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## **CIVIC AWARENESS SERIES EXAMINES ILLINOIS LEGISLATION**

*Free program on July 8 in partnership with League of Women Voters of Wheaton*

**Wheaton, Ill., June 24, 2021** — The Robert R. McCormick House at [Cantigny Park](#) and the [League of Women Voters of Wheaton](#) continue their acclaimed Civic Awareness Series with a virtual program examining recent legislative action in Illinois.

Veteran journalist Rick Pearson will discuss current Illinois politics and answer questions regarding the past legislative session, the impact of bills passed, redistricting, and other issues important to Illinois.

His Zoom presentation is on Thursday, July 8, at 7 pm CST. The program is free, but registration is required. Sign up online at [Cantigny.org](#). Registrants will receive a Zoom link before the event.

Rick Pearson has been the *Chicago Tribune's* chief political reporter since 1998, after joining the paper a decade earlier as a state legislative correspondent. He's covered Illinois and national politics for more than 30 years, including four presidential races.

Cantigny Park is open daily from 7 am to sunset and closes an hour after sunset on Wednesdays. The Robert R. McCormick House, a historic house museum, is currently closed for renovation and will reopen to the public in 2022. More information and a calendar of events is online at [Cantigny.org](#).

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### **About the League of Women Voters**

The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan political organization encouraging informed and active participation in government. It influences public policy through education and advocacy and does not support or oppose any political party or candidate. The League of Women Voters of Wheaton serves the people of Wheaton, Winfield, West Chicago, Warrenville and Carol Stream. Learn more at [wheatonlwv.org](#).

### **About Cantigny Park**

Cantigny Park, part of the Chicago-based Robert R. McCormick Foundation, is the 500-acre Wheaton estate of Robert R. McCormick (1880-1955), long-time editor and publisher of the *Chicago Tribune*. It is home to the McCormick House, First Division Museum, formal gardens, picnic grounds, walking trails and a Visitors Center with banquet and dining facilities. More information, including hours, directions and upcoming events is online at [Cantigny.org](#).