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AMANDA VINICKY HEADLINES CIVIC AWARENESS SERIES

Free program on February 10 in partnership with League of Women Voters

Wheaton, Ill., January 27, 2022 — The Robert R. McCormick House at [Cantigny Park](#), the [League of Women Voters of Wheaton](#), and the [League of Women Voters of Central Kane County](#), announce an online presentation in the acclaimed Civic Awareness Series featuring Amanda Vinicky, Illinois government and politics correspondent for WTTW-TV, Chicago. She will speak on **Thursday, February 10, at 8 pm CST**.

The program is free, but advance registration is required at [Cantigny.org](#) or [my.lwv.org/Illinois/wheaton](#). Registrants will receive a Zoom link before the event. Questions for the speaker may be submitted in advance to blaimins@gmail.com.

Vinicky's remarks will focus on current happenings in the Illinois General Assembly and the upcoming primary elections. She frequently reports on these topics and other statewide issues as a segment host on WTTW's "Chicago Tonight."



Vinicky joined "Chicago Tonight" in 2017, after spending a decade as the Statehouse Bureau Chief for NPR Illinois and the Illinois Public Radio network. She also co-hosted WSEC-TV's "CapitolView," and was a regular analyst on the "State Week" roundtable. Her work and analysis have been featured on NPR's "Morning Edition," "All Things Considered" and "The Takeaway," and she's garnered top honors from the Illinois Associated Press and the Association of Capitol Reporters and Editors.

Vinicky received her master's degree in Public Affairs Reporting from the University of Illinois Springfield and has degrees in political science and journalism from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. She began her career in the Chicago suburbs as a newspaper reporter.

Established in 2017, the Civic Awareness Series is presented by the Robert R. McCormick House at Cantigny Park in partnership with the League of Women Voters of Wheaton. Programs in the series aim to inform and encourage local participation in the democratic process.

Cantigny Park opens its 2022 season on Friday, February 4. Visitors are welcome weekends in February (Friday-Sunday) before the park's return to seven-day operations in March. The Robert R. McCormick House, a historic home museum, is currently closed for renovation and will reopen to the public later this year.

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 parties or candidates. The League of Women Voters of Wheaton serves the people of Carol Stream, Warrenville, West Chicago, Wheaton, and Winfield. 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, display gardens, picnic grounds, walking trails and a Visitors Center with banquet and dining facilities. More information is online at Cantigny.org, including hours, directions, and a calendar of upcoming events.