

LATINX ISSUES IN THE SUBURBS

Civic Awareness Series program will spotlight local challenges and opportunities

Wheaton, Ill., July 28, 2022 — [Cantigny Park](#) and the League of Women Voters of [Wheaton](#), [Glen Ellyn](#), [Central Kane County](#), and [Roselle/Bloomingtondale](#) continue their Civic Awareness Series on **Thursday, August 11, at 7 pm**. The co-sponsors welcome **Sara Phalen** and **Elizabeth Cervantes** for a discussion about Latinx issues in the suburbs.

The speakers will trace the history of Latino immigration to DuPage County and surrounding areas and discuss how Latinx citizens have often struggled and *continue to struggle* to have an equal voice in this region.

Elizabeth Cervantes is co-founder and the director of organizing with the Southwest Suburban Immigrant Project (SSIP), an immigrant rights organization based in Bolingbrook.

Sara Phalen is active in West Chicago, serving on the boards of the Mexican Cultural Center DuPage, People Made Visible/Gallery 200, and the West Chicago Historical Society.

The August 11 program is offered in person and online. For the in-person program, at the Cantigny Park Visitors Center, registration is not required and parking is free. Online participants must register at my.lwv.org/Illinois/wheaton or Cantigny.org to receive a Zoom link.

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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 parties or candidates. Learn more at my.lwv.org/

About Cantigny Park

Cantigny Park, part of the Chicago-based Robert R. McCormick Foundation and located in Wheaton, Illinois, is the 500-acre 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 a banquet and meeting facilities, café, gift shop and theater. More information is online at Cantigny.org, including hours, directions, and upcoming events.

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