

Cantigny Offers Forum on Running for Local Elective Office

WHEATON, IL, September 13, 2012 — Cantigny Park, part of the Robert R. McCormick Foundations, will host a forum on Thursday, September 27, on running for local public office. The event will begin at 7 pm in the Cantigny Visitors Center Theater and is open to the public. Admission and parking are free.

The forum's goal is to demystify the process of becoming a candidate and to encourage citizens to be more involved with their communities. The evening will feature informative presentations and roundtable discussions, plus ample time for Q&A.

Topics to be covered include:

- Why You Should Run for Office: The Need for Candidates
- Standing for Office: Legal Issues
- Campaign Practicalities: You've Decided to Run, Now What?
 - Getting on the ballot
 - Filing disclosure statements
 - Obtaining voter lists
 - Fair campaign practices

Shawn Healy, Resident Scholar and Director of Professional Development, Robert R. McCormick Foundations, will serve as moderator.

Representatives from various public bodies will be on hand to discuss elected positions, such as city or village offices, township offices, library or fire trustee, park district commissioner and school board. This is an opportunity to get answers to common questions such as what a particular job involves and how many hours per month would be required of a successful candidate.

The forum is timely because ballot petitions for local offices can be circulated starting September 25. Filing begins December 17 with final filing due December 24. Election Day is April 9, 2013.

Doors open at 6:30 pm on September 27. Reservations are suggested but not required. Call 630.260.8162 or send an email to register@cantigny.org.

The forum is presented by Cantigny Park, *The Winfield Register* and the Elmhurst-based Citizen Advocacy Center.

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About Cantigny Park

Cantigny Park, part of the nonprofit Chicago-based Robert R. McCormick Foundations, is the 500-acre Wheaton (Illinois) estate of Robert R. McCormick (1880-1955), longtime editor and publisher of the *Chicago Tribune*. It is home to 30 acres of spectacular gardens, the Robert R. McCormick Museum, the First Division Museum and a 27-hole championship golf course. All are open to the public. Cantigny also is a favorite

destination for special events, weddings, concerts, lectures, workshops and other recreation and learning opportunities for all ages. Full-service banquet and dining facilities are on site. More information, including hours, directions and a calendar of upcoming events is online at Cantigny.org. For details about Cantigny Golf, including the Cantigny Golf Academy and 9-hole Cantigny Youth Links, please visit CantignyGolf.com.

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