

STATE REPRESENTATIVE STEVEN G. XIARHOS

# BEACON HILL BRIEF

March In-Review

April 6, 2023



Hi Friends,

Welcome to the March edition of my monthly newsletter where you can review some of last month's highlights as your 5th Barnstable State Representative. For a more in-depth weekly breakdown, I release a report every Wednesday sharing my weekly highlights across our district.

As always, my office remains committed to having constituent services as our number one priority. If you are having issues with Unemployment, the RMV, or any other state agency, please contact us directly and we will assist you in whatever way we can. I can be reached at my email: [Steven.Xiarhos@mahouse.gov](mailto:Steven.Xiarhos@mahouse.gov) or by phone: (617) 722-2488. Please do not hesitate to reach out.

Yours in Service,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Steven G. Xiarhos". The signature is written in a cursive style.



**WELCOME**

A small portrait of Steven G. Xiarhos, a bald man with a friendly expression, wearing a dark suit and a white shirt. He is smiling. The background of the portrait is a red and white striped flag. The word "WELCOME" is written in large, bold, red capital letters to the left of the portrait.

**BOURNE, MASHPEE, & BARNSTABLE  
COUNTY NERO'S LAW TRAINING AT  
UPPER CAPE TECH**

3/2/23



**READ ACROSS AMERICA 2023 AT  
BOURNEDALE ELEMENTARY**

3/6/23



**DIAPER DONATION DRIVE WITH  
MASS MILITARY SUPPORT  
FOUNDATION**

3/9/23



**MASS CULTURAL COUNCIL EVENT  
WITH CAPE COD DELEGATION**

3/10/23



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**CAPE COD ST. PATRICK'S DAY  
PARADE**

**3/11/23**



**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AT IRON  
WORKER'S LOCAL 7 ST. PATRICK'S  
DAY IN SOUTHIE**

**3/19/23**



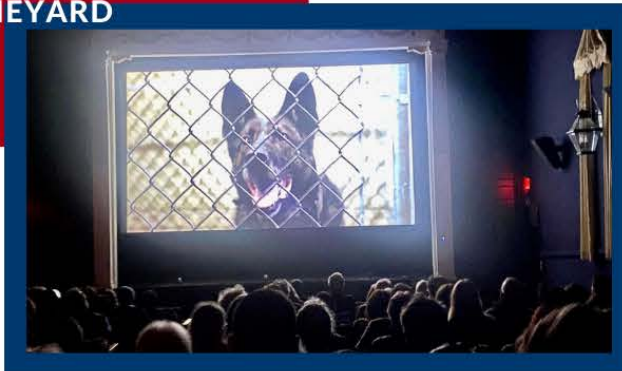
**CAPE DELEGATION & CAPE COD  
AREA LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS  
MEETING**

**3/24/23**



**'HEALING DAKOTA'  
WORLD PREMIER IN  
MARTHA'S VINEYARD**

**3/25/23**



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# Legislative Agenda Report



## Xiarhos Issues Report on 2023-2024 Legislative Agenda

*The report is one of several initiatives he is undertaking to maintain regular communication with the people of 5th Barnstable*

**BOSTON, MA.** – State Representative Steven Xiarhos (R-5th Barnstable) has released a detailed report intended to better inform the people of Sandwich, Barnstable, and Bourne about his legislative priorities for the 2023-2024 legislative session.

In the report, Xiarhos discusses his recent assignment to serve on certain legislative committees, including the Committee on Ways and Means and the Joint Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security. "These committees have relevance not only to the 5th Barnstable District but also matters that are important to me and fit well with my professional experience," Xiarhos said...

The report contains detailed information on a number of different issues Xiarhos is prioritizing, including fiscal responsibility and good government, protecting taxpayers, supporting the towns of 5th Barnstable, and advocating for education, public safety, small business prosperity, and environmental protection. The report also chronicles the passage of Nero's Bill into law last session, and it discusses Xiarhos' work on important regional issues such as wastewater and rebuilding Cape Cod Canal bridges...

In order to download a full copy of Xiarhos' Legislative Agenda, please visit: <http://xiarhosforrep.com>

# Joint Committee on Ways & Means Commonwealth Hearings Tour



*Gardner Auditorium*



*UMass Amherst*

As the Legislature works toward an FY24 Budget, the Ways and Means Committee is on a hearing tour across the State to review the Governor's Budget. It is the duty of the Committee on Ways and Means to consider all legislation affecting the finances of the Commonwealth and such other matters as may be referred to us.



*Arlington Town Hall*



*Fitchburg Town Hall*



*UMass Dartmouth*

In each of these hearings, we hear hours of testimony from the state's top executive agencies and experts in their fields regarding their priorities and requested funding in this upcoming budget before we deliberate to craft the House Ways and Means Budget -- one of the most important steps to our budget process. I'm very grateful to all my Legislature colleagues on the committee for their efforts and service to our Commonwealth through this process!

# Nero's Law in New Hampshire



This past March, the Massachusetts State Police, New Hampshire State, Manchester, and Portsmouth Police, Stacey Ober of the American Kennel Club, Emergency Veterinarians, and others continued the Nero's Law Movement by testifying in support of "Max's Law" in New Hampshire.



I also had the opportunity to testify to the NH Criminal Justice and Public Safety Committee alongside Mr. and Mrs. Gannon, on behalf of Nero and Max's Law. The New Hampshire version of our law is named in honor of New Hampshire K9 Max who died in the line of duty and was denied emergency medical treatment and transportation.

Max's Law has currently passed the Senate and hopefully, soon the House of Representatives on its way to becoming law in our neighboring Granite State!

# JOIN US THIS MONTH!

## *Cape Cod Veterinary Specialists* **CANINE BLOOD DRIVE**

April 12, 2023 | 10am-2pm | Bourne Police Station  
*Free event, all are welcome!*

**We welcome you to our first annual CCVS Canine Blood Drive,** in honor of Nero & late Sgt. Sean Gannon. This event is set to take place on Wednesday, April 12th, 2023, which is the anniversary of Nero and Sgt. Gannon's tragic event. The blood drive will be held from 10:00am-2:00pm at the Bourne Police Station - 35 Armory Rd, Buzzards Bay, MA 02532. Hosted by CCVS, Bourne Police Dept. & State Representative Steven Xiarhos.

CCVS team members will be there educating the community about our blood bank and screening eligible canines that are interested in participating. Your pet's donation will provide life-saving blood for pets in need that come into our hospital. Thanks to our courageous blood donors, we were able to save Nero and many other canines that have been brought to us in critical condition.

A canine blood bank is run a bit different from a human blood bank, candidates need to meet a certain criteria to qualify as a blood donor. So, you are welcome to bring your canine friends to this event, but know that to be considered for the initial screening, they must at least meet the criteria listed below. If they meet this criteria, our team will be at this event readily providing a FREE physical exam and blood typing. All canines must be leashed or crated.

### **Donor Requirements:** (canine only)

- Lean body mass of >50lbs & 1-8 years old
- Must be spayed/neutered, up to date on vaccines, on year-round heart worm and flea/tick prevention.
- No prior medical conditions or blood transfusions
- Comfortable with handling by the medical team

### **Contact Information:**

✉ [Bloodbank@capecodvetspecialists.com](mailto:Bloodbank@capecodvetspecialists.com)

🌐 [Capecodvetspecialists.com/blood-bank/](https://capecodvetspecialists.com/blood-bank/)

📞 CCVS Buzzards Bay : 508.759.5125

[Information about Nero's Law >](#)



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