

WINTER 2024

HAPPENING NOW



Thank you for picking up a copy of the NEW Lizette Gazette created by members of the Riverside Historical Society.

RIVERSIDE HISTORICAL SOCIETY: CELEBRATING 40 YEARS OF HISTORY!

In an interview with Rich Pattanite on Tuesday, January 2, 2024, Past President Alice Smith met to clarify the date of collecting the town's history. During the interview, Rich shared that the collecting began in 1975 for the preparation of the 1976 bicentennial celebration of our country. The town did not have an organized historical society, but organizations and individuals rallied to pull their collections together for exhibition. Rich Pattanite was part of the under 21 committee for the bicentennial and attended a meeting in Philadelphia with President & Mrs. Gerald Ford.

Groups met at the Riverside Community Center which was renovated with \$150,000 in grant funds received to modernize the building. Other grant renovations included Whomsley Field, AA Field, and Scott Street's angle parking converted to parallel parking at that time. The Riverside Township, Riverside Library, the Camera Club under the direction of Buddy Reeves, pulled their resources. Russell Hullings displayed the collection at his Scott Street carpet business in the old Worth Building and Taubel Mill site prior to exhibiting in the Watch Case Building.

Incorporated in 1983, the Riverside Historical Society has hosted countless museums, publications and events. Some of these highlights are the 1987 Riverside Monopoly game, Bob Kenney's 2001 history book (known colloquially as "the green book") and sesquicentennial celebration of Riverside, Herm Maurer's 2021 book "Progress to Riverside", restoration of O. Bailey's 1899 Map of Riverside by Frank Pearson, the 150+ veterans now honored on our Military Walk of Honor spearheaded by Brittany Rae, an annual holiday ornament, working with Riverside Schools with the Third Grade Riverside History Project, and the acquisition of the train station from Virtua Health Systems.

While we have a lot to be proud of, we look forward to all the milestones still ahead of us. We hope you'll join us in our mission to educate and preserve for the next generations of residents and visitors! Stop by, bring a friend, or make some new ones at one of our open days or meetings soon!



Top: One of the two 2023 holiday ornaments celebrated our 40th year as an organization.



Right: Founding member, Rich Pattanite

SHOP LOCAL HISTORY ANYTIME AT:



FOR THE FIRST TIME!



presents our inaugural
MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY
REMEMBER AND HONOR
TO BE HELD IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE PARADE.
AT WAR MONUMENT PARK

Questions? Email us riversidehistoricalsocietynj@gmail.com

UPCOMING MEETING & PROGRAMMING

Join us on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at the American Legion Post #146 located on American Legion Drive at 7:00 p.m. Please mark your calendars!

March 20th
April 17th
May 15th

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Flip over to see who Lizette is and what our area was like decades ago.

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LIZETTE'S CORNER



We're sharing some Edwardian valentines to celebrate Valentine's Day!

Which style do you think would be most likely found in the halls of Zurbrugg Mansion?



THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS!

We celebrated 40 years of sharing, archiving, and preserving the history of Riverside in 2023. We thought we'd share some of the notable gifts we've received throughout our time established:



The grandfather clock from Zurbrugg Memorial Hospital!



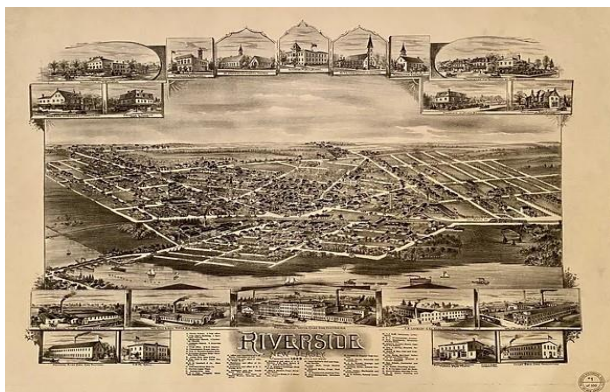
Grand Army of the Republic flag which is of the Civil War era!

SUPPORT LOCAL HISTORY

Don't miss your opportunity to own your own Limited Edition 22" x 28" Fine Art Print of one of the finest maps of Riverside. Numbered 1 to 100 and registered in our historical museum, this map was remastered with care from an original 1899 O.H. Bailey & Co. lithograph, that hung on the wall of the Riverside Moravian Church for over 100 years. Printed on thick premium matte paper.

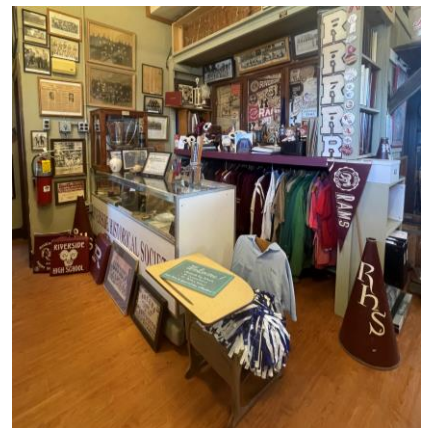
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Our School Section is always a big hit! From Riverside schools, to St. Pete's and St. Casimir's we have a lot to offer alumni! In fact, the only Riverside school we're missing physical artifacts from is the Progress Street School though we have a lot of written history on it!



Original Riverside station sign which was once on the exterior of our building now lives inside!

What would social media look like in early Riverside? Wonder no more! Taken from Riverside newspapers:

February 19th, 1887: The members of the Lutheran Church are building a German school in connection with the church.

February 6th, 1892: The question of the hour is, "where is that drain going to, that is being laid down to Hafner's Garden?"

And how could we mention notable donations without naming our own building! The former train station turned thrift depot was gifted to us in 2022 by Virtua Hospital. We are forever grateful to have a permanent home and be able to preserve this historical building in our town!



AS ALWAYS, A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO HAVE DONATED TO OUR ORGANIZATION IN OTHER WAYS TOO! WHETHER IT BE YOUR TIME OR A MONETARY DONATION, WE WOULD NOT BE WHO WE ARE WITHOUT YOU!



OPEN HOURS AT THE MUSEUM

Every Thursday from 9am-noon and then again from 1-4pm.
Every second and last Saturday of the month from 1-4pm.

LIKE US ON FACEBOOK!



EVENTS IN & AROUND 08075

SATURDAY, February 24th, 2024 1-4pm

Museum open hours @ Riverside Historical Society (3 Franklin St.)

Stop in to see our newest donations, visit old friends, or research!

SATURDAY, March 23rd, 2024 11am

Easter Egg Hunt @ Whomsley Field

This is a township sponsored event; please see riversidetwp.org for more details and information.

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