

Corso Italia, Taste of Lawrence multicultural festivals carry on despite strike

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Despite the civic strike, two street festivals will go ahead this weekend. The Corso Italia Toronto Fiesta will shut St. Clair Avenue West between Dufferin and Landsdowne through midnight tonight, while the Taste of Lawrence will shut Lawrence Avenue East, from Pharmacy Avenue to Warden Avenue, through tomorrow night. "I believe in both of those cases we will be providing limited cleanup support. Of course, without our staff it may not be the traditional support we are providing," Geoff Rathbone, Toronto's general manager of solid waste, said yesterday.

Toronto police said drivers "should anticipate significant traffic" on St. Clair, while "motorists can expect delays" on Lawrence. The Corso Italia festival features 30 live bands performing music from classical to salsa, and multicultural cuisine. The Taste of Lawrence festival calls itself "Canada's only true multicultural festival," with music, food, etc.