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KYIV MAYOR'S NEWSLETTER

KLITSCHKO: I WILL RUN FOR MAYOR AND LEAD UDAR TEAM AT LOCAL ELECTION



Kyiv mayor Vitali Klitschko has unveiled plans to run for Kyiv mayor and lead UDAR team at the local elections to be held in October 2020.

“For many years I have been a leader of UDAR political party which champions European democratic values. I will lead UDAR team at the next local election, in particular for the Kyiv City Council,” he said. “If Kyivans again entrust me with authority to be their mayor and implement their expectations, I will need a team of professionals and like-minded people.”

He also revealed that his party discusses an alliance with other political parties and politicians that back the same values. “I want to emphasize that we are ready to cooperate with all democratic forces that will campaign decently. As chair of the Association of Ukrainian Cities, I have always promoted the interests of local self-government. I will continue to act in the interest of communities and partner with all democratic forces that support the same principles,” he emphasized.

KLITSCHKO: THE MUNICIPALITY DOES EVERYTHING IT CAN TO HELP VICTIMS OF THE EXPLOSION IN POZNYAKI

A 40-unit section of a residential building has been ruined in Poznyaki neighbourhood following an explosion of still unknown cause.

Five people died. The explosion displaced all 125 residents. The whole section was evacuated and will be demolished once the investigation is completed.

Kyiv mayor Vitali Klitschko expressed his condolences to victims of the explosion and said that the city is reaching out to help them. "We are here to help and we will not abandon them," he said.

The municipality provided emergency accommodation for the evacuees as well as medical treatment and food. "As part of the municipal recovery programme, each displaced family is entitled to receive up to €100,000 in one-time personal compensation. Additionally, €2,500 were paid to each individual to cover the expenses related to buying the essentials and replacing the lost documents," told Klitschko.



President Zelensky announced that his office is handing over the title deeds for new apartments to all 40 families who have suffered due to the explosion. The Kyiv City Council allocated €20 million to make those apartments ready to move in.

KYIV RENOVATES PARKS



As Vitali Klitschko revealed, while parks are reopening to the public, the city continues with efforts to provide more well maintained green areas. “All refurbished parks have now new landscapes, seating areas, LED lighting and irrigation systems, public restrooms, sports and playgrounds. Each upgraded park has its own distinctive features,” he told.

For example, Sovky park now features a dry fountain with light effects, a green maze and nice open air chess pavilion. “Only recently there was a dilapidated forest here. Now this is a unique forest park, the only one such park in Kyiv,” told Klitschko.

Syrets park has a dance ground and an interactive fountain for kids. New improvements in Partyzanskoy Slavy park include an arched interactive fountain equipped with special sensors, with water

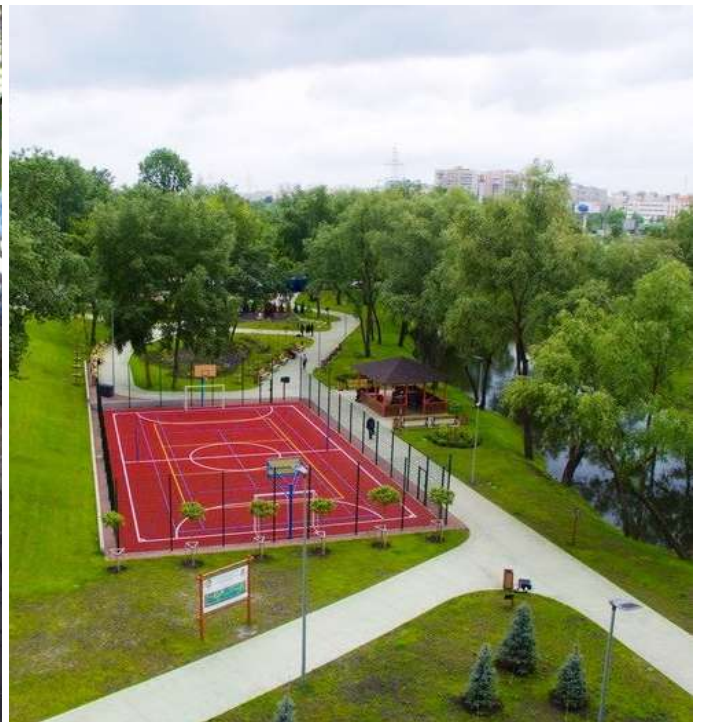
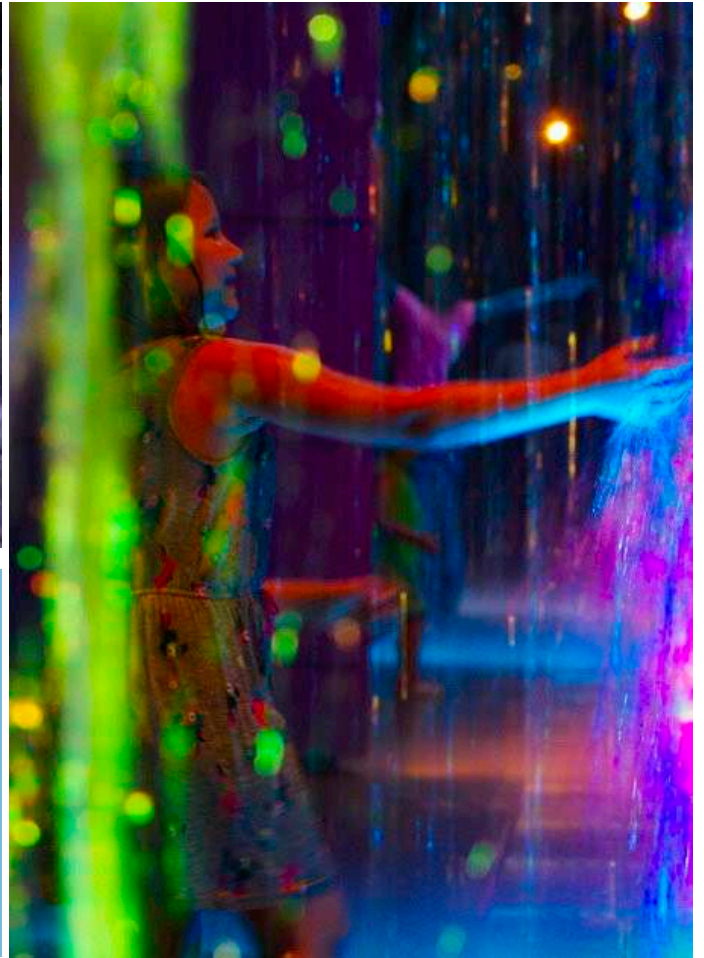
and light effects. “Flows of rising and falling water create beautiful water shapes of striking colour and patterns,” remarked Vitali Klitschko.

Lebedyne fitness park began as a neglected weedy area. Kyivzelenbud, the city park department cleared the site, constructed cycling, walking trails, some pitches and sports grounds to meet the demands of visitors of different ages and likings.

“Troeschyna park has been established around a series of ponds. In October 2018 we completed the first phase of renovation. This years’ improvements include new lighting, surveillance and irrigation system, walking and cycling trails, mini-pitch and a new exercise area. Works to clear the next pond and redevelop further are in progress now,” explained the mayor.



“THIS IS THE MOST STRIKING SIGHT! A LOT OF FUN FOR KIDS, THEY ARE FASCINATED!”



2 FOSTER FAMILIES RECEIVE THEIR OWN NEW RENAULT TRAFICS FROM THE MUNICIPALITY



Cherkashyn family has six biological children and brings up seven kids deprived of parental care. Lind' family has two own kids and fosters six more. Kyiv mayor Vitali Klitschko thanked the caregivers for their social responsibility. "Thank you for your big heart, for giving your love and care so generously!"

At the ceremony of handing over the keys, he told, that there are almost 2,400 orphans and children deprived of parental care in Kyiv. The majority of them are adopted, in custody or grow up in foster families. There are 26 foster care homes in Kyiv.

In March three foster families received the housing vouchers from the Kyiv local government.

"The municipality does everything possible to support such families. Each of them cares about as many as five to ten kids. All of them need cars and we are earmarking funds to help them all," stressed Vitali Klitschko.

Since 2016 19 new cars have been handed over to foster families by the city government. Also, under the Care municipal programme foster families receive a monthly benefit up to €1.500 per each child in their care. This year celebrating the International Children's Day foster, adoptive parents and caregivers received one-off welfare payment amounting to between €7,000 and €19,000.

NEXT YEAR KYIV TO REPLACE OVER 100 KM OF HEATING PIPES



Kyiv mayor Vitali Klitschko revealed plans to replace over 100 km of central heating pipes. The city government has already invested almost €450 million in new heating infrastructure.

“80% of the municipally-owned heating utilities are totally deteriorated. In 2018 the city discontinued the contract with a privately owned company ‘Kyivenergo’ and regained control of the municipal heat and power system, aiming to replace the badly damaged heating pipelines, ensure the heating network operates properly and provide more reliable heating service to Kyivans,” said Klitschko.

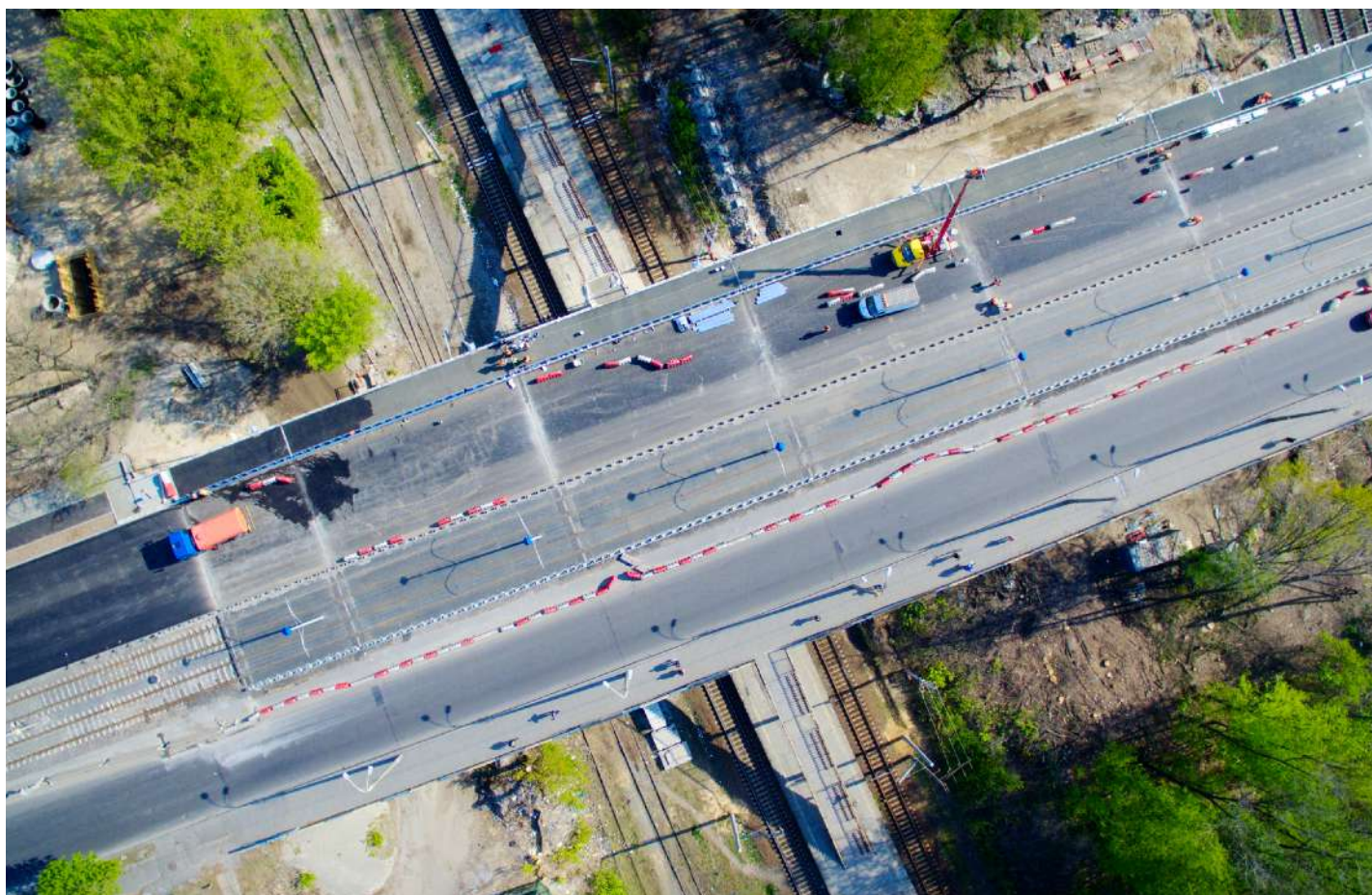
“Next year we plan to upgrade the heating pipelines in all city districts. Special attention will be paid to the most badly damaged parts of the network located in Vynohradar, Troeschyna, Nyvky, Teremky, Borschahivka neighbourhoods and the central part of the city,” remarked Klitschko.

“Last year the city rehabilitated about 130 km of heating pipelines and saw a 10% decrease in heating accidents!”

BORSCHAHIVSKY OVERPASS SCHEDULED FOR COMPLETION BY THE YEAR-END

Borschahivsky overpass is expected to be completed by the end of the year. “The overpass has never been renovated since 1965 and was in poor condition from deterioration. Repairs are in full swing and we are aware of all inconveniences while the works are obstructing traffic flow. But still, the overpass is opened to traffic not to bring this part of the city to a complete standstill,” said Klitschko.

Works are performed in phases. The first phase of reconstruction ended in May. The second phase of renovations is expected to be finished by early September and the overhauled segment of the overpass will reopen to traffic. “This is a major infrastructure overhaul which the city urgently needs,” underlined Klitschko.



THIS YEAR 756 COURTYARDS AND DRIVEWAYS TO SEE THE RENOVATION

The city's road repair and rehabilitation programme is in full swing.



“Last year we unveiled a massive renovation of inner courtyards and block passages. 2019 saw the refurbishment of 827 small courtyards which have not been repaired for 40-50 years. This year we plan to fix 756 driveways and inner courtyards of apartment buildings which have more than 1,000 square meters of space. Thus, this is the largest such renovation programme in Kyiv over the past decade,” revealed Kyiv mayor Vitali Klitschko.

According to him, repairs are complete on 150 objects, with another 200 nearing completion. Works in other block passages are in progress. “Crews are in a race against time, working seven days a week to complete the repairs as scheduled. There are 56 of them waiting for overhaul only in Obolon neighbourhood,” explained Klitschko.