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Cantigny Park

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“MR. SMITH GOES TO WASHINGTON”***Free program in partnership with League of Women Voters of Wheaton*

Wheaton, Ill., July 29, 2021 — The Robert R. McCormick House at [Cantigny Park](#) and the [League of Women Voters of Wheaton](#) continue their acclaimed Civic Awareness Series with an in-person viewing of the 1939 classic *Mr. Smith Goes to Washington*.

The movie screens on **Thursday, August 12, at 7 pm**, inside the Cantigny Park Visitors Center. The program and parking are free, and registration is not required. Complimentary popcorn and bottled water will be available. Doors open at 6:30 pm.

Mr. Smith Goes to Washington is a family-friendly comedy-drama starring Jimmy Stewart as Jefferson Smith, an idealistic newcomer to the U.S. Senate fighting against political corruption. Directed by Frank Capra, the movie earned 11 Academy Award nominations and is considered one of the greatest films of all time.

After the movie, the League of Women Voters and McCormick House will raffle 10 copies of Ian Rosenberg’s 2021 book, “The Fight for Free Speech: Ten Cases that Define our First Amendment Freedoms.” Rosenberg is speaking at the following Civic Awareness Series event, an online program via Zoom, on September 9, 2021.

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](#).