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Anti-car rally bill awaits Senate action

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A video posted by Seacaucus police at the end of August seems disturbingly similar to those posted in Wildwood in 2022: a dimly lit and chaotic scene captured on a shaky cellphone video, engines revving, sirens blaring. Someone shouts an expletive as a shower of sparks from a firework explode against a white emergency vehicle.



McClellan

“It was a major problem. They were shooting fireworks at police. It was rampant craziness,” Assemblyman Antwan McClellan, R-Cape May, Cumberland, Atlantic, said Tuesday. “Nobody died, thankfully.”

McClellan cited the incident over Labor Day weekend as a sign that his legislation is still needed. McClellan introduced the legislation after a pop-up rally in Wildwood in 2022 overwhelmed emergency responders and left two people dead. Modeled on legislation that helped drive an annual unsanctioned car rally from Ocean City, Maryland, the bill would allow towns to create special event zones, within which authorities

working with the state Department of Transportation could impound the vehicles of violators. The vehicles could be towed and not returned until a fine is paid. It also includes penalties for those who organize or encourage the rallies through social media, with McClellan expressing confidence that police will be able to track people down despite the anonymity of the internet. “You can find the original

poster. They’re the ones who are not being held accountable for what they’re doing,” he said. “That’s when the great police work comes in handy!” In June 2024, the bill passed the Assembly 71-1. McClellan hopes the bill clears the state Senate in time for Gov. Phil Murphy to sign it before the end of his term. Otherwise, it would need to be

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Atlantic City Mayor Marty Small Sr. talks with residents of the Ocean Club condominiums Wednesday following a news conference on the beach at which he announced the former Chelsea Beach Bar will move next year to a new spot across from Jim Whelan Boardwalk Hall.

AC beach bar on the move

Spot that drew ire of neighboring condos to relocate behind Kennedy Plaza

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ATLANTIC CITY — A beach bar whose late-night operations have drawn complaints and lawsuits from a nearby condominium tower will move to a different spot on the

beach next summer, across from Jim Whelan Boardwalk Hall. Mayor Marty Small Sr. and Domenico Gaggiano, one of the owners of the Cocorico Beach Bar, announced the move Wednesday afternoon in a news conference on the beach.

The business was formerly known as the Chelsea Beach Bar and has also called itself the Goldfish Beach Club. The club has been a source of friction for years for residents of the

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Galloway police plan outreach on e-bikes

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GALLOWAY TOWNSHIP — The Police Department is planning an education campaign to teach children about e-bike safety after the recent death of

a teenage rider in another local town. As part of that campaign, Capt. Mark D’Esposito told the Township Council this week, the department will create a safety video and spread awareness

through social media. Jack Sullivan, 14, of Egg Harbor Township, was riding an e-bike when he was fatally struck by a car July 17 at Maryland Avenue and the bike path in Somers Point.

The issue is becoming prevalent across the state and around the country, Mayor Anthony Coppola Jr. said. “The problem is these e-bikes

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