

July 29, 2022



Dear friends,

Lung cancer continues to be the leading cause of death in cancer patients. To help raise awareness of the causes and prevention methods of this disease, August 1st has been designated as World Lung Cancer Day. Health organizations urge citizens to be aware of the risk factors associated with lung cancer and to schedule a screening to help identify what might put you or a loved one at risk, as early identification greatly increases the odds of successful treatment. You can find out more about lung cancer, its prevention, and other important info [here](#).

Stay safe and healthy.

Sincerely,

Bob

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Start Your Day off Right at the Daily Dose

Jennifer Capponi works to make the Daily Dose Café at 6010 40th Ave., Kenosha, a welcoming place for all members of the community to enjoy some fresh made sandwiches or a hot cup of coffee. There is something for everyone at this family owned café, from paninis both hot and cold to smoothies and sweets for those with a sweet tooth. Start your morning off right or enjoy a refreshing lunch at the Daily Dose! Find their menu and more about the family story on their website [here](#).

In Case You Missed It



Submitted Your Absentee Ballot and Your Chosen Candidate Has Dropped Out? How to Nullify your Ballot and Change your Vote

If you have already submitted your absentee ballot for the Aug. 9 primary and a candidate you supported has since dropped out of the race, it is possible to have your ballot “spoiled” or “nullified”, allowing you to obtain a fresh ballot. According to the Wisconsin Elections Commission, a voter can request to spoil their ballot through either a handwritten or emailed note to their local elections clerk or in person at their polling place. Voters must provide a reason in their request that outlines why they require a new ballot. Casting a vote for a candidate who is no longer in the race is a valid and acceptable reason to spoil a ballot. If/when the request is approved, the clerk will mail a new ballot. If a voter wishes to spoil their initial ballot by mail, they must do so by no later than 5 pm on Thursday, August 4; for indefinitely confined voters, the deadline is August 5. For those who choose to spoil their first ballot in person, the deadline is August 6. You won’t be able to do so at the polls on Election Day.



Wisconsinites with Disabilities Sue Over Voting Rights

Four Wisconsin residents living with disabilities have filed a lawsuit over a voting rights infringement. A recent Wisconsin Supreme Court ruling prohibits the use of absentee ballot drop boxes and requires voters themselves to return their own absentee ballots; Republicans who control the Legislature's Joint Committee for Review of Administrative Rules last week struck down a rule allowing municipal clerks to correct minor errors on absentee ballot envelopes. Advocates for the disability rights community say both of these actions will negatively impact the ability of people living with disabilities to cast their ballots. Democracy only works when all voices can be heard, and Wisconsin Republicans continue to make that more and more difficult.



Deadline Approaching to Take Advantage of Debt Forgiveness Waiver

Higher education can open the door for opportunity and learning, but often it comes with crippling large amounts of student debt. This can lead to major struggles, especially for those who are paying for it on their own. The Biden Administration has been working to lessen this burden for students, and at least one type of loan forgiveness is more accessible than ever. In October 2021, the Administration announced a waiver to lessen restrictions for the Public Service Loan Forgiveness program, available to those who have worked for a government agency or non-profit organization for at least 10 years and have direct federal loans. This waiver expires October 31st, 2022, so time is short to take advantage of this waiver. I urge anyone who is still struggling under their student loans to confirm their eligibility before time runs out. You can find the Department of Education's guidance on the waiver, along with a FAQ [here](#).

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Kenosha Little Leaguers Visit the Capitol

On Tuesday, July 26, I was excited to receive a group of visitors at the State Capitol. The Little Leaguers of Kenosha 12U All-Stars team was in Madison for the State Tournament and came by to tour the Capitol. It must have brought them some good luck because they won their game that night against a Madison team. Congratulations on making it to the State Tournament, and thanks for the visit.



Participate in Local 'National Night Out'

Join your local police force and neighbors for some evening fun at the annual National Night Out! Families are encouraged to attend this yearly showing of police-community partnership and enjoy food, games, and fun together with the whole neighborhood. The event runs from 5-7pm on August 2nd at [various locations](#) in Kenosha. The National Night Out Kickoff in Racine will take place at 4 pm on August 2, at Dr. Hamilton Park, 1732 Howe St.; further activities will be held throughout Racine.



Early Voting for August Primary Now Open

Early voting has begun for the August 9th primary races in Wisconsin. It is time to make your voice heard and help decide who will represent you and your community in the state and federal government. You can find information for your voting locations and helpful details [here](#).



SapSap Owner Recognized for Community Involvement

The Laotian-inspired restaurant and its owner Alex Hanesakda are a prime example of how one individual can make a lasting impact on their community. On July 11th, Mr. Hanesakda received an award for his dedication to his community and was recognized by the Organization of Chinese Americans in their Asian American, Pacific Islander Community Hero Recognition Program. His dedication to helping others in his community does not stop at that, as he also uses the success of his business to support the veterans of Wisconsin. By both donations of his own and providing meals purchased with community support, Mr. Hanesakda continues to work for the benefit of his neighbors and community. You can visit SapSap at 2343 Mead St., Mt. Pleasant, or donate to efforts to provide meals for hungry individuals and visiting veterans [here](#).



EIGHT MORE Free Covid Tests Available

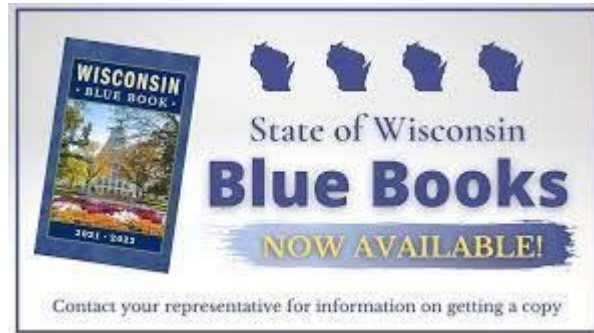
With Covid cases again on the rise, the Biden administration has is offering households eight additional at-home Covid tests, free of charge. You can order the eight tests at <https://www.covidtests.gov/>; you can also use this site to find nearby testing locations. The administration had previously made four at-home Covid tests available per household; you can still claim those using the same link if you haven't already done so. Additionally, because of actions by President Biden and Governor Evers, your health insurance provider may be required to cover up to eight at-home rapid tests per month.

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