

STATE REPRESENTATIVE STEVEN G. XIARHOS

BEACON HILL BRIEF

August In-Review
September 5, 2023



Friends,

Welcome to the August 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 breakdown, I release a report every week 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 or by phone: (617) 722-2488. Please do not hesitate to reach out.

Yours in Service,

Steven G. Xiarhos



WELCOME

**MA STATE POLICE 88TH RECRUIT
TRAINING TROOP GRADUATION**

8/3/23



**FIRST ANNUAL 'CUPS4PUPS' IN
SANDWICH**

8/11/23



**DISTRIBUTING WATER WITH
COCA COLA AND BOURNE WATER
DISTRICT**

8/14/23



**CHRISTENING OF THE AMERICAN
EAGLE CRUISELINE WITH MMA IN
BUZZARDS BAY**

8/19/23



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**MABEL GALVIN OF BARNSTABLE
103RD BIRTHDAY DRIVE BY
CELEBRATION**

8/5/23



**51ST ANNUAL FALMOUTH ROAD
RACE**

8/20/23



**K9 SGT. SEAN M. GANNON'S
38TH HEAVENLY BIRTHDAY**

8/22/23



**HABITAT FOR HUMANITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
SWEARING-IN**

8/24/23



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Around the District...



An Update on the Liberty Lodge: 8/18/23

As you know, I am very concerned about the plight of some needy veterans who are currently housed at “Liberty Lodge” in Sandwich. This facility and their situation have been the subject of a lot of recent attention, and deservedly so.

As a military family and Gold Star Father, and as a member of our Legislature’s Joint Committee on Veterans and Federal Affairs I take the well-being of veterans within the 5th Barnstable District very seriously. My concern in this situation is to make sure these veterans get all the services they need in a timely and productive fashion.

None of these veterans will be displaced from their homes; and while I do not question the good intentions of the facility, I believe the facility where these veterans are currently being housed is not viable for them on a long-term basis and we need to find a constructive solution.

Therefore, it has been my mission to make sure these needy veterans are provided with suitable alternative housing,

housing that actually will improve their overall living situation, without disruption.

Per my request and with my assistance, officials from the United States Veterans Affairs, the Massachusetts Executive Office of Veterans Services, Cape Cod Veterans Services, the Cape & Islands Veterans Outreach Center, and the Housing Assistance Corporation have come together to identify alternative housing for these veterans.

I thank all those involved and I believe a solution will be found very soon. Collectively, we must make sure each of these veterans is properly taken care of and provided for. It was my honor to stop by Liberty Lodge again earlier today to chat with them and to drop off some fresh food to help brighten their day—thanks to our friends right down the road at the Massachusetts Military Support Foundation.

I even got to see my friend US Coast Guard veteran Dave and his beloved 39-year-old parrot Lupe! I will always stand proudly behind those who served our great Commonwealth and Nation in uniform. They deserve our unwavering respect and steadfast support.



Bourne Water District -- Thank You All!

After the Boil Water Advisory was lifted across the Bourne Water District, I was proud to present Massachusetts House of Representatives Citations from Representative David Vieira and I, to the people of Bourne and Sandwich for coming together to help resolve the recent water crisis.

Thanks to the help of Coca-Cola of Cape Cod's generous donations of bottled water and the efforts of the Bourne Water District and Town Selectmen, we were able to resolve the water quality issue in short order.



For their help resolving the situation, citations were presented to:

- Bourne Water District Superintendent Robert Prohett and the men and women of the Barnstable Water District.
- Colonel Jason Oberton & Sergeant First Class Erina Cordeiro, and the men and women of the Massachusetts National Guard at Joint Base Cape Cod
- Bourne Citizen Volunteer Claudine Wrighter
- David Sherlock, Jessica Berselli and everyone at Coca-Cola Bottling of Cape Cod and Coca-Cola Beverages Northeast

GREAT TEAMWORK!

5th Annual Overdose Awareness Day on Smuggler's Beach



This past August 31st was International Overdose Awareness Day -- the world's largest annual campaign to end overdose, remember without stigma those who have died, and acknowledge the grief of the family and friends left behind.

We raise awareness of overdose, which is one of the world's worst public health crises, to inspire action and discussion about evidence-based overdose prevention and drug policy. We also acknowledge the profound grief felt by families and friends whose loved ones have died or suffered permanent injury from a drug overdose.



INTERNATIONAL OVERDOSE AWARENESS DAY 2023
Smuggler's Beach
220 South Shore Drive, South Yarmouth, Mass.
THURSDAY, AUGUST 31
5:30 PM


International Overdose Awareness Day is a global event held on the 31st of August each year and aims to raise awareness of overdose and reduce the stigma of drug-related deaths and that it is preventable.

Please bring a beach chair and a large photo of your lost loved one. We will have community resource tables, personal experience speakers, tributes to our loved ones, a candlelight vigil and a sunset prayer.

Guest Speaker: Jason Kustanovitz
Jason started experimenting at age 15. He is now the top sales associate at Hyattima Honda.

Questions or to reserve a resource table:
Dawn (508) 737-0086 or
tdtkber@gmail.com

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Today, and every day, help us spread the message about the tragedy of drug overdose death and that drug overdose is preventable. Thank you to all who joined us on the sands of Smugglers Beach in South Yarmouth where hundreds of Cape Codders came together as one to remember those we have lost.

JOIN US!



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