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### Honoring Our Nation's Heroes on Memorial Day!

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## HOA President's UPDATES

*Jerry Zielinski, HOA President, 727-225-3657*



**\*\*\*Facebook page: Serendipity Homeowners Association**

**B**y the time this message is being read, we would have had our Monthly HOA Meeting in April. Attendance has been very low at the meetings. So, for those that do not attend the meetings I will cover a couple issues that have been brought up.

- The umbrellas that are not working at the East Pool will not be fixed at this time. As per Management it is not in the budget currently.
- Internet password is posted at the east Clubhouse.
- The mole issue was brought to Management's attention, and she informed me that the park has a service that comes and treats the property for rodents every quarter.
- Dog Park. There will not be one here. The Dogs that are here are either "Service or Emotional" Dogs. Per Management, these Dogs are not Pets. Dogs do not fall into the "Pet" category allowed at this park.
- Management states that she will be in the park on a "staggered" schedule...2 days this week and then 3 days next week. To continue this way.

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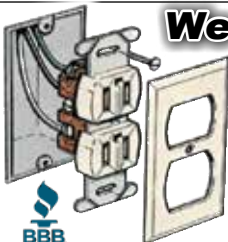
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## Serendipity Resident Messenger (Robo) Call System

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FROM DAVID HOWARD, DIRECTOR, HOA BOARD:

At the November HOA meeting it was approved to move forward with the program “**Messenger (Robo) Call System**” to notify residents about upcoming events, activities, and other important information happening in the park. This is at no charge to the residents. If you have not already been contacted to participate there is still time to sign up. The resident will have option to get the information via phone, email, or text. A dedicated number will be assigned so all calls will come from same number for recognition. If you would like to sign up, please contact Dave Howard by leaving a note in his mailbox at Lot # 276 or email him at: [davehoward2924@yahoo.com](mailto:davehoward2924@yahoo.com). We just need your phone number and email address and state whether you wish to receive phone calls, texts, or emails. There will be a deadline to sign up by end of March. We look forward to your participation.

- David

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# Neighborhood Watch

Marty Ott, 727-787-3272



Hi Serendipity Residents!

My name is Marty Ott and I live at #340 on India. I have been appointed the Neighborhood Watch Liaison for Serendipity MHP by the HOA and Pinellas County Sheriff's Department. My responsibility in this position is to take calls from the residents of Serendipity and give weekly feedback to the park manager and the PCSO Neighborhood Watch Commander, Deputy Chuck Skipper.

If you see something dangerous or feel threatened, you should call 911. If it is just to report something suspicious, call the Sheriff's non-emergency number at (727) 586-6200. Then call me the next morning at (727) 787-3272 and I will note it in the daily log so that we can categorize the types of problems we are having, and the Sheriff can assign manpower to our park at times and places necessary.

Serendipity residents should **ONLY** call me during regular business hours which are 8:00AM - 5:00PM.

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-Marty

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# Serendipity Neighborhood Watch Recognized at Banquet!

*Submitted by Michele Dutchess, HOA Vice President*

Our Serendipity Neighborhood Watch was recognized at a Breakfast Banquet held at the Hilton in Tampa. It was a beautiful facility, and I was honored to be invited to represent our HOA Board of Directors. Our own Marty Ott was a recipient of a certificate recognizing our new Serendipity Neighborhood Watch for their service along with other neighborhood watch organizations in our area.





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*-Beth Ott (727-787-3272)*

### WALKING CLUB

Margaret Ishler, 617-519-4130

**P**LEASE NOTE THE NEW TIME! Join your neighbors as they walk the streets of Serendipity! We meet at the East Clubhouse at 8:00 AM every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. The weather is glorious for this activity. Walk at your own pace, make new friends, and take the first steps towards a healthy lifestyle! If you have any questions, please call me at 617-519-4130.



*-Margi*

### Line Dancing

Leslie Bellinger, 727-729-5039

**L**ine dancing is over for this summer. We had a nice group of Line Dancers this season. We will start up again in the fall. Watch the Media book and the bulletin boards in October for the startup date. Keep dancing!

Hope to “see you on the dance floor” - Leslie



## Editor Notes

Nanci Dorau

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- PLEASE DO NOT SEND ME PICS OR INFORMATION THROUGH FACEBOOK. I SOMETIMES MISS THAT INFO. EITHER EMAIL ME OR DROP OFF IN GREEN BOX ON MY PATIO. THANK YOU. NANCI
- Remember to get your submissions in to me before the 10th of each month. Any errors or late submissions will be noted in the next month's Monthly Media.
- I am still looking for a volunteer to oversee the "Meet Your Neighbor" column. Not a lot of work. Call me at 321-201-2479. -Nanci

Remember these articles...

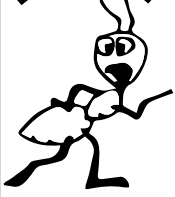
1. **Meet Your Neighbor!** With your permission, we will highlight a member of our community. Whether a new move-in or a seasoned veteran, we would like to know your name and a little about you.
2. **Marilyn's Recipe Corner!** Drop off your favorite recipe with your name at my home (#378) or email it to my address above and I will enter one each month in the newsletter.
3. **Community Articles!** If you wish to submit an article that may be interesting to our residents, feel free to email or drop it to me at #378 for editing and submission for publication. Be sure to add your name and phone number.

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## Just-A-Note

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\*\*\*Two longtime resident couples of Serendipity Mobile Home Park have moved away. They would like to list their addresses here to keep in touch with longtime friends and neighbors. We all wish your good health and happiness in your next journey! As you think about your memories with them, please drop them a card or an occasional phone call!

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**From: Pat Lucksinger**

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*From the kitchen of Marilyn Farnworth*

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#### **Ingredients:**

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**Step 1.** Mix picante sauce, sugar, and mustard. Place chicken in 2 qt. shallow baking dish. Pour picante sauce mixture over chicken.

**Step 2.** Bake at 400F for 20 minutes or until chicken is done. Serve with rice.

*“The following article is the opinion of the author and does not reflect the views of Serendipity or the Monthly Media”*

## **Things That Make You Go...HMMMMMM?**

*submitted by Neil Thomas, resident*



### **U**kraine History Timeline

- 906AD Red haired Vikings settle near Kyiv (Kiev) to trade with Slavic tribes. This region becomes Kievan Rus. Eventually this area is controlled by Russian Czars.
- 1917 The Russian Revolution takes place. On January 28, 1918, Ukraine becomes independent from Russia.
- 1922 Ukraine becomes a member of the Soviet Republic.
- 1932 Stalin starts collectivization of farms, killing millions of Ukraine's who refuse program.
- 1939 Germany invades Poland which Ukraine gets involved in.
- 1941 Hitler invades Ukraine on his way towards Moscow. More than 5 million Ukrainians die fighting the Nazis. Most of the 1.5 million Jews in Ukraine are killed by the Nazis.
- 1954 Soviet leader Khrushchev transfer Crimea peninsula to Ukraine.
- 1986 Chernobyl nuclear reactor explodes. Over 10,000 die of radiation poisoning. Over 2.2 million Ukrainians live in the contaminated territory. The power plant is shut down in 2000.
- 1991 After 70 years under Moscow Ukraine becomes independent. In 1992 it agrees to give all nuclear weapons on its territory back to Russia.
- 1996 Ukraine adopts a new democratic constitution. All nuclear weapons returned to Russia.
- 2002 Ukraine signs a charter expressing an interest in a NATO partnership.
- 2010 Ukrainian Parliament votes to abandon NATO membership
- 2013 Government decides to abandon plans to sign an association agreement with the European Union.
- 2014 Pro Russian group seizes parts of Donetsk and Luhansk on the Russian border.
- 2017 Ukraine association with European Union is ratified.
- 2019 Zelensky is elected president.
- 2022 Russia invades Ukraine.

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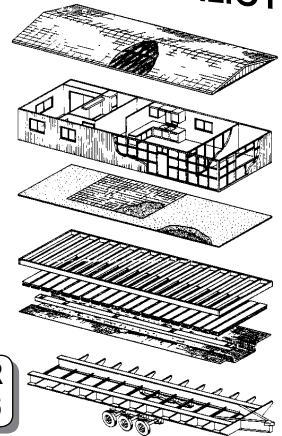
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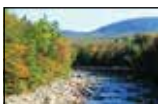


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~MAY 2022~

**S**erendipity and our residents wish everyone celebrating their birthday or anniversary this month a wonderful day!

Birthstone: Emerald

Birth Flower: Lily of the Valley, Hawthorn

Birth Flower Meaning: Sweetness, Hope



## MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Adrian Farnworth
- 15 Jerry Zielinski
- 16 Bob Curee
- 19 Jim Currier
- 19 Terry Morlock
- 20 Richard Krake
- 28 Charles Gunter
- 25 RoseAnn Longobardi



## MAY ANNIVERSARIES

- 5 Jean-Claude & Robin Bihorel
- 21 Warren & Casey Reed
- 31 Dennis & Betty Buehrle



## Celebrities with MAY Birthdays

If you do not know who these people are, here is something for you to do in your spare time...Google their names!

- May 14, 1686 - Gabriel D. Fahrenheit
- May 16, 1919 - Liberace
- May 16, 1955 - Olga Korbut
- May 16, 1966 - Janet Jackson
- May 20, 1944 - Joe Cocker
- May 20, 1946 - Cher
- May 23, 1883 - Douglas Fairbanks
- May 24, 1941 - Bob Dylan
- May 24, 1943 - Gary Burghoff
- May 26, 1907 - John Wayne
- May 28, 1944 - Gladys Knight
- May 30, 1964 - Wynonna Judd
- May 31, 1930 - Clint Eastwood
- May 31, 1943 - Joe Namath





## Bingo

Cindy Sharpe, 336-366-6304, Sue Shumyhora, 203-615-1043

**B**INGO! Please bring a friend with you to enjoy a night out it and visit with friends and neighbors! BINGO is played in the East clubhouse every THURSDAY at 7:00 P. M. sharp. We play 8 games and 1 speedy. Cards for speedy are \$.50 each. Six card sheets are \$3.00 and 9 card sheets are \$5.00. You must be 18 years old to play. It's a fun night out, all residents are welcome, and you can get a chance to meet new people. We have a great group of people, and we always welcome more to attend - the more the merrier! This also means the bigger the pots to win.



## Bocce Ball

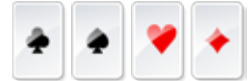
Gloria Mitchell

**C**ome join us for a fun game of Bocce Ball on Tuesdays at 7:00 PM at the Bocce Ball courts behind the exercise room. You do not need any equipment; we provide it all! There is no need to sign up. Just show up to have fun!



## Bridge

Steve Sisson, 727-772-5882



**B**RIDGE GAMES WILL RESUME IN THE FALL! Games are played on Thursdays at 7:00 P. M. at the East Clubhouse. New players are welcome, and instruction is available. Call for information and to let us know you will be attending.

-Steve

## Cards – 65 Rummy

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# Cribbage

Steve Gebbett, 727-784-0439

**S**ee you all next fall! **Have a great summer!** Cribbage is played on Tuesdays at 7:00 P.M. in the card room in the East Hall.  
That's it for this season! Many thanks, *Steve*

Here are our winners for the past weeks:

March 18, 2022    1st    Dave Kahan  
                         2nd    Garry Krupski  
                         3rd    Jim Beatty

April 5, 2022    1st    Diane Norton  
                         2nd    Sandy Wenning  
                         3rd    Carol Beatty

March 21, 2022    1st    Jan Barrett  
                         2nd    Jim Beatty  
                         3rd    Jim Tucker

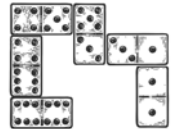
April, 12, 2022    1st    Carol Beatty  
                         2nd    Joe Isabelle  
                         3rd    Ruth Teal

March 29, 2022    1st    Val Pietkiewicz  
                         2nd    Sandy Wenning  
                         3rd    Ruth Teal



# Dominoes

**W**atch for new updates!  
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# Euchre

Marty & Beth Ott, 727-787-3272

**E**uchre will resume in November. Watch the media and Facebook for more information. We wish everyone an enjoyable summer and safe travels to our snowbird neighbors as they head north.  
*-Beth & Marty*





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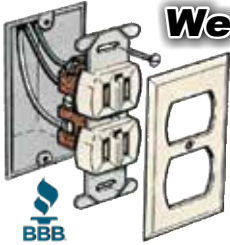
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# Serendipity

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## 'Monday' Golf at Tarpon Springs Golf Course

Linda Taylor, 727-418-4087



**M**onday Golf is played at Tarpon Springs Golf Course. Tee times begin at 8:30 a.m. Anyone interested in playing with the group can contact me at [lindataylor661@hotmail.com](mailto:lindataylor661@hotmail.com) or 727-418-4087 for information. Everyone is welcome and you do not have to be a resident of Serendipity.

- Linda

## 'Tuesday' Golf League

Jean-Louis Lamontagne, 727-787-1213, or Jim Beatty, 727-216-3715



**T**he Serendipity Tuesday Golf League has an arrangement with Crescent Oaks Golf Club where we enjoy special green fee rates. Tee times are at 9:20 A. M., to allow for everyone to finish early and meet in the Oak Tree Grille afterwards for fun and distribution of prizes.

Please contact J.L. at [jeanlouis.lamontagne@gmail.com](mailto:jeanlouis.lamontagne@gmail.com) or Jim at [j.beats@hotmail.com](mailto:j.beats@hotmail.com) if you wish to join us and have fun. We are open to all skill levels, and you do not have to be a resident of Serendipity MHP.

Looking forward to a wonderful golf season!

-Jim and JL

## Ladies Luncheon

Marge DeMarco, 727-204-7919

**H**i everyone! We would all like to thank Dawn Roberts & Betty Sager for taking over the Ladies' Luncheon. We also want to thank Phyllis Messina and Marge DeMarco for hosting this for Serendipity in the past. The luncheons will resume in September of 2022. Please watch the Monthly Media and the Bulletin Boards for information.



*Please join us for a lovely time!*  
-Dawn & Betty

## Meet Your Neighbor!

Nanci Dorau, 321-201-2479

**C**heck back next month



# Pinochle

Jan Barrett, 727-786-8638



## **PINOCHLE WILL RESUME WHEN WE HAVE MORE PLAYERS!**

Pinochle will be played every Friday at 6:30 in the East clubhouse in the Card room. It is \$1.00 to play. Everyone is Welcome. Come watch and learn this old - time game. Watch the bulletin boards for future updates. Hope to see you soon!

-Come and join us, *Jan*

## **Shuffleboard/Fun League**

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## **KEEP YOUR EYES TO THE BULLETIN BOARDS AND THE MONTHLY MEDIA FOR NEWS ON SHUFFLEBOARD!**

A note to all that may be interested in Shuffleboard. The last official shuffle gathering in Serendipity was Mar. 2019. Covid ended shuffling for two years. At that time, we had a president, vice president, secretary, treasurer and four team captains. We played on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1 to 3 pm. We had about 40 to 50 people playing 10 to a team. Over these Covid years we have lost many of the past participants, but we can get a shuffle group going if there is enough interest. The only people left as officers are Jan Barrett, Vice President, Jim Lewendowski, treasurer, and me.

To get back to what we were before we would need officers and captains. Serendipity has a long history of shuffling. As late as 2017 we had two traveling teams and a fun league. There were 16 people each on the A and B traveling teams and normally 50 to 60 people in the fun league. I am not suggesting we get back to traveling teams but a fun league within the park is possible if there is interest. But we would need people to pitch in and help get this going again. We will put a signup sheet at both club houses that will be there all summer. If interested, please sign up and mention if you are interested in being a captain or if you're interested in being an officer. None of the present officers are here in the summer. We really should elect new officers also if we get something going. Normally the fun league does not start until January.

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# HOA and Social Committee Update

Jerry Zielinski, President, 727-225-3657, Sue Shumyhora, Social Director, 203-615-1043

**O**ur HOA meetings are the third Tuesday of the month from November till April at 7:00 pm at the East Clubhouse.

## Notes from the Social Director:

Greetings to the residents of Serendipity. My name is Sue Shumyhora and I am your Social Director! Call me if you have any questions, ideas for new events or activities at 203-615-1043.

-Sue

## Calendar of Events (See below for specifics on these events)

Saturday, May 7, 2022	Coffee Klatch	7:30 AM	E
Saturday, May 21, 2022	Poker Run w/Tacos	11:30-2:00 PM	E
Saturday, May 28, 2022	Trivia	7:00 PM	E
Sunday, May 29, 2022	Cook-Out w/Louie Bravo	7:00-10:00 PM	E
Every Wednesday	Big Band Practice	7:00-9:00 PM	E

\*\*\*Please check out our flyers regularly for further information. Sign-up sheets are posted only in the East Clubhouse. Checkout the Facebook Serendipity Homeowners Association Page as information may change.

## MAY EVENTS INFORMATION

**10 O'clock Big Band:** This 18-piece big band is practicing in the East clubhouse every Wednesday night. Masks are required in the clubhouse and social distancing still will be adhered to. You may also make yourself comfortable on the porch. Please clean up your area when done. We hope you will come to listen to the music and have a fun night with friends and your neighbors!

**Fun Shuffleboard:** Want to join a fun group of residents to play shuffleboard? There's a signup sheet by the west pool shuffleboard closet. Times will be Tuesday and Thursday at 1:00 PM. Watch the bulletin boards and the HOA website for more details. Instructions will be offered for those new to the game and anyone who wants a refresher. Details will follow. Gayle Koeppel at 260 570-3482 for questions.

**Trivia:** Trivia Night! Saturday, May 28, 2022 at 7:00 PM at the East Clubhouse. Please bring \$1.00 to play!

## **Activities on your own available:**

- Swimming Pool
- Bocce Ball
- Shuffleboard. See office for equipment.
- Billiards
- Cards in either clubhouse
- Gym/Fitness Center



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## FUTURE EVENTS AT SERENDIPITY

### JUNE

Saturday, June 25, 2022 .....Out Door Concert w/Stam Johnson .....E

### JULY

Sunday, July 10, 2022 .....Afternoon on the Deck w/ Bit' N Piece.....5-8 PM .....E

### AUGUST

Sunday, August 21, 2022 .....Out Door Concert w/Carolyn Street .....5-8 PM .....E

### DECEMBER

Saturday, December 10, 2022 ..Christmas Party/Dinner w/Stam Johnson...7-10 PM .....E

### FEBRUARY 2023

#### **Royal Caribbean Cruise**

*Call Charlene Dublin, cldot58@yahoo.com, 813-751-3000 for more info.*

We had a nice turnout at cruise night to get the initial information about cruising with Royal Caribbean on the Serenade of the Seas February 11-18, 2023. We will be sailing to the Bahamas and visiting Grand Bahama Island, Bimini, Nassau, and Royal Caribbean's private island, Cococay.

There is a special deal if you book and deposit by April 30 to get a \$25 per person onboard credit. For more information and to reserve your cabin, call Charlene at the number above. You do NOT have to be a resident of Serendipity to sail with us! Take advantage of the special group rates!

Please Remember: Be responsible! Maintain safe social distancing. Wear masks where required. **Clean off your tables, chairs, and gym equipment after use!** This is good practice even though restrictions have been lifted. Have a good time staying safe and healthy!

**\*\*Billiards and Shuffleboard players must be 18 years old to play without adult supervision! \*\***



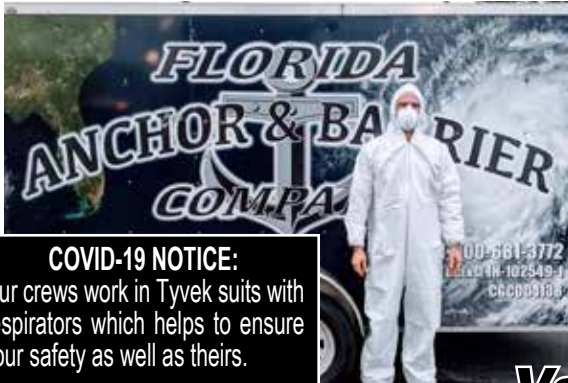


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## Day 2

After breakfast you will board the tour bus for a short drive to New Orleans one of America's oldest cities. Upon arrival you will meet your step on guide who will take you on a tour of this colorful city. The guided tour will end in the heart of the French Quarter marketplace. After you have soaked up the scenery, history and its fascinating tales then it's time to get the good times rolling down Bourbon Street which is located right in the French Quarter and thanks to the annual Mardi Gras has quite a party reputation. You will have time to stroll down Bourbon Street, shop at one of the numerous unique stores, enjoy a relaxing meal in one of the many wonderful restaurants specializing in French Creole cuisine or have coffee and beignets at one of the numerous café's. The tour bus will meet you in the afternoon and take you back to the hotel so you may freshen up before returning to the city early evening.

## Day 3

After enjoying breakfast you will set off for a whole day of exploring and discovery. You will enjoy a brief ferry ride across the Algiers so you may enjoy the city from this beautiful aspect. This is a free day to spend in the city as you wish. Your tour bus will be available mid afternoon for those who wish to return to the hotel, there will be two pick up times. You will be informed of those times and pick up location on this morning. You will then have the opportunity to enjoy dinner in one of the culturally exciting restaurants the city has to offer. (Dinner on own)



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#### Day 4

Another day of adventure awaits, after breakfast we will board the tour bus for our journey South through scenic Florida. There will be many comfort stops available on our way back so that you may enjoy lunch and refreshments (on own) along our route back home to your community.

## Curiosity Corner

by Dennis Buehrle

### The U.S. Army Camel Corp.

There is a small town in Arizona just off I-10, about 18 miles from the California border, called Quartzsite. It's an extremely arid area, composed mostly of dirt, sand, and rock. Even the tall hills and mountains in the distance seem void of trees and shrubbery. It is one of the hottest places in the United States, with recording temperatures as high as 122° F. There is a truck stop on each side of the interstate highway exit. They give truck drivers their last opportunity to fill up before entering, or to fill up after exiting California where the price of fuel is considerably higher.

In its early history it was a water hole and stage station, called Tyson Wells, for those traveling to California. In the surrounding valley, there had been several successful working gold mines, worked by individual prospectors since the start of the Colorado Gold Rush, today the city relies primarily on tourism. It hosts a Rubber Tramp Rendezvous (for van-dwellers), nine gem shows and 15 swap meets, attracting about 2 million people annually. On the opposite side of the street of the Pilot truck stop, down a narrow road, behind a small park for campers, the road opens into a parking lot, and on the far side is a cemetery, and within it stands a small pyramid with a plaque attached to it. The plaque dedicates the pyramid monument to a man called Hi Jolly and provides a glimpse of an unusual piece of American history.

We usually associate camels with parts of Africa, the Middle East, and Asia carrying heavy loads of cargo across the desert sands to far away destinations. They have been used by humans for thousands of years. Although it isn't known when camels were first domesticated, specially designed saddles appeared around 1200 BC so they could be ridden and modified somewhere





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between 500 – 100 BC for military purposes. There is documented use by the Romans and Persians that they also used them in combat. Their scent at close range would scare off horses.

In the 1800s, the belief in Manifest Destiny, free land, and the supposed riches in the Golden Land of California beckoned Americans ever westward. However, they found that their journey was more than just traveling through forests, crossing prairies, or fending off attacks. The journey for many would require them to cross the large, dry, sandy, arid desert regions that claimed parts of Arizona, California, and Utah. This natural barrier could possibly impede development of transportation routes in the Southwestern states, and one man thought of a novel solution. Why not use an animal better suited to the arid environment of the southwest territory, the camel?

The use of camels seemed to be a logical solution, one to be at least explored. They have some unusual physical characteristics especially suited for the arid environment. Camels aren't picky eaters. Their thick lips allow them to eat even thorny plants. They can rehydrate faster than other animals, capable of drinking 30 gallons of water in 13 minutes. (Another source stated as much as 53 gallons in 3 minutes) Their humps consist of stored fat which can be metabolized when food and water is scarce. They do well in temperatures between 20° to 120° F. They have two rows of long eye lashes, and a third, clear eyelid to protect their eyes from blowing sand, and are also able to shut their nostrils to keep out the sand during sandstorms. They can carry 300 – 600 lbs. on their backs, which helped these unique animals earn the nickname, "Ships of the Desert."

There are two accounts of who came up with the idea. One account gives credit to Captain George H. Crossman. In 1836 he promoted the idea to anyone that would listen at the War Department but to no avail. It wasn't until Major Henry C. Wayne proposed the idea 10 years later, after performing an extensive study on how it would improve Army transportation in the Southwestern region that the idea was acted upon. The second account credits General Edward F. Beale with the idea of using camels for military purposes, when he and Kit Carson were exploring Death Valley, according to an account written by Beale's son. However, in each account it wasn't until in 1853, after the idea reached the Secretary of War, Jefferson Davis (future President of the Confederacy), that the idea was taken seriously. It took two years to persuade President Franklin Pierce and Congress of the anticipated advantages of using camels for military and other purposes. Congress then decided to grant \$30,000 to fund the unusual project.

In 1856 after a three-month voyage, Major Henry C. Wayne, five hired handlers and 33 camels docked in Indianola, Texas. Later in 1857, Secretary of War John B. Floyd, part of James Buchanan's administration would purchase 44 more camels, bringing the total to 77 camels. These camels were taken to Camp Verde, Texas, which became the home of U.S. Camel Corp.

The soldiers were taught by the hired handlers about the camel's peculiarities, proper handling, and care. According to some individuals their odor was atrocious, until you became used to it. Horses were prone to panic around them. They were known for terrible tempers and spitting on people, which also contains some of their stomach contents. Spitting and kicking are defense tactics when the animals feel threatened. The larger camels can make a variety of sounds, one of which was apparently used for Chewbacca's voice in Star Wars. These traits did little to endear them to many common soldiers.

Skeptical officers eventually realized their value as they repeatedly demonstrated their superiority over horses and mules. They could carry considerably more weight, out distance horses and mules, and while slower than horses, had a higher average speed over long distances.

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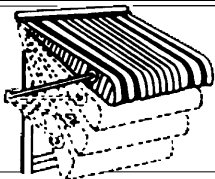


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During one demanding survey expedition several horses and mules died, while all the camels took the journey in stride and safely returned without injury. The officer in command of the expedition gave a glowing report about the camel's performance. In 1860, Lt. Col. Robert E. Lee after using them in a long-range patrol, also gave great reviews. In every instance in which they were used, glowing reports were issued. The Secretary of War even requested Congress to purchase 1,000 more camels but that never happened.

No formal reason was ever given for the lack of interest by Congress and others in the military. Some believe that a powerful mule lobby may have torpedoed the idea. Perhaps their feet were not well suited to some of the rocky terrain they had to cross. Others believe that the outbreak of the Civil War prevented the war department's further experimentation with camels for military purposes. Another proposed theory for the failed experiment was that the major supporters became Confederates; Jefferson Davis president of the Confederacy, and Henry Wayne and Robert E. Lee became generals in the Confederate Army.

When Texas seceded, the camels at Camp Verde were scattered to the four winds. Some meandered down to Mexico and up to Colorado, several were used for confederate mail service, the tombstone of one nicknamed Old Douglas, can be found in the confederate cemetery at Vicksburg. In 1864 the U.S. Army auctioned off those still in its possession. By 1866, many had been sold to traveling circuses, mining companies or simply turned loose to fend for themselves. It has been reported that the last sighting of a roaming camel was around 1941, another source stated 1956.

One of the first hired Ottoman (Syrian) caretakers was named Hadji Ali. Soldiers mispronounced his name so badly that they started to call him "Hi Jolly". The name he would answer to for the remainder of his life. "Hi Jolly" was saddened to lose the camels when the army discontinued the program. He tried his hand for a while at gold mining and running a camel freight service but without success. He moved to Tucson to work with the U.S. Army as a scout. In 1880 he became a citizen, changed his name to Philip Tedro, and married Gertrude Serna. In 1889, three years after the surrender of Geronimo, he left his wife and three children, to meander the desert as a prospector. In 1898 declining health forced him to return to Tucson, hoping that his wife would take him back, she refused. He returned to Tyson Wells (Quartzsite), Arizona where he lived until his death in December 1902, at the age of 64. Three decades later the Arizona highway department built the monument (shown above) for him, which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places, a pyramid of quartz and petrified wood topped by a copper figure of a camel. The sign says, "The last camp of Hi Jolly."



*A pack train of camels in the American Southwest in the 1860s. The illustration is from Harper's Weekly.*

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	3	5	7	1				4
	4	2						7
4	5			3				
9		7	1					
	6		8	4				
						1	5	
			6	7			9	
6				8			4	



6	2	9	5	8	1	7	4	3
5	1	4	6	7	3	2	9	8
3	7	8	4	9	2	1	5	6
2	6	3	8	4	9	5	7	1
9	8	7	1	6	5	4	3	2
4	5	1	2	3	7	6	8	9
1	4	2	9	5	8	3	6	7
8	3	5	7	1	6	9	2	4
7	9	6	3	2	4	8	1	5

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