

**NOTICE OF SPECIAL DISTRICT MEETING OF THE
SOUTH COUNTRY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
TOWN OF BROOKHAVEN, SUFFOLK COUNTY, NEW YORK
ON BEHALF OF THE BROOKHAVEN FREE LIBRARY**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a Special District Meeting of the qualified voters of the South Country Central School District, Town of Brookhaven, Suffolk County, New York will be held at the Brookhaven Free Library, 273 Beaver Dam Road, Brookhaven, New York on **Tuesday April 4, 2023** at 10:00 a.m., prevailing time, for the purpose of voting by voting machine upon the following items:

- (1) To adopt the Annual Budget of the Brookhaven Free Library for the fiscal year 2023/2024 and to authorize that the requisite portion thereof be raised by taxation on the taxable property of the South Country Central School District.
- (2) To elect (2) two Trustees of the Library to fill a five-year term commencing July 1, 2023.

FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that for the purpose of voting at such meeting on **Tuesday, April 4, 2023**, the polls will be open between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m., prevailing time, and voting will be held at the Brookhaven Free Library, 273 Beaver Dam Road, Brookhaven, New York; and

FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a copy of a statement of the amount of money which will be required for the ensuing year for the Brookhaven Free Library's purposes exclusive of public monies, may be obtained by any resident of the District during the fourteen (14) days immediately preceding said meeting except Saturdays, Sundays and holidays from the Library located on Beaver Dam Road, Brookhaven, New York during regular business hours and from the School District between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. (Monday- Friday) at the District's Administration building located at 189 Dunton Ave., East Patchogue, New York.

FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that petitions nominating candidates for the office of Trustee of the Brookhaven Free Library must be filed at the Brookhaven Free Library, 273 Beaver Dam Road, Brookhaven, New York, no later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday, February 27, 2023; such petitions shall be filed between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. (Monday - Friday) prevailing time; each petition must be directed to the Director of the Library, must be signed by at least twenty-five (25) qualified voters of the School District, and must state the residence address of each signer and the name and residence of the candidate. Vacancies on the Library Board are not considered separate, specific offices, and the nominating petitions, therefore, shall not describe any specific vacancies upon the Library Board for which the candidate is nominated.

FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that personal registration of voters is required either pursuant to § 2014 of the Education Law or pursuant to Article 5 of the Election Law. If a voter has theretofore registered pursuant to § 2014 of the Education Law and has voted at any Annual or Special District Meeting of the South Country Central School District within the past four (4) years, such voter is eligible to vote at this election; if a voter is registered and

eligible to vote pursuant to Article 5 of the Election Law, such voter is also eligible to vote at this election. All other persons who wish to vote must register. Registration shall be conducted for the purpose of registering all qualified voters of the District pursuant to §2014 of the Education Law through Thursday, March 30, 2023 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., prevailing time and on all regular days during which the Office of the District Clerk is in operation at the Office of the Clerk located in the South Country Central School District Administration Building, 189 Dunton Avenue, East Patchogue, New York, at which time any person will be entitled to have his or her name placed on such register, provided that at such time he or she is known, or proven to the satisfaction of said Clerk to be then or thereafter entitled to vote at such Special District Meeting for which the register is prepared. The register so prepared pursuant to §2014 of the Education Law will be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the School District in the Administration Building, and will be open for inspection by any qualified voter of the District beginning on each of the five (5) days prior to the date set for the meeting between the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., prevailing time, weekdays, except Sunday and on Saturday, April 1, 2023 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. In addition, the registration list shall be available in the Brookhaven Free Library on the day of the vote.

FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that applications for absentee ballots will be obtainable from the office of the Clerk of the School District (Administrative Offices, 189 Dunton Ave., East Patchogue, New York) between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., prevailing time, during all days on which the School District is in session. Completed applications must be received by the District Clerk no earlier than March 6, 2023 and by March 28, 2023, if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter. If the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter at the office of the District Clerk the completed application must be received by the District Clerk no later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday, April 3, 2023. No absentee voter's ballot shall be canvassed unless it shall have been received in the office of the Clerk of the District not later than 5:00 p.m. on the day of the election. A list of all persons to whom absentee ballots shall have been issued will be available in the School District Clerk's office between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on each of the five days prior to April 4, 2023, except Sundays and holidays.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that military voters who are not currently registered may apply to register as a qualified voter of the South Country Central School District by requesting and returning a registration application to the District Clerk in person, or by email to cflynn@southcountry.org or fax sent to 631-286-2457. The request for the registration application may include the military voter's preference for receipt of the registration application by either mail, fax or email. Military voter registration application forms must be received in the office of the District Clerk no later than 5:00 p.m. on March 9, 2023.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that military voters who are qualified voters of the South Country Central School District, may request an application for a military ballot from the District Clerk in person, or by email to cflynn@southcountry.org or fax sent to 631-286-2457. In order for a military voter to be issued a military ballot, a valid military ballot application must be received in the office of the District Clerk no later than 5:00 p.m., on March 9, 2023. Military ballot applications received in accordance with the foregoing will be processed in the same manner as a non-military ballot application under Section 2018-a of the Education Law. The

application for military ballot may include the military voter's preference for receipt of the military ballot by mail, fax, or email. A military voter's original military ballot application and military ballot must be returned by mail or in person to the office of the District Clerk at South Country Central School District, 189 Dunton Avenue, East Patchogue, NY 11772.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that military ballots shall be canvassed if they are received by the District Clerk (1) before the close of polls on April 4, 2023 showing a cancellation mark of the United States Postal Service or a foreign country's postal service, or showing a dated endorsement of receipt by another agency of the United States Government; or (2) not later than 5:00 p.m. on April 4, 2023 and signed and dated by the military voter and one witness thereto, with a date which is ascertained to be not later than the day before the election.

Dated: January 4, 2023
East Patchogue, New York

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
SOUTH COUNTRY CENTRAL SCHOOL
DISTRICT, TOWN OF BROOKHAVEN,
SUFFOLK COUNTY,
NEW YORK

Christine Flynn
District Clerk