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Welcome to the English-language Homepage of the Municipality of Stäfa.

Stäfa is a village with a population of 15'000 located on Lake Zurich, 20 kilometers or about 30 minutes by car or by train to the east of Zurich.

The history of Stäfa can be traced as far back as the 10th century, when it was closely allied with the Monastery of Einsiedeln.

In the late 18th century, Stäfa was the focal point of a movement demanding equal rights for the country people as those enjoyed by the citizens of Zurich. The demands, known as the "Stäfner Memorial", were rejected by the Government, which in turn sent troops to Stäfa and occupied the village for two months in the summer of 1795. A monument (the "Patriot") in memory of the leaders of the uprising (Heinrich Neeracher, Hans Kaspar Pfenninger and Johann Jakob Bodmer) is situated near the boat harbor.

In September and October of 1797, Johann Wolfgang Goethe, the eminent German writer, on his second voyage to Italy, visited Stäfa and stayed with his friend Heinrich Meyer. "Kunstmeyer", as he became known, joined Goethe in Weimar and became a renowned man of letters in his own right.

Today, Stäfa is a prosperous community with a diversified economy. Activities range from the truly High-Tech, the "Hearing-Aid" company PHONAK being one of the world leaders in its domain, to the production of wine (RieslingxSylvaner[w], Räuschling[w] and Clevner[r]). With a privileged climate, Stäfa is also the largest wine-growing area in the canton of Zurich.

We hope that you enjoy our site - albeit in the language of Goethe - and that you will find the information (addresses, telephone numbers etc.) you are looking for.