



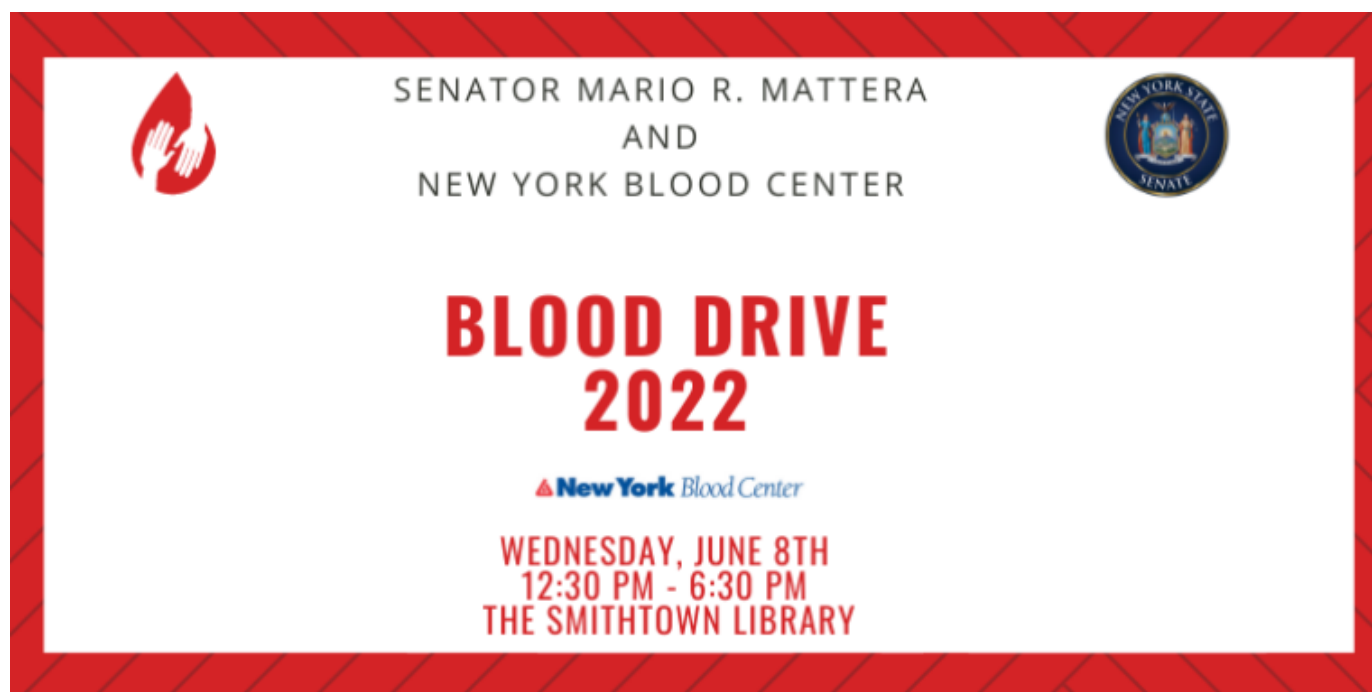
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Mario R. Mattera

## Senator Mattera Hosting Blood Drive In Nesconset

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To help assist the **New York Blood Center** increase their lifesaving blood supply, Senator Mario R. Mattera (2<sup>nd</sup> Senate District) is sponsoring a special blood drive on Wednesday June 8, 2022, at the Nesconset Branch of the Smithtown Library, which is located at **148 Smithtown Boulevard in Nesconset**. This donation drive will take place from 12:30 pm to 6:30 pm in the Library's Community Room.

"Recently, the New York Blood Center announced a blood supply emergency and this is a situation that is affecting our health care providers and their ability to care for patients. It is important that everyone pulls together to help since there is no substitute – no alternative –

our community can turn to in the absence of blood donations. One pint can save three lives so every donor is a true hero,” Senator Mattera. “Thank you to the Smithtown Library, the New York Blood Center and all who donate for helping our community.”

Those in need of blood include cancer patients, accident, burn, or trauma victims, newborn babies and mothers delivering babies, transplant recipients, surgery patients, chronically transfused patients suffering from sickle cell disease or thalassemia, and many more.

The entire donation process takes less than an hour and a single donation can be used to save multiple lives. Donors with O-negative blood type, or “universal donors,” are especially encouraged to donate, as their blood can be used in emergencies. About one in seven hospital admissions requires a blood transfusion, and with a limited shelf life, supplies must be continually replenished.

All residents who are eligible to donate are invited to join the event. Participants are required to meet the following criteria for their own safety:

- Minimum weight 110 lbs.
- Eligible ages are 16 to 75. Anyone donating who is 16 years old must have parental permission and anyone who is age 76 and over is required to supply a doctor’s note.
- No new tattoos in the past three months.

Residents who have questions concerning medical eligibility or who would like to schedule an appointment should call 800-933-2566. **Interested donors should [click here](#) to schedule an appointment.**

It is recommended that all donors eat well and drink plenty of fluids prior to their appointment. All donors must bring identification which includes their signature and a photo.