



**Italian Festival**  
**is on Preston Street**  
**June 14<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup>**

Dear Neighbour,

Italian Festival returns for its 47<sup>th</sup> year next weekend! Thank you so much for cooperating with us to put on this special celebration of Italian Culture. The weekend of June 8-9 is St. Anthony's Feast Weekend and takes place at St. Anthony's Church and Piazza Dante. **All are welcome!** As well on Sunday, the open air mass will begin at 10:00 in front of the Church, followed by the Procession. The Procession is a pedestrian parade that sees the statue of St. Anthony of Padua being pushed through Little Italy. The Italian Community comes together to follow the statue on its route. This is a unique cultural event that is very typical of how Italians celebrate their feast days in the small villages of Italy. [www.stanthonysottawa.org](http://www.stanthonysottawa.org)

*The Preston Street Weekend/ Father's Day Weekend is June 14-16<sup>th</sup>.*

The Preston Criterium Bike Race has a new route this year! On Sunday, the bike races will be running from 9:00 to 2:00 further north on Preston. The route starts at Preston and Willow, heads north to Anderson, east to Rochester, to Gladstone where races will speed down the hill back to Preston. It promises to be an exciting race with new challenges for the racers! (See road closure map attached)

Ferrari, Italian Cars and Bike Racing are all on tap for this year, along with the best street party in the City! The full schedule of events is attached.

For those of you who are locked in due to the closure of Preston, you will also find Access Passes attached. These will be required by Security throughout the road closures to allow you car-access to and from your home or business. If you require an additional pass, please call the BIA office at 613-231-2815. **Please note that passes may only be used by residents and business owners.** This is at the direction of the Ottawa Police, who for safety reasons, want to minimize car traffic in the closed area to ensure the safety of pedestrians. **These passes DO NOT allow parking on Preston Street, during the Road Closures. Any cars parked on Preston will be ticketed and towed.**

If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact us at 613-231-2815

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