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## Senator Mattera Joins The Smithtown Library and Stony Brook Cancer Center To Provide Free Breast Cancer Screening Event

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Senator Mario R. Mattera (2<sup>nd</sup> Senate District), in conjunction with The Smithtown Library, is hosting the **Stony Brook Cancer Center's Mobile Mammography Van** in Smithtown. The free breast cancer-screening event will be held from 10 am to 4 pm on Monday, October 24<sup>th</sup> at **One North Country Road in Smithtown.**

Stony Brook University Cancer Center operates and staffs the mobile van, which was made possible through more than \$3 million from the New York State Department of Health. The van provides convenient access to all women in our area to ensure that women on Long Island get the information they need to protect themselves from breast cancer.

This event is for women forty and older who have not had a mammogram in the past year. An appointment is necessary so all who are interested should call 631-638-4135 to schedule an appointment. For more information on the [Stony Brook Cancer Center's Mobile Mammography Van](#), residents can visit [cancer.stonybrookmedicine.edu/Patients/MammoVan](http://cancer.stonybrookmedicine.edu/Patients/MammoVan).

According to information provided by Stony Brook Cancer Center, most screenings are no cost since the cost of mammograms are covered by Medicare, Medicaid and almost all insurance companies. Any resident who has no insurance will be referred to the New York State Cancer Services Program, which may cover the cost of an exam.

In New York State, breast cancer is the most commonly diagnosed cancer and the second leading cause of cancer death among women. Mammograms and breast cancer screenings can detect cancer at early stages, when it is often the most treatable.

**“Finding breast cancer early through screening has helped reduce breast cancer deaths among women. That makes access to no-cost screenings critical to continuing the fight against this terrible disease. Unfortunately, there was a significant decline in breast cancer screenings during and after the pandemic so it is important that every woman in our area has access to screening. There should be no barriers and I thank Stony Brook University and the [Smithtown Library](#) for partnering with my office to provide this helpful preventive care,”** stated Senator Mattera.

Please [click here](#) for eligibility requirements and other information from Stony Brook Cancer Center.