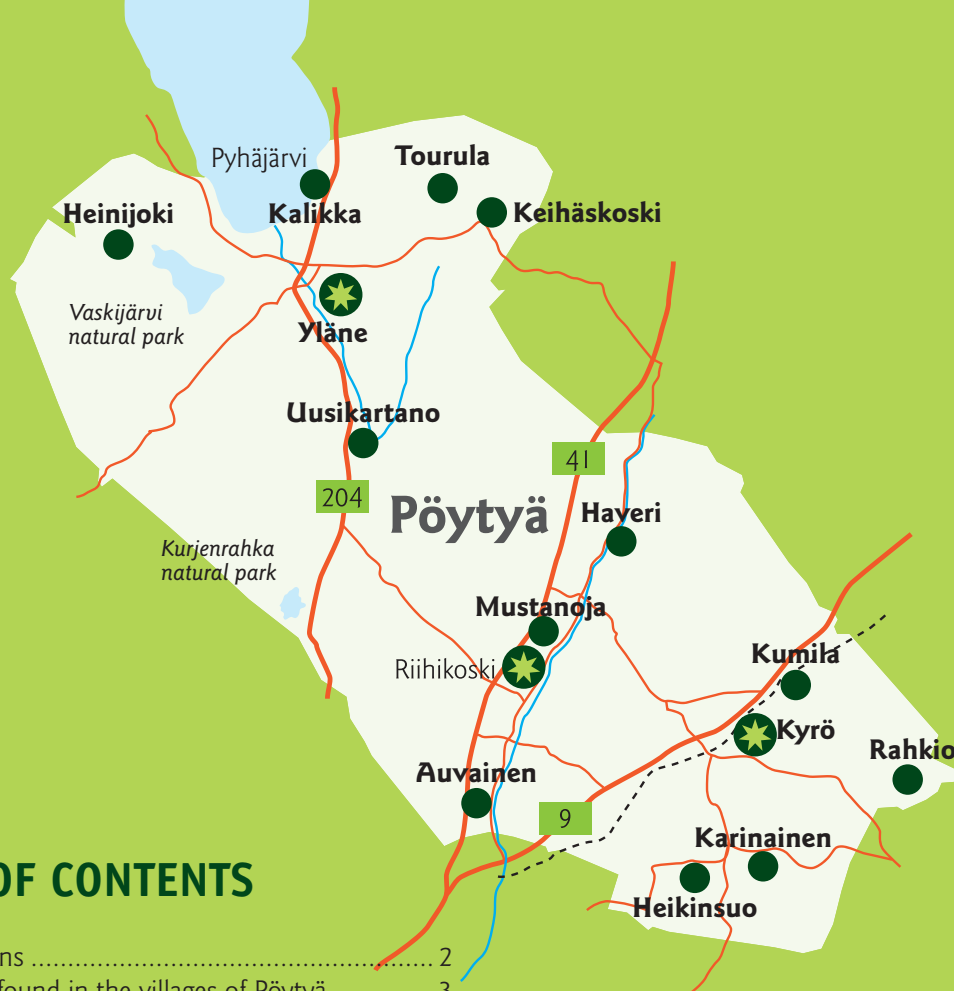


A small, red wooden house with a shingled roof, built against a tree trunk and surrounded by moss. The house has a white trim around the edges and a small white window. The background is a blurred green forest.

# PÖYTYÄ OF MANY VILLAGES

*Home base for everyone*



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# DYNAMISM IS FOUND IN THE VILLAGES OF PÖYTYÄ

Pöytyä covers a large area of land and its villages are varied. Alongside our busy roads, there's diverse nature, lively business, and various forms of culture to be found. Above all, the roadsides teem with inhabitants, companies, villages, and communities. They, and their collaboration, are what creates the ever-growing dynamism of Pöytyä.

Dynamism is fuel for the future and exactly what Pöytyä has needed on its journey forward that began in 2017. At the moment, the goal is set to the year 2025, and the key points on this journey are dynamism, well-being, and a developing municipality. Active villages have an important role on this journey: development and activities start with regional needs, and the well-being of the whole of Pöytyä stems from its healthy and strong villages.

We are building the best possible Pöytyä - together with the villages, inhabitants, businesses, and other parties. With cooperation, we will create impressive results and increase attraction. We work determinedly to achieve good living and business opportunities, and our investments in comprehensive schools and day-care centres guarantee a smooth and comfortable everyday life to families with children.

The various villages of Pöytyä with their multitude of events bring joy and involvement to all people of Pöytyä. Via shared and mutual ideas, development, experiments, and networking we can achieve so much more. Idleness results in nothing, but even the smallest deeds, and every step taken, are important to a municipality that has set its sights on the future. I feel confident in continuing this journey with our firmly founded municipality and our functioning villages.

**You are welcome to visit us and our villages!**

*Katariina Torvinen*

Director of Vitality and Development for Pöytyä



## AUVAINEN – ALWAYS ON THE MOVE

The village of Auvainen is located in Pöytyä, near B-road 41 and next to Vanha Turuntie, a twenty-minute drive from Turku. The road connections are downright excellent, but you can also travel by water: it's possible to paddle along the Aurajoki river to the neighbouring municipality. Fertile fields line one side of the river, and the high cliffs of Puhovuori rise on the other side. From the top of the Puhovuori Rock, you can feast your eyes on the idyllic Finnish landscape.

Auvainen is a village pulsating with life. In the gym at the Auranmaa building, the forms of exercise to choose from are many: floorball, badminton, volleyball, kettlebell, and various exercise clubs. Local sports clubs also use the gym frequently. The multi-functional court allows playing, among others, tennis or basketball in the summer. And in winter, you can put on your skates in the warm dressing room and hit the ice for a round of hockey or some pirouettes. In addition, the sports centre yard offers a playground for children with climbing frames and swings, a beach volleyball court, outdoor exercise equipment, and a disc golf course.



PHOTO BY: HENRI VALKEAPÄÄ



The Auvainen Region Village Association has been active since 2003. Via several projects, the association has developed a more practical and functional environment for children and other villagers too. A vibrant rural community, a safe and stimulating growth environment, and the spirit of doing things together are integral parts of the village association's activities.

In close vicinity of the sports centre, several new plots have been zoned - so constructors are welcome to start building.



AUVAINEN REGION VILLAGE ASSOCIATION

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# HAVERI – FERTILE FIELDS AND IMPOSING MANORS



Haveri lies at the border of the Oripää and Pöytyä municipalities and is a cosy village for happy people; offering an excellent residential environment for those who appreciate peace of nature. In Haveri, data-communication links are top-notch. Optical fibre connections are available for all the houses in the area - making remote working a breeze.

Traffic connections to large shopping centres are good. The nearest shops are 10 minutes away and you can reach the cities in half an hour. Lively village activities are kept going by the 30-year-old village association that, in addition to regional supervision of interests, organises traditional events in the village and other get-togethers and trips.

The Turuntie road, favoured by cyclists and bikers, runs through Haveri in the historic and lush Finnish rural landscape amidst fields by the Aurajoki river. The route offers several sights too. The old stake pit reminds us of times when a bounty was paid for trapping and killing wolves. The Koskela Mill is a water mill built into the Aurajoki river in the 18th century. The mill still works, and the village association arranges showings at the mill to order. The association has built a viewing tower in Kärilänmäki - the highest spot in Haveri. There's directional signing to the tower from the Turuntie road.



PHOTO BY: RAIJA TURTOLA

The beautiful manors and their surroundings are a little farther off the main road of Turuntie: Pihlava Manor on Pihlavantie street, Ordenoja Manor on Pöytäsuontie road, and Juva House on Juvantie road. The Ordenoja manor has long traditions in horse breeding, and the Ordenoja 'stallion station' currently operates on the manor grounds.

Of the many natural landscapes, an important one - in addition to the Aurajoki river - is Kontolanrahka, one of the largest raised bogs in southwestern Finland. The centre part of the bog rises nearly seven metres above its surroundings. The hunting society of upper Pöytyä also has activities in the area. There is also an abstract piece of environmental art, Khronos House, at Ordenoja, Haveri.



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## HEIKINSUO – NEW HOMES AND OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES



PHOTO BY: VARSINAIS-SUOMEN KYLÄT RY

Heikinsuo is a small yet active village of 400 inhabitants in southern Pöytyä municipality, between Kyrö and Aura. The village has had its own association for decades, and the association's board still organises many kinds of activities for the villagers all year round, while looking after the villagers' rights and maintaining the general level of living comfort at the same time. New homes are built in the area each year, and new construction can benefit from the municipal water network and the pressure sewerage system produced by the Heikinsuo water distribution cooperative.

The village association is to thank for the disc golf course at the Heikinsuo school and for the playground in the village centre. In connection with the playground, there is also a kiosk in the summer and a beach volley court; the latter is particularly liked and used by the young in the area. Weather permitting, there is an open group for families at the playground.

The village association has their own lean-to by the side of the Hirvisuo marsh, offering a brilliant view across the wetlands. The lean-to also provides an outhouse and a woodshed. In winter, providing it's cold and snowy enough, we maintain skiing trails and skating rinks. We have also organised some downhill skiing trips in winter. As you can see, in Heikinsuo we aim to offer something for everyone regardless of age.



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# HEINIJOKI – NUMEROUS LAKES AND A STRONG SENSE OF COMMUNITY

Heinijoki in Yläne is a lively village with many sorts of business activities, good neighbourliness, and a strong sense of doing things as a community. The heart of the village is the former old elementary school building owned by the Heinijoki Smallholders' Association.

The association has actively renovated the building that can house about 100 people. The school can also be rented for private events. The smallholders' association was founded way back in 1927, but it has kept up with the times and today it serves the whole village and community. There are about eight yearly association-organised events at the school, and the village women also have their own Touhutupa activities there.

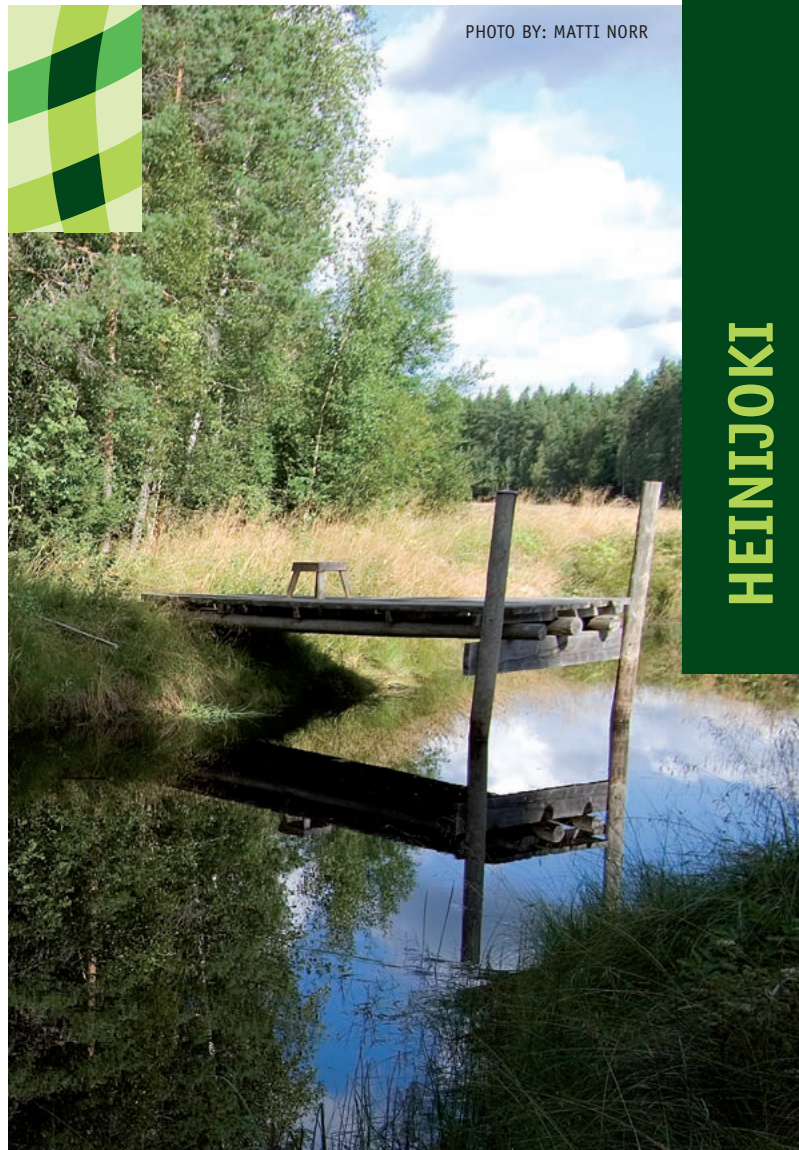
There are six lakes in the village's region (Elijärvi, Lampsijärvi, Iso Palijärvi and Pikku Palijärvi, Korpijärvi, and Pirttijärvi; while the lakes of Koskeljärvi, Vähäjärvi, and Pyhäjärvi are also quite near). The Vaskijärvi natural park is in the village's immediate vicinity. This park was founded in 1956. It, together with its surroundings, forms one of the largest wild, uninhabited areas in all southwestern Finland. A hiker, stopping for an instant on the duckboards, can sense the overwhelming and undisturbed peace and quiet of nature. In Heinijoki, the nature and the many lakes create a great setting for all kinds of recreation.

The fabulous nature and the strong sense of community guarantee that Heinijoki is a place of true living comfort. By the way, did you know that the well-known painter Vihtori Ylinen was born and lived in the Heinijoki area?



HEINIJOKI SMALLHOLDERS' ASSOCIATION

PHOTO BY: MATTI NORR



HEINIJOKI

## KARINAINEN- CULTURAL LANDSCAPES AND HOME-MADE ICE CREAM



PHOTO BY: TIMO KESTI

The village of Karinainen is countryside at its best: tranquil, lush, and comfortable. The river Tarvasjoki runs through the village. The road of Kyröntie, with its open fields and houses, follows the river's course and forms a cultural landscape typical of the village. This is where Wäinö Aaltonen was born, as is evident from his commemorative rock and the sculpture entitled Suru (Sorrow) at the memorial war grave in Karinainen Cemetery.

The different nearby cities - Turku, Salo, and Loimaa - are but a short drive away. The village also has many sorts of business operations in, among others, the production of upgraded food

products. This village even has its own brand of ice cream and a parlour that sells it!



KARINAINEN VILLAGE ASSOCIATION



# KUMILA – FINNISH BASEBALL AND FORESTS FULL OF BERRIES AND MUSHROOMS



The village cluster of Kumila-Kaulanperä is located about 50 kilometres from Turku, next to highway 9 and the railway. Loimaa is only 25 kilometres away.

The village offers a baseball field, a chapel, and - next to Lukontalo house - POP Arena, the sports centre completed in early 2018. In addition to the village association, there are other active associations, such as Loukonkulman Martat, Loukonkulman Jahti and Loukonkulman Lukko, and the baseball division of Pöytyän Urheilijat.

The baseball club has teams in nearly all junior age groups for both boys and girls. The men's and women's representative teams play in Ykköspesis, the second-highest Finnish tournament. In the summer, baseball brings lots of visitors to the village - both near and far. It is a topic of great pride, as some of Finland's best baseball players hail from Kumila.



PHOTO BY: TIMO KESTI

Nature is never far in Kumila. The Kontolanrahka marsh with its cranes, as well as the excellent opportunities for berry and mushroom picking, are but a short walk away. And you only need to travel a few kilometres to get to the Mellilänjärvi beach and disc golf course.



KUMILA VILLAGE ASSOCIATION

# KYRÖ – EDUCATION, CULTURE, AND A GRAND PUBLIC OUTDOOR SWIMMING POOL

KYRÖ



PHOTO BY: TIMO KESTI

Kyrö is the largest of the Pöytyä villages with circa 1,800 inhabitants. Kyrö has an excellent location by the railway and highway 9, roughly 40 kilometres from Turku.

You can find comprehensive culture and education services in Kyrö. The hill, rich in tradition, is home to both the Elisenvaara Upper Secondary School and the comprehensive school, with the library and high-quality auditorium. The Auranlaakso adult education centre and Art School Liisa Hellevi are at the edge of the marketplace. The marketplace is, indeed, the most active and bustling centre of market trade where sellers and customers gather each Wednesday throughout the year. In addition, the Kyrö spring and Christmas fairs take place in the market square in April and December.

The grand outdoor swimming pool maintained by the Kyrö Region Village Association is a veritable oasis in the village, offering a summery site of refreshment to everyone living close by. When summer season ends, the swimming facility continues to offer swimming activities in the autumn and winter (ice swimming). As a unique detail the complete swimming facility - with the saunas - can be hired for private use.

Kyrö provides diverse services for daily life. The village has its own volunteer fire brigade with a youth wing, and both are very active. There are many good places to practise local sports near the schools: sawdust track for jogging and skiing, BMX track, disc golf course, fields for athletics, soccer, and baseball, and ice hockey rink.



KYRÖ REGION VILLAGE ASSOCIATION

<https://sites.google.com/view/ksky>

# PÖYTYÄ HOME OWNERS' ASSOCIATION

## – DRIVING THE IDEA OF COMMUNALITY

The Pöytyä Home Owners' Association is an association for people living in detached and one-family houses and recreational homes, with all of Pöytyä as its operational area. The association's aim is to promote and improve living comfort in the association's operational area, and to increase communality and social interaction in the municipality's different areas. There are about 160 member families taking part in the activities.

The Pöytyä homeowners' association belongs to the national Home Owners' Association that offers its members various benefits, such as counselling related to energy consumption and waste water treatment, as well as the Omakoti magazine published quarterly. The association's member benefits include hiring a garden shredder, gas grill, percolator, or a tent to use at fairs, as well as discounts and benefits regarding trips organised by the association.

The association arranges various events and trips to both their members and other local residents. Yearly traditions include happenings such as open-air theatre in the summer, a day for outdoor activities, Christmas party cruise, a kids-parents soccer match, and a summer excursion to a destination suggested by the members. The association has organised charity campaigns to, for instance, help the elderly in gardening tasks, guidance in geocaching, and disc golf rounds both in their own and the neighbouring municipalities. Thanks to an initiative by the association, the Mäkiäistenrinne area in Riihikoski got their own playground and soccer field; the association maintains these services available to all users.

The Pöytyä Home Owners' Association welcomes all local residents to actively participate for the common good of Pöytyä.

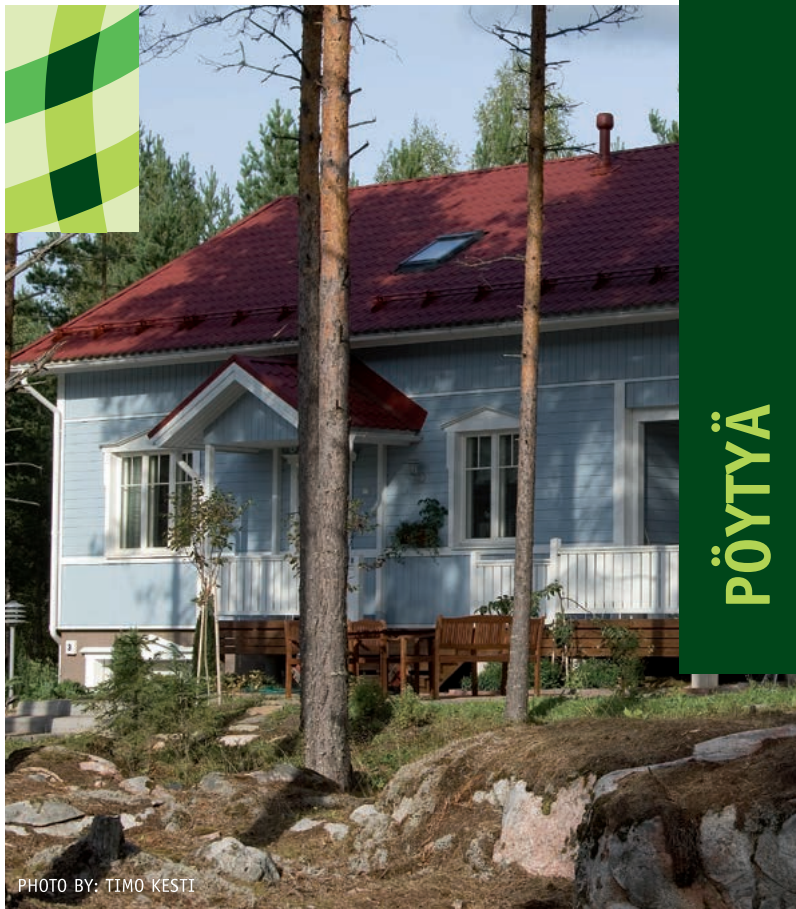


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PÖYTYÄ



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## MUSTANOJA – BEAUTIFUL VILLAGE MAIN ROAD AND HAPPY TIMES TOGETHER



The village of Mustanoja is found in the cultural-historical Finnish landscape by the Turuntie road, between Riihikoski and the Pöytyä parish. The services provided by Riihikoski are just a few kilometres away and the village's main road offers quick access to highway 41. Peaceful dirt roads and lush forest trails invite you for a walk right at your front door. The Aurajoki river running through the village offers good opportunities for stand up paddleboarding (SUP) if that's your thing.

The beautiful village road has attracted families, and the youthful village association of Mustanoja founded in 2011 is very active in the area, organising events for the whole family all year round. Traditional Christmas party, day at the beach, skating disco, and some not-so-common happenings such as animal tracking, mushroom picking, accordion keep-fit class, and Reppuniemi elves. The most important thing is having fun and doing things together.

As you travel through the village, you come across many traditional sites such as the former Mustanoja school, Kyntäjätupa

(Ploughman's Cottage), and the Reppuniemi Local Heritage Museum. Kyntäjätupa is one of the most traditional festive venues in the municipality. In the summer, Reppuniemi serves as the stage for Pöytyä Theatre. Museopappila is located in the Pöytyä parish church area.

Mustanoja village provides special services such as a goldsmith's shop, upholstery and restoration services, a carding plant, and - the latest addition - riding stables. A few stone's throws away is the lively industrial area of Lalli.

The village of Mustanoja is made of good connections, beautiful landscapes, and happy times.



**MUSTANOJA VILLAGE ASSOCIATION**

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## RAHKIO – LUSH AND YOUTHFUL



The village of Rahkio is located nine kilometres from Kyrö, in the middle of beautiful and lush rural landscapes. Previously, the village had its own school and the Rahkio Stage, both of which are now privately owned.

The villagers practise both farming and other forms of business. The general look has become more youthful over the years as the population has been rejuvenated by both younger newcomers and returnees.

The village association has occasionally organised events in the Kakarlampi recreational area.

We warmly welcome you to join in developing our activities!



RAHKIO VILLAGE ASSOCIATION

## TOURULA AND KEIHÄSKOSKI – THINGS ARE HAPPENING IN PAIMENENMÄKI



PHOTO BY: VARSINAIS-SUOMEN KYLÄT RY



The villages of Tourula and Keihäskoski lie in the northern parts of Pöytyä, in the old Yläne region bordering Säkylä and Loimaa.

The centre point for the villages is the former village school Paimenenmäki where the teaching activities ended in 1992. This was when people became active and set up the Tourula-Keihäskoski Village Association in the area of the old school district. The work done by the villages for the benefit of Paimenenmäki was rewarded in 2008 when they were nominated Village of the Year in Finland Proper.

In addition to the village association, there are other operations in the area of the villages: other associations, Marthas, a local farmers' association, and a hunting society. All of these organise diverse events, happenings, and trips to villagers all year round. In addition to active operations by the associations, there is plenty of traditional farming and other business activities going on in the village. Here, you can find sheep, hens, chickens, goats,

highland cattle, machine contractors, meat processing, and people with manual skills.

Tourula and Keihäskoski are villages for active people and provide a tranquil living environment. In addition to the organised activities, the area offers opportunities for independent hiking in nature - for example, from Tourula to Yläne municipal centre along the Kirkkopolku path.

Paimenenmäki provides event and conference facilities for about 100 persons.



TOURULA-KEIHÄSKOSKI  
VILLAGE ASSOCIATION

<http://www.paimenenmaki.com/>



# UUSIKARTANO

## – LYSMETTÄ DANCE PAVILION AND HIMOLA THEATRE

Uusikartano can be found by the Turku–Säkylä road. In Uusikartano, Yläne, village activity and theatre operations date all the way back to the early 1980s. Since those days, activities have continued uninterrupted and they have moved from Himola rapids to the former village school grounds. This current Lysmettä area was, a long time ago, a park for outdoor exercise for gentlefolk, and it is a great place for recreational activities even today.

The area of Lysmettä offers a kiosk, a dance pavilion, a covered auditorium, and a playground for children. The area is fully accessible. The dock allows you to dip in the Ylänejoki river. The village association hires the Lysmettä facilities throughout the year. Another thing near Lysmettä is the Pikkukoski lean-to maintained by the association and free to use for all hikers. In addition to maintaining Lysmettä, the active villagers take care of village landscape maintenance.

There are events and happenings in the village all year round. The Pancake Tuesday fair, entrepreneur dance, Christmas advent event – and bazaar, Wednesday's open sauna, and ice swimming are all much-loved traditions in Uusikartano. The village also has its own volunteer fire brigade complete with fire station.

Himola Theatre is part of the Uusikartano village association. Its operation is not limited to summer only, as the active enthusiasts prepares three premieres per year. One in Lysmettä in summer, and two winter premieres at the community hall in Yläne centre. In 2011, the work done by the village association and Himola Theatre was acknowledged by selecting it Village of the Year in Finland Proper. As it were, that year the competition theme was “villages creating culture”.



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UUSIKARTANO



UUSIKARTANO VILLAGE ASSOCIATION

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# YLÄNE - LIVELY PARISH VILLAGE, HIKING ROUTES, AND THE IMPRESSIVE PYHÄJÄRVENSELKÄ

YLÄNE



PHOTO BY: TIINA NUORTIMO



The heart-shaped Yläne in Satakunta borderlands was an independent municipality until 2009. The active parish village has a health centre, a library, a comprehensive school with nine grades, day-care centre, and a social service centre for the elderly that is modern and praised for its community spirit. More than one hundred businesses offer their services, so whatever your needs, there are grocery shops, a pharmacy, a bank, barber-hairdressers, luncheonettes, and a hardware shop to address them. On Saturdays in the summer, the marketplace is teeming with people selling local foods, clothes, and handicrafts. You can get your fresh fish, meat, and vegetables at the market in winter too.

Nature is very much present at Yläne. The diverse hiking trails of the Kurjenrahka national park and the Vaskijärvi natural park invite you to nature's embrace – either for a short visit or a hike lasting several days. In the Luontokapinetti exhibit you can learn about forests and marshlands, their flora and fauna, and see how the climate affects everything on our planet. The Luontokapinetti nature trail takes you on a two-billion-year trip through time, from the birth of our planet to the modern day.

The open lake of Pyhäjärvi - one of the largest in Finland - with its endless horizons spreads out in the Kalikka area in northern Yläne. Kalikka's fabulous sandy beach and the lake's clear waters entice people for a swim and outings in the summer. The beach has two sauna cabins and a covered barbeque area. The recreational areas of the cities of Turku and Loimaa, as well as of Pöytyä municipality, are all located by the lake. On alternate weeks, Pöytyä and Loimaa have been offering their inhabitants free daily sauna turns by the lake, and this service - something you cannot find anywhere else - has proven hugely popular.

In Yläne, communality is close to everyone's heart. The lively association activities offer something to do for every taste. There





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are all sorts of concerts and exercise groups for people of all ages - both for those with more competitive tastes and for those who like to take things more easily. You can hear dance music by the Pyhäjärvi lake on Saturdays in summer as the Valasranta dance pavilion with its popular dance bands make everyone shake a leg.

The Yläne village association was founded in late winter of 2019. The association aims to bring the parish and other villages together, to participate in activities, and to promote dynamism in the area.



YLÄNE VILLAGE ASSOCIATION



LUONTOKAPINETTI

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## BRING OUT THE VILLAGES' STRENGTHS AND INCREASE COOPERATION: ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR THE PÖYTYÄ VILLAGES

The Pöytyä municipality has a strategy entitled 'Home base of the future 2025' with the aim of profiling the strengths of the Pöytyä villages and increasing cooperation between them. This project is carried out by the advisory committee for the Pöytyä villages; all villages who wish to participate can nominate their representatives for the committee activities. The goal is to increase and diversify cooperation between the Pöytyä municipality and the villages, as well as to promote cooperation and awareness between the different villages.

The advisory committee convenes 3–4 times per year, and - when necessary - experts from, for instance, organisations and various municipality bodies are invited to the meetings. The advisory board's task is to track the development of the villages' services, infrastructure, and living conditions; to coordinate the villages' emergency response capabilities; to submit propositions and initiatives to sectors and local administration; to make statements regarding, among others, the municipal service networks and service content, use of land, and environment; to monitor decision-making that affects living conditions in the villages; to promote villager participation in municipal decision-making; to provide peer support to associations; to promote village development; and to organise trainings and negotiations.

The advisory committee for the Pöytyä villages was founded in 2011. Back then, there were ten village associations and now there are 14.

The advisory committee is one of the influential groups in the municipality, and others include the child and family council, the Youth Parliament, and the council for seniors and people with special needs.

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