

June 2026 Newsletter

Greetings fellow square dancer enthusiasts.

We have a lot of activities we are working on in July and August for opportunities to dance or just come out and mingle with fellow square dancers.

On Thursday July 9, a group of 18 dancers from Germany will join MeriSquares at the Dulude Arena ([941 Clyde Ave](#)) from 2:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. (refreshments provided). Wendy VanderMeulen will call SSD/Mainstream and PLUS. The cost is \$10 at the door. Interested dancers can join us for dinner afterwards before Tough Plus at 7:00 p.m.

On Saturday July 11, MeriSquares will set up an information kiosk at L'Arche Ottawa Neighbourhood Picnic, in Woodroffe Park behind Carlingwood Mall ([180 Lockhart Ave](#)). We have volunteers for opening up the site at 11:30 and to close the site from 3:00 - 4:00 p.m. Please let me know if you have a spare hour between 1:00 -3:00 p.m. to give out information at the kiosk. Everybody is welcome to just drop by and join in the festivities (no dance demo planned).

On Tuesday July 21 we will have our next MeriSquares summer dance, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., with John Charman calling alternating SSD and PLUS calls. The cost is \$10 at the door and the location is the Dulude Arena ([941 Clyde Ave](#)). NOTE that we will "unofficially" have a tailgate party afterward. People are encouraged to bring their own snacks to share or not. It has been suggested that we consider meeting in the parking lot across the street where many dancers park to avoid the congestion from the baseball players.

On Thursday July 23 we are putting on an SSD level demo dance at the Robertson House ([1 Mill Hill Rd](#)), between 2:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. We are looking for 8 volunteers, and you can contact Michelle Gravelle (mgraveln628@rogers.com) if you are willing and able to attend.

On Saturday August 8, MeriSquares dancers are invited to our annual picnic held in Britannia Park ([2805 Carling Ave](#)), near the Ron Kolbus Centre from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. The rain date is Sunday August 9 (starting at 12:30 p.m.). Bring your food, your drinks, your chair, and comfortable dancing shoes for square dancing in the grass. Parking is available on side streets when parking lots are full.

For those not attending the picnic on Saturday August 8, we are also setting up an information kiosk at the Westboro Farmer's Market ([579 Byron Ave](#)). We have volunteers for opening up the site at 9:00 a.m. and to close the site from 2:00-3:00 p.m. Please let me know if you have a spare hour between 10:00 and 2:00 p.m. to give out information. Everybody is welcome to just drop by and join in the festivities (no dance demo planned).

We are also starting to plan the following events for which more information will be provided in a forthcoming newsletter in July:

Tuesday August 18 (7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.) MeriSquares summer dance

Saturday August 22 (10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.) Carp Farmer's Market Demo

Wednesday August 26 (5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.) Parkdale Evening Farmer's Market information kiosk

Saturday August 29 (11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.) Westboro Farmer's Market Demo

All the above events are entered in our MeriSquares Website Calendar ([Calendar - Meri Squares](#)). You can subscribe to make sure you do not miss any dance events.

Feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions.

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