The McKiernan Family with their beautiful Haflinger team will be at the Historic Village to pull the restored 1800’s Vis-à-vis sleigh.

SLEIGH RIDES
AT THE HISTORIC VILLAGE
FEBRUARY 5, 2017
DONATION: $5.00 PER PERSON
1:00 – 4:00 PM
(SUBJECT TO CANCELLATION)
BEFORE OR AFTER YOUR RIDE, COZY UP TO THE DONLEY LOG CABIN FIREPLACE
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A guy walks in the library. Says, “Got any of them good cookies that you sold last year?” He is in luck because it is the annual Friends of the Library cookie sale. He looks around, sees the beautifully displayed cookies, smells the sweetness in the air, and says, “Great. That is the reason I came in here! This is what I love about a small town! The community sharing and giving back. And especially the baking!” He then put on a food handlers glove, took a “to go” box and began to fill it with snickerdoodles, shortbread, thumbprint cookies, pecan tartlets, and various other confections that Richmond bakers are famous for.

Another guy walks into the church. Says, “Where is Santa Claus? I brought my kids here to eat a breakfast, see Santa, get presents, and have their vision tested. “ This guy is also in luck because he has walked into St. Pete’s cafeteria where the local Lions Club is holding the annual Breakfast with Santa event. After making a generous donation, he and his children joined in the festivities, and they all left smiling and happy and contented.

These “really truly” stories share a care common theme—our small town offers so much to those who are willing to step out and become involved. Here are more outings for you—these are sponsored buy your local historical society.

**Winter Festival at the Historic Village:** The restored sleigh, pulled by beautiful Haflinger horses, will ready to take you for a ride on Sunday February 5, 2017 from 1-4 PM. All of the historic buildings will be open as well.

**The Historic Tea:** The 5th Annual Historic Tea is on Saturday March 18, 2017 at Maniaci’s Banquet Hall. Tickets are limited so make your plans early for this popular event.

And one last thing: **The 2016 Annual Dinner Meeting** will be held on Friday January 20th at Maniaci’s Banquet Hall. By now you have received the letter with all of the information. If you haven’t done so yet, please return your reservation form soon. Also note that your membership dues must be paid at this time.

**Happy New Year! I hope to see you soon.**

Christine
RAHGS

Wish List

It is doubtful that Santa will receive our letter in time for Christmas delivery, so we are asking our members to consider gifting the following items to us. If you can help we would appreciate it.

- Short handled spade
- Michigan peat (2 yards)
- Screened tent (used as a “kitchen” for the shortcake sale)
- Letter size envelopes
- Large mailing envelopes
- Copy paper
- Printer ink (black#950, color #951)
- Postage stamps
The latest addition to our collection is a toy truck (with the original label) that Dianne Gibson purchased at the United Church of Christ gift auction. The bidding was fierce, but the truck finally landed in the right hands! After she won the bid, Dianne told those at the event that she would donate it to the RAHGS collection. A great deal of applause followed.

The truck was made at the Richmond Manufacturing Company (The Toy Company). The owners of the company, John Ross and Howard Tanner of Detroit, began the business in the mid 1940s. It was located on the west side of Main Street just north of the RR tracks in Lenox.

Thank you Dianne Gibson for the great donation!

Donations to General Fund
John Donley
5th Annual Historic Tea

Saturday, March 18, 2017
Maniacci’s Banquet Hall – 69227 N. Main St. Richmond, MI

The Event
Doors open for Table Viewing: 1:00-1:45
Seating: 1:45
Festivities: 2:00
- English Tea
- Scones
- Scrumptious Tea Sandwiches
- Delicious Assorted Homemade Sweets
- Exceptional Raffle
- Special Prizes
- Hat Contest

Special Program
“Fashion Through the Decades”
Join us for an afternoon of fashion and fun as we journey down memory lane showcasing how fashion was influenced by function, environment, lifestyle, and world events from the Victorian Era through the 1960’s.

ADVANCE TICKET SALES ONLY
$30.00
Tickets available at Richmond Flower Shop, Lois Wagner Memorial Library and Thursday mornings
9:00 -12:00 at The Historic Village 36045 Park St. Richmond
For more information, 586-727-7773

Proceeds benefit the Richmond Historical and Genealogical Society
Bricks Purchased
Diane Schade in memory of Norman R. Schade
Synderville Lions in memory of Ann Colley

In Memoriam

Eugene Jakubiak
May 1, 1935—September 3, 2016. We are saddened by the passing of Gene Jakubiak. Gene was a charter member of RAHGS; he served in the Richmond Community School District for 40 years, and he initiated many positive changes in our community. For a full obituary, visit the Kaatz Funeral Home website.

Rhea Wolf
December 21, 1925—October 3, 2016. We will miss Rhea at RAHGS. She was a pleasant and enthusiastic member who supported the Society in many ways. For her full obituary, visit the Young Funeral Home website.
It's almost time to start looking through seed catalogs!!! I am anxious and excited to start planning the flowers that we will use in the beds this year at the Village.

This was my 3rd summer being involved in the landscaping and I can’t believe how much we have accomplished!

In the front of the flag pole we planted a hundred tulips!!!! I can’t wait to see how they will do. I will be watching when they come up because I might have to cage them to keep the bunnies and squirrels from chomping off the flower heads. We did a border of crocus in front of the train car too. Hopefully, the critters won’t get them!!

At my house I could all ready see the greens of the snowdrops popping up in the beds before the snow came. It is exciting to watch the garden come to life even during the winter months and to see how pretty things look with snow cover.

The Village was decorated beautiful for the Holidays!! Thank You to everyone who helped make it possible.

I am getting the seed packets ready for sale. This year we will be selling Cosmos, Hollyhock, Cleome, Columbine, tall Snapdragons, and Nicotiana. The Columbine is new this year. It grows magically all over the beds at the Village in the spring thanks to Al & Jan Collins. It is a perennial and you can have it for your yard this year!

The seed packets will cost $2.00 each, or 3 packs for $5.00. This is just a little fundraiser to help offset gardening costs! We will have them available at the Annual Business Meeting and you can purchase them anytime after that from the Historical Society. We will mail them to you etc. if you want to order any.

See you at the Business Meeting!

Marsha
Our mission statement:

- To share with others the legacy left us by our forefathers, the migrants from the East and the immigrants from Europe, who with foresight and conviction built a better future for themselves and their children, and for the generations that followed.
- To honor and remember those who cleared the land, grew the crops, educated the young, and to pay homage to those who fought in the wars and sacrificed their lives for something they believed in.
- To encourage our community leaders to preserve the few historical building remaining today.
- To provide assistance to those who turn to us for help in finding their roots.

The general membership meetings/programs, which are open to the public, are held throughout the year. The Historic Village is open during Winter Festival, on Log Cain Day, during Good Old Days, Thursday morning work bees, special events, and by special appointment. Watch the newsletter, the website, and Facebook for dates, times, and program information.