

Dance with Me at Memorial - July 27

The next *Dance with Me at Memorial* event is set for Thursday, July 27 from 4-7 pm in the Memorial Plaza (Alberni Highway and Memorial Avenue) featuring salsa dancing. Sara Raymond Dance Academy will step us through the salsa movements which are a mixture of several Latin dances, including tango, mambo and flamenco. Everyone welcome – if you have a dance partner, bring them along. Invite friends, family or come meet others while you learn new dance moves.

There is a pattern of six steps over eight counts of music and the great thing about salsa is that just about anyone can learn it. The origin of the name “salsa” is a mystery. The dance was named after the style of music, but no one quite knows why it was named salsa. Some suggest the name comes from the food since it has elements from many cultures much like salsa has many ingredients. Others say it’s because the dance’s movements are hot and spicy, like salsa. No matter its origin, as a spectator, it is great fun to listen and watch!

Once again, Oceanside DJ, Dave Graham, will provide the music and there will be a few activities for kids. Dragon Bowl and Ala Carte Hot Dogs food trucks will be on site and as well as a chance to visit nearby Parksville Downtown businesses. *Dance with Me at Memorial* is intended to be a fun, active and social community event for all ages, to encourage diversity and community spirit through dance!

There will be one more *Dance With Me at Memorial* event on August 24 featuring West Coast Swing. We are excited to host these community events at Memorial Plaza with partnership support from the Parksville Downtown Business Association. Details on City of Parksville and Parksville Downtown Business Association websites.

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