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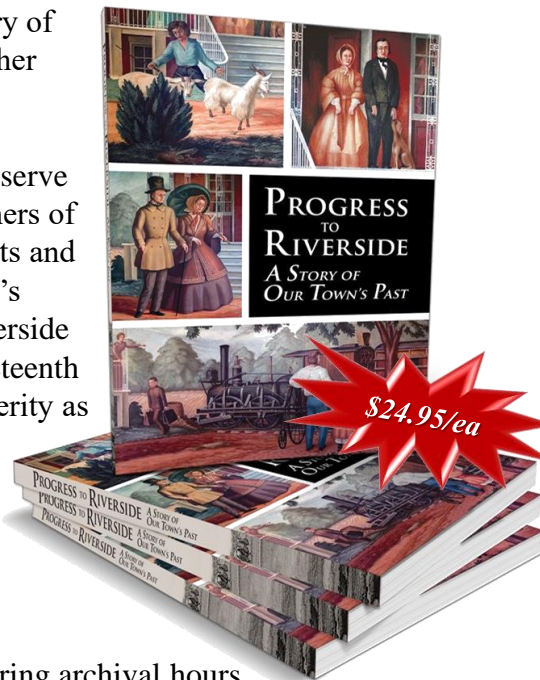
### New Year, New Book!

Over the last few months, you have seen us mention the new book coming to you from the Riverside Historical Society written by one of our Trustees, Herm Mauer! The book, "Progress to Riverside: A Story of Our Town's Past" is a great addition to any home whether you are new to or from Riverside.

For the newcomers to our community this book may serve as an introduction to our township's first history; to others of longer standing it's written as a reminder of those events and people that came before us and helped shape Riverside's beginning. Through the research for this book, the Riverside Historical Society hopes to detail and describe the nineteenth century residents who contributed to Riverside's prosperity as a community. Their interactions helped in so many ways with transforming this small section of Burlington County from a few scattered farms, with very few residents, into the Township of Riverside

Pre-order now online at our website, [www.RiversideHistoricalSocietyNJ.com](http://www.RiversideHistoricalSocietyNJ.com), or stop by during archival hours Thursdays from 9am-noon or Museum open hours the last Tuesday and Saturday of the month from 10am-2pm to order by check. You may also download a mail-in form online from our website.

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Thank you for picking up a copy of the Lizette Gazette written and published from the Riverside Historical Society!

HAPPY  
New Year

Make time to visit us in



The pocket watches above are from our collection. Learn more about them with a visit this year!

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### EVENTS IN & AROUND 08075 IN JANUARY

**WEDNESDAY, January 15 7PM**  
**RIVERSIDE HISTORICAL SOCIETY @ AMERICAN LEGION**  
General member meeting. Program: "What's In A (Street) Name?"

**THURSDAY, January 16 NOON**  
**WOMEN'S NATURE CLUB @ AMICO ISLAND**  
Part of a series from Burlington County Parks, join with other women who are passionate about the environment and enjoy the outdoors. Register online at <https://www.co.burlington.nj.us/>

**MONDAY, January 20 7PM**  
**TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING @ TOWN HALL**

We still have a few 2019 ornaments available! Each are 4"x4" and metal featuring a vintage image from our Riverside Press collection!  
\$15/ea



### 2019 Holiday Dreams Raffle Winners

We gave away over \$11,000 in prizes so these folks are starting out the new year with a little bonus cash- or maybe it all went to presents!

- 1st prize #0860 Sue Hatfield
- 2nd prize #0609 Tom Riley Jr.
- 3rd-7th prizes:
  - #0563 Diane Port
  - #0898 Ruth Marino
  - #0255 Palombi Family
  - #0250 Maria Herbst
  - #0711 Barbara Greif

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# HAPPENING THEN

LIZETTE'S CORNER

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While little is known about how Lizette exactly celebrated New Year's, we can look to her German heritage to imagine how she

might have brought those cultural traditions to Riverside and Delanco:

- Starting the new year with a bang or at least some loud noises to drive out evil spirits.
- Speaking of spirits, guests may have toast with a glass of "Sekt," a German sparkling wine.
- Enjoying a long, late dinner since a long meal would shorten the wait until midnight.

But what about Mr. Zurbrugg? Well, perhaps he continued on the Swiss tradition of dropping heaping dollops of whipped cream to the floor which was done to usher in riches in the new year.

However they celebrated, we're sure it was a posh affair for those in their circle to enjoy!

Sources: <https://www.dw.com/en/10-german-traditions-on-new-years-eve/a-36648029>

<https://www.livescience.com/57344-the-origin-of-7-new-years-traditions-revealed.html>

## ***New Year's Past***

*Ever wonder where some of our most beloved New Year's Eve traditions come from? Read below to find yours and learn more!*

### **What does "Auld Lang Syne" mean, and why do we sing the song at midnight on New Year's Eve?**

"Auld Lang Syne" is the title of a Scottish folk song and roughly translates to "days gone by." Its lyrics, which rhetorically ask whether "auld acquaintance" should "be forgot," have been interpreted as a call to remember friends and experiences from the past.

### **Who were the first to make resolutions for the new year?**

The tradition is thought to have first caught on among the ancient Babylonians, who made promises in order to earn the favor of the gods and start the year off on the right foot.

### **When was the first New Year's Eve ball dropped in New York's Times Square?**

When the city banned fireworks in 1907, an electrician devised a wood-and-iron ball that weighed 700 pounds, was illuminated with 100 light bulbs and was dropped from a flagpole at midnight on New Year's Eve.

### **What are some traditional New Year's foods?**

A dozen grapes, symbolizing their hopes for the months ahead, just before midnight (Spain and some Spanish-speaking counties). Legumes, which are thought to resemble coins and herald future financial success (lentils in Italy, black-eyed peas in the southern USA). Pork for those in Cuba, Austria, Hungary, Portugal among other countries as pigs represent progress and prosperity. Ring-shaped cakes and pastries, a sign that the year has come full circle, in the Netherlands, Mexico, Greece and elsewhere. In Sweden and Norway, rice pudding with an almond hidden inside is served on New Year's Eve; it is said that whoever finds the nut can expect 12 months of good fortune!

Source: <https://www.history.com/news/new-years-history-festive-facts>

## **What would 19<sup>th</sup> Century social media look like? Wonder no more! Taken from Riverside newspapers:**

**January 30<sup>th</sup> 1892:** Next Monday night, the married folks shake their feet at Haftner's.

**January 4<sup>th</sup> 1896:** Druggist Goldsmith is to have a new electric light in front of his new store.

**January 8<sup>th</sup> 1896:** A telephone is reported to be coming and the office will be at Pine's Drug Store.

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