

The Strasburg Signal



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DID YOU KNOW?

Excerpt from Strasburg Heritage Association newsletter, "A Little Folk History; Esso Station/Cameron Exxon" by Kathy Kehoe

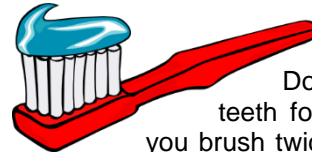
One of the first full service stations on the west end of Strasburg was on the corner of Capon and King Streets where we now have a convenience store. You can still buy gas there, using a plastic card and pumping it yourself. But back in time, a gas station attendant in a striped uniform pumped it for you. After World War II, when gas rationing was over, the gasoline station business was booming. John Artz began operating sometime before or during the war, according to his son Jimmy Artz, selling as Artz Esso until John retired. Then, one of John's long time employees, Tommy Cameron, took over the station as Cameron Exxon.

John Artz's son Jim remembers a story about how people had to have ration stamps to buy gasoline during WWII. Vehicles had a ration sticker on the window, much like our inspections stickers today. Jim says the commercial vehicles sticker had the letter "C". A personal vehicle had the letter "A"—they could only get five gallons of gas at a time and they had to have two ration stamps to get that five gallons. Without their coupons, their "ration stamps", they could not buy gas. Jim Artz remembers a story about Dr. Miller, a veterinarian who lived on West King Street, and was a "good customer" and bought all his gas from Artz's Esso. One day during WWII, Dr. Miller came to get gas. Only after John pumped his gas did Dr. Miller remember he'd forgotten his ration stamps. Because John Artz had to account for every gallon of gas he had in his tanks, he siphoned the gas back out. Jim remembers how they kept the ration stamps in a cigar box, and each evening, the coupons had to be put in a book that would be given to the driver who delivered gas to the pumps. "That was my job before I was old enough to work," said Jim. John had to prove that he'd only sold gas to people who had coupons and that they only got their allotted amount; if he could not account for the gas, he could not receive more gas in his pumps to sell more gas. During WWII, according to Wikipedia.Org, a national speed limit of 35 miles per hour was imposed to save fuel and rubber for tires. "To get a classification and rationing stamps, one had to appear before a local War Price and Rationing Board which reported to the OPA (Office of Price Administration), (which was jokingly said to stand for "Only a Puny A-card"). "To receive a gasoline ration card, a person had to certify a need for gasoline and

ownership of no more than five tires. All tires in excess of five per driver were confiscated by the government, because of rubber shortages. An "A" sticker on a car was the lowest priority of gasoline rationing and entitled the car owner to 3 to 4 US gallons...of gasoline per week. B stickers were issued to workers in the military industry, entitling their holder up to 8 US gallonsof gasoline per week. C stickers were granted to persons deemed very essential to the war effort, such as doctors. T rations were made available for truckers. Lastly, X stickers on cars entitled the holder to unlimited supplies and were the highest priority in the system. Clergy, police, firemen, and civil defense workers were in this category."

TURN THE FAUCET OFF

Turn off the tap while brushing your teeth. Water comes out of the average faucet at 2.5 gallons per minute. Don't let all that water go down the drain while you brush! Turn off the faucet after you wet your toothbrush, and leave it off until it is time to rinse.



Do the math! If you brush your teeth for two minutes each time and you brush twice a day, that is 10 gallons of water per day you are using. Multiply that by 31 days per month and you have reached 310 gallons. If you have a family of four, that adds up to 1,240 gallons. That's a lot of water, which converts to dollars, which you could be saving each month by turning off the faucet!

DID YOU KNOW? TAX TIDBIT

The Town of Strasburg, as well as the County of Shenandoah, do not prorate taxes. Whatever vehicle you owned on January 1, 2019, will be the vehicle you are taxed on for the entire year. To avoid penalties, please do not ignore the tax bill you will receive soon even if you sold the vehicle after January 1.



ARTIST-OF-THE-MONTH

Local artist Jana Howard will be the artist-of-the-month for April and May. Jana is an abstract artist, swirling and blending beautiful colors on canvas. A reception to meet the artist will be held prior to the Council meeting on Tuesday, April 9, beginning at 6 p.m.

PLEASE, CLEAN-UP AFTER YOUR DOG

Spring is in the air and more and more people are taking to the streets to walk. If you like to take your dog

along on your walk, please be considerate of other walkers and property owners by cleaning-up after your dog. **This consideration also applies when walking on the River Walk or exercising your dog at the Town Park and/or Dog Park.**

Walking should be enjoyable to all and dog owners can help by cleaning up after their dog.

BUSINESS AS USUAL

Clementine Vintage
With Sue Haynes



How long have you been in business?
-We've celebrated one year in downtown!
Tell us about your ideal customer.
-Our ideal customer has a vision and direction for their style and decor and they're looking for that special piece that will enhance their space!

Tell us something unique or special:
-We love to highlight unique vintage pieces, our customers love the mix of old and new!

Tell us about your event in Strasburg?
- Vintage in the Valley happening on April 6th! We joined with the Town to organize the festival after being inspired by the Lockett's Fair! A day full of vintage vendors, performers, activities and MORE! Come out to downtown and see! And stop by the shop!

What is a funny or memorable story?
-I love creating window displays! When we were under construction, I used vintage tonka trucks and assembled a galvanized bucket man with an 'Under Construction' sign! I loved having the fun window through the transformation.

Contact Information:
Definitely hit us up on social media!
E-mail: clementinevintageetc@gmail.com
Give us a Buzz: 540-325-5455
Find us on Etsy, too!
-Sue + Chris Haynes!

Vintage
in the
Valley

APRIL 6TH, 2019
STRASBURG, VIRGINIA

VINTAGE & ANTIQUE DEALERS
HANDCRAFTED ARTISAN GOODS
WINE GARDEN & CAR SHOW
VINTAGE FASHION SHOW
OVER 200 VALLEY VENDORS
DIABLO DIMES-ELVIS-PATSY CLINE
FACEBOOK @DISCOVERSTRASBURG
WWW.STRASBURGVA.COM

STRASBURG VIRGINIA

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY Town of Strasburg LIFEGUARDS

The Town of Strasburg is accepting applications for Lifeguards at the Strasburg Town Pool. Must possess Lifeguard, CPR & AED, and first aid certifications and be 15 years of age prior to opening date to be considered. Positions are part-time beginning Memorial Day with required training and meetings prior to start date. Weekend and evening hours also required during season.

Mail LIFEGUARD application to: Town of Strasburg
ATTN: Amy Keller
PO Box 351
Strasburg, VA 22657

Applications at the Strasburg Town Hall or on the town's website: www.strasburgva.com

The Town of Strasburg is an Equal Opportunity Employer

TRASH & RECYCLING SCHEDULE FOR APRIL:

- Wednesday, April 3: **Trash & Recycling**
- Wednesday, April 10: **Trash Collection ONLY**
- Wednesday, April 17: **Trash & Recycling**
- Wednesday, April 24: **Trash Collection ONLY**

APRIL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

1 – Council Work Session, 7 p.m.	15 – Council Work Session, 7 p.m.
4 – Rec/Parks/Trails Comm., 7 p.m.	23 – Planning Comm., 7 p.m.
6 – “Vintage in the Valley”	25 – ARB, 7 p.m.
9 – “Artist of the Month” Reception, 6 p.m. Town Council, 7 p.m. (FY2019-20 Proposed Budget Public Hearing)	