

KYIV MAYOR'S NEWSLETTER

KYIV'S PLANS FOR NEW AND REBUILT SCHOOLS AND KINDERGARTENS

As Kyiv mayor Vitali Klitschko revealed, the municipality plans to unveil seven schools and kindergartens by the end of 2020.

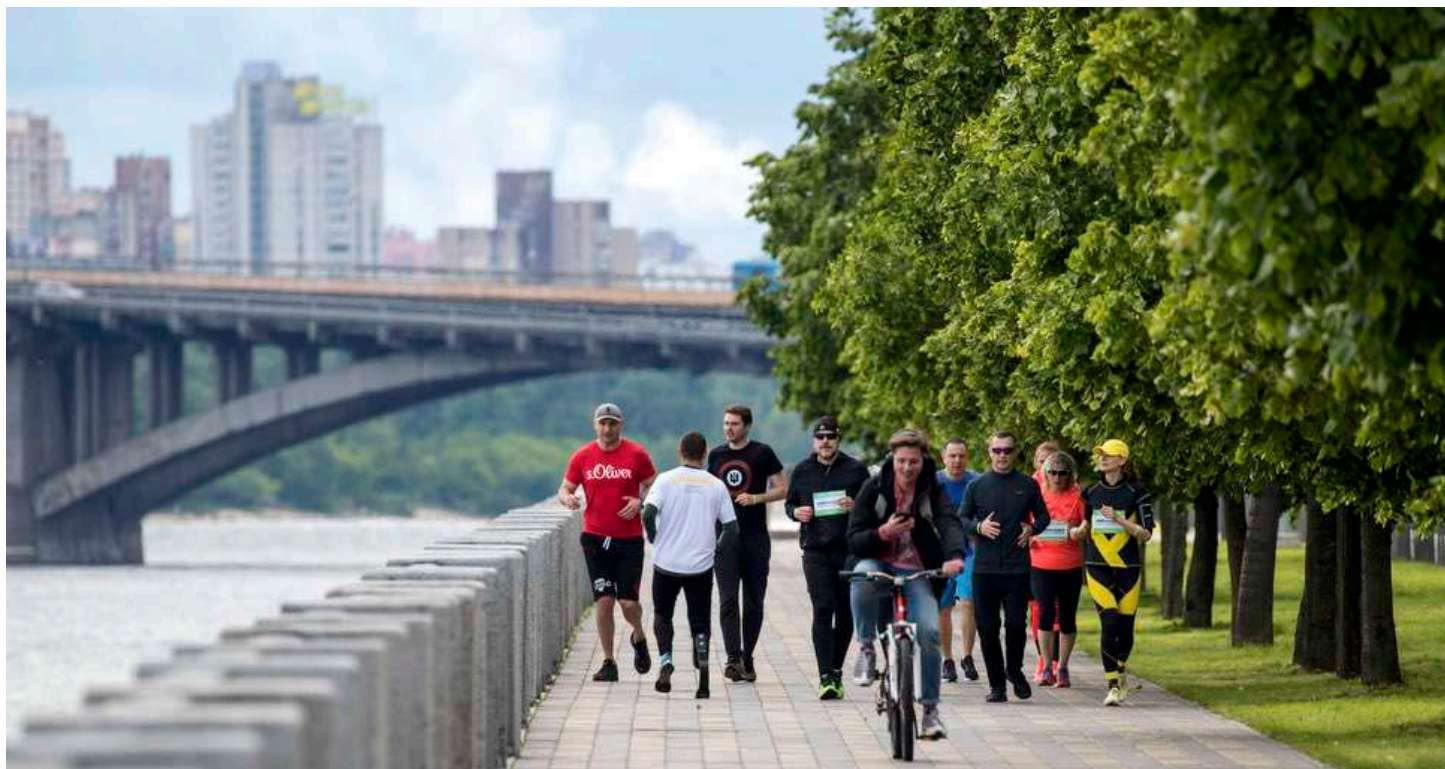
"By the end of this year two reconstructed and three built from scratch kindergartens will open in Kyiv. Also, two more schools will open after the complete reconstruction and extension building. Structural repairs were being conducted even during the quarantine," said Klitschko.



" I want to remind that €1 billion has been earmarked this year for construction and reconstruction works in schools and kindergartens. Now we are committed for preparing all educational facilities for back-to-school season and allocated almost €3 billion for repairs and related city-wide programs, including purchase of new class-room furniture, technology equipment, equipment for school cafeteria and new learning materials. Besides, schools have also already stockpiled enough sanitising supplies and protective masks," revealed the mayor.

KLITSCHKO RUNS FOR CHARITY

Kyiv mayor Vitali Klitschko has taken part in the 28th traditional «Chestnut Run».



This year due to the coronavirus quarantine the race was brought online. Instead of professional athletes and running amateurs only ten mission ambassadors ran the 5 km distance.

“Many Kyivans, myself included do not imagine their life without running and other sports. So this race has long become a tradition for Kyiv running community and an opportunity to make this world a better place and help children with congenital heart defects. Unfortunately, this year only ten mission ambassadors were able to run since mass gatherings are banned due to the pandemic, but I hope, next year we will run all together!” remarked Klitschko. Some 4,000 people have watched the race online and donated over €370,000 for the Children Cardiology Centre and

other cardiac clinics. “Chestnut Run is not about winning or competition. First of all, this is an event to support those who need our help and raise money for cardiology clinics. Proceeds from the 2019 Chestnut Run went to purchase a vital anaesthetic machine-ventilator for the Centre.” said Vitali Klitschko.

The mayor ran the race together with Vadim Gutzeit, Ukraine’s Minister for Sport and Youth who is the Olympic fencing champion, Volodymyr Zhovnur, a doctor at the Children Cardiology Centre, Viktor Shevchenko, ATO veteran, Maxim Ermokhin, a member of Ukraine’s Invictus Games team, Nataliya Lebedeva, the Olympic athletics medalist and Nataliya Gurina, the deputy CEO at Raiffaisen Bank Aval who has the largest race corporate team.

KLITSCHKO: VÄLKOMMEN, IKEA!

In a Facebook post Kyiv mayor Vitali Klitschko congratulated the Swedish corporation IKEA with official arrival to Ukraine and launch of e-commerce. “One of my key tasks as mayor of the European city is to secure more foreign investment for Kyiv. I am delighted that our long-term negotiations with IKEA have proved successful and resulted in the formal expansion to Ukraine. IKEA announced the official launch of an online store in Kyiv,” he wrote.

Mayor emphasized that Kyiv being a focus of investment for such global player as IKEA amid the coronavirus pandemic makes Kyiv an attractive foreign investment destination and encourages more investments.



“WE ARE WORKING TO MAKE KYIV MORE INVESTOR-FRIENDLY AND HOME FOR QUALITY GOODS AND SERVICE!”

RENOVATED ZOO OPENS ITS DOORS TO VISITORS

In the first three days after its reopening over 7,000 people have visited the renovated zoo.



“The city zoo has reopened for visitors during the quarantine relaxation. It used the lockdown time to complete the first phase of reconstruction which includes a new entrance, landscaping, an enclosure for birds and animals, refurbished buildings, public restrooms and a first-aid post. Now it looks totally different! From now on it also allows to purchase tickets online and only over 1,500 tickets were sold on the zoo site,” told Klitschko.

Due to the pandemic restrictions that are still in place though loosened, the zoo is working with limited access (one visitor per 10 square meters) and with particular attention to health guidelines. Implemented at the entrance are a thermal screening point and hand disinfection station. Zoo territory is being sanitised twice a day. Facial masks are mandatory for wearing by visitors and staff.

A famous wisent statue at the zoo’s entrance was also back and unveiled for the public. The original sculpture was created back in 1968, and due to the heavy age-related damage on its surface had to be replaced with an exact bronze copy made according to the drawings of the sculptor Yuri Ruban. Soon a pair of bronze lions, another symbol of the Kyiv zoo will replace the old lion statues.

“Based on the feedback, visitors are impressed and pleased with zoo renovations. Next year the zoo will rejoin the European Zoo Association. Massive zoo reconstruction is scheduled to be complete in the next three years.” remarked the mayor. Further upgrade will include new monkey cages, oceanarium, food courts and a public parking area with 500-car capacity. Works are now in full swing.

“IT IS OUR AMBITION TO MAKE THE KYIV ZOO ONE OF THE BEST IN EUROPE!”



KYIV EXPANDS ITS CYCLE NETWORK



The municipality continues to expand the city cycle network amid the quarantine restrictions. “Since the beginning of the coronavirus outbreak, the number of people who have switched from car to bicycle grew by 2.5 times in Kyiv. Cycling is becoming increasingly popular! For example, France allocated 20 million Euros to encourage cycling by covering €50 of bicycle repairing costs. This is the government’s plan to promote cycling and keep streets clear of cars,” explained Klitschko.

Kyiv promotes cycling at a city level and will further develop the cycling network, which is now almost 100 km long. The length of cycle paths along major public transport lanes totals another 17 km. All fully reconstructed streets accommodate bicyclists.

Nextbike, the Kyiv bike-sharing program has also expanded its service. As Mayor told, “there are 350 dock stations currently throughout the city, with the number of bikes reaching 2,000 by this summer. We are committed to making Kyiv bicycle-friendly, increasing the number of cycle routes and bike parking facilities. I also enjoy cycling and understand how important is to provide a safe and viable bicycle network!”

THE SCHLICHTER SEWER UNDER RECONSTRUCTION

The Schlichter sewer is currently under reconstruction and when complete will extend to 4,279 kilometers. “One of the most important challenges we face is the problem of utility depreciation. Unfortunately, no one has tackled this problem for decades,” remarked Kyiv mayor Vitali Klitschko.

“Now we are rehabilitating the Schlichter sewer - one of the oldest on the left bank of the city which serves three resident neighbourhoods - Livoberezhniy, Rusanivka and Bereznyaki,” he said.

The left bank population has been growing year by year and the sewer has been gradually becoming more and more deteriorated. After undergoing reconstruction it will serve about 100,000 residents. Anti-corrosion treatment will prevent the rusting of the pipes which have a life expectancy about 100 years. The project’s cost is €600 million.

