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A Newsletter for MTA Metro-North Railroad Customers

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Our Thanksgiving Tradition!

Like turkey, stuffing and unbuttoning your pants at the dinner table, it's a holiday tradition!

Every year we cook up a special **Thanksgiving Holiday Timetable** stuffed with service from **Thursday, November 23** through **Sunday, November 26**.

And we serve them up in Grand Central and at our outlying stations. *(Take one, they are low in calories and good for you!)* You can also find train times on our [schedules page](#) or on our new [TrainTime App!](#)



We've got plenty of service to take you over the river, through the woods, and to whomever's house you are going to.

[On Wednesday, November 22,](#)

take flight like a turkey (*yes, they do fly when they aren't being cooked*) on one of our early getaway trains, which begin departing Grand Central Terminal at around 1 PM. Because of reduced ridership, some evening trains may be cancelled or combined. See a regular [October 8 timetable](#) for details.

We have a special [Thanksgiving Holiday Timetable](#) for travel...

[On Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 23,](#)

we will operate a modified weekend schedule with additional inbound trains for those of you heading to the Macy's Thanksgiving Holiday Parade.

And we will have plenty of additional outbound service to get you home to the dinner table.

[On the Day after Thanksgiving, Friday, November 24,](#)

a Saturday schedule will be in effect with additional AM inbound and PM outbound trains, so you can take advantage of all those Black Friday sales or simply enjoy all of the holiday decorations.

[On Saturday and Sunday, November 25 and 26,](#)

we will provide regular weekend schedules with additional Shoppers' Specials trains.

Off-peak fares are in effect for the entire four-day holiday period Thursday through Sunday,

and you can take advantage of free parking at many of our stations. (Check for signs at stations, or call 511 for details. Outside of New York, call 877-690-5114.)

If you are traveling to/from Manhattan with family and friends to see the holiday sights, we recommend you use [MTA eTix](#)[®], the mobile ticketing app available for [iPhone](#) or [Android](#), which enables you to purchase one way, round trip, ten-trip, weekly and monthly passes on your smartphone or mobile device.

[Check out our fares page to see what option works best for you.](#)

If you are traveling in a group, why not purchase a ten-trip off-peak ticket and save 15% off the one-way fare? The ticket can be used by more than one person, even when you are traveling together.

Or use our Family Fare and pay \$1 per ticket for up to four children (ages 5 to 11) when they are traveling with a fare-paying adult. (The fifth child and all other children pay Child Fare).

Finally, here's our recipe for happy Thanksgiving travel:

Buy your tickets in advance (*like your turkey*). Thanksgiving is the busiest travel day of the year, and if you're leaving New York after the parade, you must have your ticket before boarding your train at Grand Central or Harlem-125th Street Station. Again, we suggest you use **MTA eTix**[®]. (*You'll be thankful you did!*)

All of us at Metro-North wish you and your family a happy and safe Thanksgiving holiday!

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Check Out These Specials!

Our Shoppers' Specials Service returns for six weekends

between **November 18** and **December 24**!

This is either reason to cheer (*if you like to holiday shop without any hassle*) or to hide your credit cards.

On Saturdays, November 18 – December 23 look for:

- Two additional Upper Hudson Line trains.
- Eight additional outer New Haven Line trains.

On Sundays, November 19 – December 24 look for:

- Three additional outer New Haven Line trains.

Shoppers' Specials are listed in the current October 8 timetable or you can find them on our [schedules page](#) or by using our [Train Time App](#) on your [iPhone](#) or [Android](#)!



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All's Fair For the Holidays...

The Holiday Fair returns to Grand Central's Vanderbilt Hall

from **Monday, November 13** – **Sunday, December 24**

- Weekdays, 10 AM – 8 PM;
- Saturday, 10 AM – 7 PM;
- Sunday, 11 AM – 6 PM;
- Closed Thanksgiving

It's one of the longest-running indoor holiday fairs in New York City, and will feature 40 vendors selling artwork, clothing, men's/women's accessories, children's toys, home goods... if you can't find that special something for that special someone there, then you'd better believe in Santa Claus (*because he's going to be your last best hope*).



They are even **open Christmas Eve until 6 PM** (*for those of you who like to tempt fate during the holidays*)!

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Small Gauge, Big Fun

The New York Transit Museum's Annual Holiday Train Show

returns to Grand Central Terminal from Thursday, November 16, 2017 – Sunday, February 4, 2018.

Located next to the Stationmaster's Office, the show features a 34-foot-long, "O gauge" layout with Lionel's model Metro-North M7s, New York Central, and vintage subway trains running on eight separate loops of track. Admission is free!



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Treat Yourself this Holiday Season!

Download one of our free apps.

Real-time departures. Real easy tickets. **MTA eTix®** and **Metro-North Train Time** apps give you everything you need to make your next Metro-North trip as simple as possible. Buy tickets and check train time departures from your phone – anytime, anywhere.

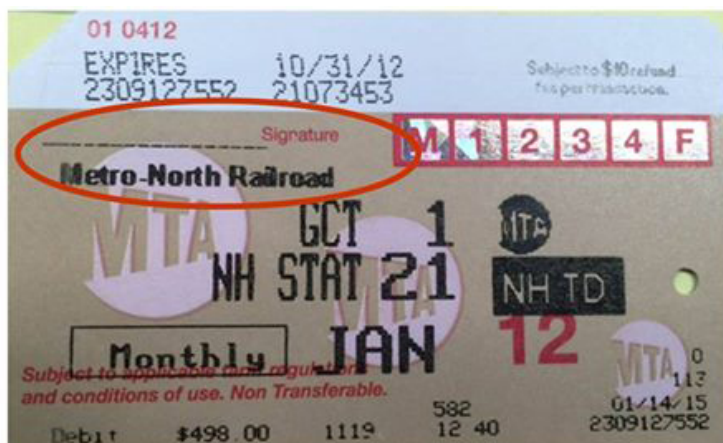


They are the gift that gives all year long!

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Be Sure to Sign Your Monthly Ticket!

Please remember to sign the front of your monthly ticket to protect it if it is lost or some “turkey” steals & tries to use it. Please remember that monthly tickets are non-transferable.



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Safety Rule of the Issue

They say turkeys trot. But you are not a turkey! (*Are you? If you are, how are you reading this?*) You should walk, especially during the “fall.”

Along with the season's drop in temperature the autumn leaves make things "slippery" all around.

So please always use handrails on stairs, and never, never trot (*no matter what the season, no matter what your species*) on our train platforms.

And while you are at it, be sure to use caution when driving on leaf-covered roads to and from our stations and parking lots.

We bring you these rules every month because your safety is always our first priority.

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All the “Fixins”

With so many great Getaway deals available this holiday season, it's hard to take just one. (Take a few, they are non-fattening and good for you!)



For starters, there's our package to the **Radio City Christmas Spectacular.**

You'll **save up to 20% on tickets** to select performances! And who wouldn't want to see the Rockettes do their famous “Parade of the Wooden

Soldiers?”

Or why not go walking in Westchester's Winter Wonderland (Friday, November 24 – Sunday, December 31)

and experience a one-of-a-kind holiday extravaganza that brings the best of Bryant Park and Rockefeller Center to Kensico Dam Plaza in Valhalla, NY! Enjoy the Santa Experience, unlimited skating on the Rangers Town Rink with skates included, Holiday Circus, great rides, fantastic local food trucks, dazzling light show and more!



Getting there is easy: Take our Harlem Line to Valhalla Station. Kensico Dam Plaza is a short walk from the station!

See all of our Getaway deals!

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Courtesy Corner

At least we've got Thanksgiving!

Or do we? It turns out this holiday isn't as uniquely American as we think. There's actually a “cornucopia”^{**} of harvest-time holidays celebrated by countless cultures over the centuries.



For the Greeks & Romans “Thanksgiving” lasted for days, and featured food, music and parades. (*No gas-filled floats though... at least we can still claim those!*)



And in China, the harvest festival Chung Ch'ui featured a feast with round yellow biscuits called “moon cakes.” (*Could they be the precursor to our beloved “moonpies”?*)

At Metro-North we would like to start our own Thanksgiving traditions by asking you to observe the following when traveling this holiday season:



- Keep your feet off the seats;
- Store your packages securely in the overhead rack;
- Take your garbage with you when you leave the train (*and put it in the proper receptacle*).

If you follow all of the above, your fellow travelers, and we, would be truly thankful.

It's the courteous thing to do.

**The cornucopia, or horn of plenty, one of Thanksgiving's best known symbols, was created by Zeus to produce a never-ending supply of food, which made holiday entertaining at his place very easy...*

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