



Winter News Roundup

Outlying stations to take credit cards Feb. 8

Metra will begin accepting credit cards at all 76 outlying stations with ticket agents and at the 14 busiest Metra Electric stations starting on Feb. 8. Metra already began accepting Visa, MasterCard, American Express and Discover cards at its downtown stations last month and on its website, www.metrarail.com, in September. New credit-card vending machines at the 14 busiest outlying Metra Electric District stations will be in addition to the cash-based machines that are already in place along the line. Metra Electric riders, please see the new vending machine instructions in the chart on the right.

New fare structure starts this month

Remember, Metra's new fare structure begins this month. One-way fares increase about 6 percent, an average of about 30 cents a ticket. Weekend fares increase to \$7 from \$5, the first increase in the existence of the weekend fare program, which began in May 1991. And the penalty for on-board purchases increases to \$3 from \$2. That penalty is not assessed on passengers who board at unmanned stations.

Milwaukee North, NCS schedules adjusted

Metra has adjusted the schedules of some trains on the Milwaukee North line and the North Central Service. On the Milwaukee North, there are minor schedule changes on trains Nos. 2140, 2620, 2622, 2623 and 2625. In addition, for all Chicago Cubs home games only, trains Nos. 2606, 2610, 2613 and 2619 will stop at the Grayland Station. On the North Central Service, train No. 105 will now stop at Western Ave. and train No. 120 will now stop at Libertyville and Lake Forest on the Milwaukee North line. The schedules posted on www.metrarail.com have been updated to reflect the changes, and new printed timetables are available at stations.

Coffee shop opens at MetraMarket

Espression by Lavazza is now open at MetraMarket, joining Chicago French Market and CVS/Pharmacy. Accessible from its street entrance at 121 N. Clinton as well as from the MetraMarket/Ogilvie commuter concourse, this unique concept café created by Lavazza, Italy's leading coffee company and one of the preeminent roasters in the world, is the third of its kind in America. The casually-elegant coffee shop serves its famous coffee beverages as well as a wide range of breakfast items, sandwiches, salads, pastries and gelato.

How to Use Metra's New Credit Card Ticket Vending Machines

It's fast and easy to purchase Metra tickets with our new ticket vending machines.

STEP 1. SELECT

Select one-way, ten-ride, monthly or weekend pass, then select your destination.

STEP 2. INSERT CARD

Insert your Discover, MasterCard, American Express or Visa charge card for payment.

Step 3. TAKE

Take your ticket and receipt.

One Way Ticket—Good for one way travel between the fare zones indicated on the ticket.

10-Ride—Good for ten one-way trips between the fare zones indicated on the ticket.

Monthly Pass—Good for unlimited travel between the fare zones and month indicated on the ticket.

Weekend Pass—Unlimited rides on both Saturday and Sunday.

Reduced fare tickets are not available at vending machines.

