

**NOTICE OF ANNUAL ELECTION AND BUDGET VOTE
OF THE COMSEWOGUE PUBLIC LIBRARY
TOWN OF BROOKHAVEN, COUNTY OF SUFFOLK, NEW YORK**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Annual Election and Budget Vote of the qualified voters of the Comsewogue Union Free School District, Town of Brookhaven, Suffolk County, New York, will be held at the Comsewogue Public Library, 170 Terryville Road, Port Jefferson Station, New York, on April 4, 2023, between the hours of 9:30 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. prevailing time, for the purpose of voting, by paper ballot, upon the following items:

- (1) Proposition to adopt the Annual Budget for the support and maintenance of the Comsewogue Public Library for the 2023-2024 fiscal year and to authorize the requisite portion thereof to be raised by taxation on the taxable property of the Brookhaven-Comsewogue Union Free School District; and
- (2) Election of one (1) Trustee to the Board of Trustees of the Comsewogue Public Library to fill a five-year term commencing July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2028, as a result of the expiration of the term of office presently held by Kevin Spence; and

FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a copy of the statement of the amount of money which will be required for the ensuing fiscal year for the Comsewogue Public Library's purposes, may be obtained by any resident of the School District during the fourteen (14) days immediately preceding and on the day of said meeting, except Saturdays, Sundays or holidays, from the Library, located at 170 Terryville Road, Port Jefferson Station, New York, during the hours in which the Library is regularly open for business and online at www.cplib.org; and

FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Board of Trustees of the Comsewogue Public Library will conduct a Budget Information Hearing for the purpose of presenting the proposed budget of the Comsewogue Public Library on March 22, 2023 at the Comsewogue Public Library, 170 Terryville Road, Port Jefferson Station, New York 11776 at 6:00 p.m., subject to such meeting being conducted by way of the Library streaming service as cited on the Library's website; and

FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that petitions nominating candidates for the Office of Trustee of the Comsewogue Public Library shall be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Library, 170 Terryville Road, Port Jefferson Station, New York, between the hours of 9:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., prevailing time, Monday through Friday, but not later than 5:00 p.m., Monday, March 6, 2023; such petition may also be filed remotely with the Library Election Clerk (cspena@cplib.org) if permitted by Executive Order. Each petition must be directed to the Office of the Clerk of the Library, must be signed by at least twenty-five (25) qualified voters of the District and must state the residence of each signer and the name and residence of the candidate; and

FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that personal registration of voters is required either pursuant to section 2014 of the Education Law or pursuant to Article 5 of the Election Law. If a voter has heretofore registered pursuant to section 2014 of the Education Law and has voted at any annual or special district meeting within the past four (4) years, such voter is eligible to vote at this election; if the 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 may be effected during normal school hours when school is in session at the Office of the District Clerk, Administrative Office, Comsewogue Union Free School District, 290 Norwood Avenue, Port Jefferson Station, NY. Those wishing to register may mail completed registration forms to the Suffolk County Board of Elections (forms available to be downloaded at its website; or may be obtained at a U.S. Post Office; or by way of visiting <https://www.dmv.ny.gov/more-info/electronic-voter-registration-application> in order to do so online); and

FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that pursuant to the provisions of 2018-a of the Education Law, absentee ballots for the election of Trustee of the Library and for the adoption of the annual budget may be applied for at the Office of the Clerk of the Comsewogue Public Library during regular business hours. Such application must be received by the Office of the Clerk of the Comsewogue Public Library seven (7) days prior to the vote/election if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter or by 5:00 p.m. on the day prior to the vote/election if the ballot is to be personally delivered to the voter. No absentee voter's ballot shall be canvassed, unless it shall have been received in the Office of the Clerk of the Comsewogue Public Library no 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 said Office of the Clerk of the Comsewogue Public Library on each of the five (5) days prior to April 4, 2023 except Saturdays, Sundays and holidays, (subject to the Library being open to the public during such days); and

FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that military voters who are qualified voters of the Comsewogue Union Free School District may request an application for a military ballot from the Library Election Clerk by mail to Comsewogue Public Library, 170 Terryville Road, Port Jefferson Station, NY 11776, by email to cspena@cplib.org or by fax to 631-928-6307. In such request, the military voter should indicate his/her preference for receiving the application by mail, fax or email. A military voter must return the original military ballot application by mail to the Office of the Clerk at Comsewogue Public Library, 170 Terryville Road, Port Jefferson Station, NY 11776. 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 Clerk no later than 5:00 p.m. on March 10, 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-b of the Education Law. The application for a military ballot should include the military voter's preference for receipt of the military ballot by mail, fax, or email; and

FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a military voter's original military ballot must be returned by mail to the Office of the Clerk, 170 Terryville Road, Port Jefferson

Station, N.Y. Military ballots shall be canvassed if they are received by the Library Election Clerk: (1) before the close of the polls on election day and showing a cancellation mark of the U.S. postal service or a foreign country's postal service, or showing a dated endorsement of receipt by another agency of the U.S. government; or (2) not later than 5:00 p.m. on election day 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; and

FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a qualified voter whose ability to appear personally at the polling place is substantially impaired by reason of permanent illness or physical disability and whose registration record has been marked "permanently disabled" by the Board of Elections pursuant to the provisions of the Election Law shall be entitled to receive an absentee ballot pursuant to the provisions of the Election Law without making separate application for such absentee ballot.

Dated: Port Jefferson Station, NY
February 16, 2023

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF
TRUSTEES OF THE COMSEWOGUE
PUBLIC LIBRARY
CHRISTOPHER McCRARY, PRESIDENT