!

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