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A Newsletter for MTA Metro-North Railroad Customers Winter 2017

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More Buses to Hop On, Gus!



Your weekend travel is going to get better if you use the Tappan ZExpress bus!

Metro-North and the Rockland County Department of Public Transportation are working together to expand **Saturday TAPPAN ZExpress bus service** by adding eight new trips between Rockland and Westchester Counties, and extending two trips to White Plains. The increased service provides for

more frequent service throughout the day.

These changes will mean West-of-Hudson customers will have an easier time connecting to Metro-North trains on weekends, providing more travel options.

We are also working together to initiate **Sunday TAPPAN ZExpress bus service** for the first time. The bus will operate on the same schedule as the newly enhanced Saturday service. The bus currently makes 24 trips between Rockland and Westchester Counties on Saturdays but has no Sunday service. In the future, it will have 32 trips on both Saturdays and Sundays.

The changes will make it easier for Rockland County residents to access Metro-North at Tarrytown and White Plains Stations, and are slated to take place in the first quarter of 2017.

TAPPAN ZExpress

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Parking For Just \$20 a Year!

We've permanently slashed the cost of annual parking at all West-of-Hudson stations from \$235 to just \$20.

That's a **91% price reduction**, which means an extra **\$215** in your pocket each year.

And daily meter parking fees are also permanently reduced by 55% from \$2.75 a day to \$1.25 a day.

Metro-North has seen a 63% increase in the number of customers taking advantage of the discounted parking since it was introduced as a pilot program in 2014. The railroad has **3,766 permit spaces** and **995 daily meter spaces** at six stations on the Port Jervis Line and three stations on the Pascack Valley. Permits are available at all stations.

- Permits can be purchased just as you buy your current parking permit, either **via your current on-line account** or by calling: 888-682-PARK (888-682-7275).
- For additional information contact **LAZ parking** or call them at 888-682-7275 (Monday – Friday, 7 AM – 9 PM).

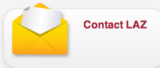
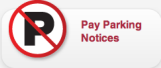
"Since 2014, we've been seeing an overall trend of increased ridership on the West-of-Hudson Lines, and we expect this trend to continue," said Joseph Giulietti, President of



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Metro-North. "We're committed to finding ways to better serve Orange and Rockland counties and continuing to build our West-of-Hudson customer base. As part of our effort to attract and retain customers, we're pleased to offer a big break on parking at West-of-Hudson stations."



View Map of All LAZ Station Parking Locations.

Find a Metro-North Railroad Station

• **Ridership on the Port Jervis Line** has grown **101%** since 1983.

• **On the Pascack Valley Line**, ridership has increased by almost **50%** since the institution of weekday off-peak and weekend service in 2007.

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Safety Rule of the Issue

Never take a shortcut across tracks to get to your station or the parking lot.

When on foot, always remember to:

- **Only use designated walkways** and crossings. Never walk, run, or cycle under a lowered crossing gate.
- **Wait for crossing gates to go up and the lights to stop flashing** before proceeding across the tracks. *(A second train may be coming and may be obstructed from view.)*



When in your car:

- **Don't attempt to drive through the crossing** unless there is room for your car on the other side, even if the gates are up and the lights are not flashing.
- **Prepare to stop** when you see the crossing gate lights flashing. *(Flashing lights = Stop sign.)*
- **Wait for the lights to stop flashing** before proceeding through the crossing.
- **Never drive around lowered gates.** *(Again, more than one train may be approaching.)*

We bring you these reminders because your safety is always our first priority.

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Courtesy Corner



Once again travels the world *(make that, "use Google,")* to report on new ways to start 2017!

In the Philippines, they eat round fruits and wear polka-dot outfits in the belief this will bring financial fortune in the coming year. *(Somehow we don't expect this fashion trend to sweep Fifth Avenue!)*

In Scotland, locals swing giant fireballs over their heads. It's supposed to represent the sun and its purifying power. *(Sounds like a hot time to us!)*

In Russia, they write a wish on a piece of paper, burn it, throw it into a champagne glass, and drink it at midnight *(usually after having several bottles of champagne).*

And on our trains, all we ask you to do is to keep your feet off the seats, keep the volume down on your headphones, take your garbage with you, and respect the rules when riding in a **Quiet Car**.

Have a happy, safe and courteous 2017!

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