

KYIV MAYOR'S NEWSLETTER

KLITSCHKO THANKS KYIVANS FOR THEIR TRUST AND CALLS ON NEWLY ELECTED KYIVRADA TO MEET THE INTERESTS OF KYIVANS

Vitali Klitschko has been re-elected as mayor of Kyiv, winning the mayoral race in the first round.

Expressing his gratitude, he addressed Kyivans and the newly elected Kyivrada.

"I am grateful to all Kyivans regardless of their voting choice who came to the polling places to vote. I feel very honoured to be elected for a third term. At the same time, I feel a great responsibility for implementing positive changes for the city and its citizens. I will continue to work hard for all people living in Kyiv and change the city for the better," he emphasized.

"Addressing the newly elected members of Kyivrada, I want to remark that this year's campaign was challenging due to the coronavirus, economic crisis as well as the crisis of trust in the society. New Kyivrada has to become a role model of the city council whose members must work for their voters and their city no matter what their political views and ambitions are."

Also, he noted that it is irresponsible to jockey for positions or argue who is more distinguished today because we all are living in a new reality which calls for efficient and proactive decisions aimed at saving the health and lives of Kyivans. Because the coronavirus cases are climbing, the economy is so weak and business faces a tough time.





"Now, we all have to address those challenges without exhausting political battles. So let us focus on further productive cooperation rather than endless political debates which are of no interest or use whatsoever to the people. Also, we will have to work to a tight deadline to approve the 2021 operating budget which has been steadily growing over those years," said Klitschko. "Kyiv must and will grow. I have done everything possible for this and I will remain committed to this goal!" he underlined.

The Federal Chancellor of Austria Sebastian Kurz congratulated Vitali Klitschko on his re-election as the mayor of Kyiv.

Klitschko' colleagues, mayors of Prague, Bratislava, Athens, Krakow, Poznan, Florence, Tampere, Chicago, Ankara, Rio de Janeiro, Istanbul and Kyoto also offered their congratulations.

Vitali Klitschko and the City Council members were sworn in at the first meeting of Kyivrada at City Hall on December 1. Mayor Klitschko called on the city council members to start a large coalition of all political forces represented in Kyivrada and display an exemplary commitment in their work.

KLITSCHKO UNVEILS A BOOK OF HIS FUNNIEST QUOTES ‘THOSE WHO HAVE NEVER HEARD WILL SEE’

The mayor of Kyiv Vitali Klitschko unveiled a book of his most hilarious sayings which are famous among Kyivans.

“I have published a self-mocking book with my most popular sayings after all. This is a funny and positive and full of humorous illustrations,” said Klitschko at the virtual book presentation. “I can laugh at myself and do not feel annoyed if being laugh at. As long as those jokes are really funny, not ‘Kvartal 95’ kind of jokes,” he said.

The book is quite small and includes 14 illustrated the most famous quotes of Klitschko. “The initial print run is quite low, mostly to give as gifts. Some books will go on sale, with all proceeds going to charity. I would be delighted if you would find the book laugh-out-loud. We all miss a good laugh and positive emotions now. So please, smile because life is worth smiling about!” underlined Vitali Klitschko.



KLITSCHKO CONGRATULATES JOE BIDEN ON HIS VICTORY IN THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION

The mayor of Kyiv Vitali Klitschko congratulated Joe Biden, the Democratic presidential nominee and former Vice President of the United States on winning the presidential election.



“My sincere congratulations to Joe Biden on his election win. I am honoured to have met him in both the States and Ukraine. I hold him in very high regard, as a person and as a politician who steadily supports Ukraine in its fighting back against the Russian aggression and on its path of reforms. Joe Biden is a sympathiser of Ukraine and knows our country well, ” remarked Klitschko. “ I have faith in the power of partnership of our countries and our fruitful cooperation in Ukraine’s fight for territorial integrity and conducting vital democratic reforms,” emphasized Vitali Klitschko.

Joe Biden was elected the 46th president of the United States.

KLITSCHKO: NEW OBERIG CLINIC SETS EXAMPLE OF SUCCESSFUL PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP



In a Facebook post Kyiv mayor Vitali Klitschko told about his visit to Oberig clinic whose new building sets an example of a successful partnership between the municipality and private investor.

“I am delighted that a result of our very fruitful partnership with the private investor is this new Oberig hospital, a brand new health facility which provides the most advanced diagnostics and medical treatment,” wrote Klitschko.

The total investment cost of the project is over €1 billion. €13.6 million has been contributed toward overhaul and refurbishment of municipal hospitals. Only this year Oberig, which created at least 500 jobs, will generate over €60 million tax revenues.

What is particularly important is that the Oberig has established a 20-bed coronavirus unit and is going to open another one in the nearest future. “Today’s Kyiv is a competitive investment destination which offers fair and transparent investment regulations. And we hope to see many other entrepreneurs following Oberig’s lead. Together we will make Kyiv the most attractive city for business and living!” stressed Klitschko.



"I am excited to see the innovative technologies and approaches in patients' treatment and care in Oberig, which includes the latest radiation treatment devices, the most advanced machines for cancer diagnostic and treatment. The clinic has already performed eight liver transplants and soon will carry out its first kidney transplantation," noted the mayor.



KLITSCHKO CUTS RIBBON ON A NEW MAIN ENTRANCE TO TRUKHANIV ISLAND

Kyiv mayor Vitali Klitschko has unveiled the first phase of renovations of the new main entrance to Trukhaniv Island.

“We begin an ambitious plan to reconstruct Trukhaniv Island, the favourite recreation area for Kyivans where they can swim, do sports and relax. Kyiv’s islands are the lungs of the city and we have to spruce the territory up,” said Klitschko.

The first improvements which take up an area of 5.5 hectares include a special feature - a lighted pergola that will add some shade in summer.

Future phases will add a new promenade, massive landscaping of the area, a fountain, amphitheatre and alleys.

“Next year we will continue the reconstruction of Muromets park, Natalka park building a pedestrian bridge to Obolonsky island. We are set to extend the major sightseeing route to Kyiv-Pechersk Lavra. We are working to provide the attractive and well-maintained green areas in accordance with European standards,” noted Klitschko.



KYIV'S OLDEST FOUNTAIN REVIVED



'Samson', the oldest fountain in Kyiv has been restored to its glory following a three-month reconstruction work.

"The fountain dates back to 1749. It was constructed atop an ancient water reservoir located in Podil neighbourhood. Samson has suffered numerous vandal attacks in the past and was in dire need of renovation," wrote Kyiv mayor Vitali Klitschko on his Facebook.

The figure of Samson made of concrete and the copper sculpture of the Saint Andrew were restored according to the original blueprints stored at the National Museum of Art.

The fountain now has a LED lighting, replaced engineering systems and water level sensors.

KLITSCHKO INTRODUCES 2 NEW PESA TRAMS

Kyiv mayor Vitali Klitschko has introduced two new PESA trams which will run on the left bank. "Now, when the tracks have been renovated, new PESA trams hit the streets. They are advanced, low-floor and inclusive," said Klitschko.

Those brand new trams are the first addition to the batch of PESA trams which will replace the old vehicles running on the left bank. The aging rolling stock fleet there is over 30 years old and mostly needs a replacement.

The light rail network of the left bank of the Dnieper includes ten lines, with 122 trams running every day. "Over the past five years the municipality has introduced 49 new PESA trams, ten Elektron and six Tatra-Yug trams," remarked Klitschko.



KLITSCHKO ANNOUNCES THE CLOSING OF PIDHIRTSI SOLID WASTE LANDFILL

Kyiv mayor Vitali Klitschko has announced that the municipality begins the closure activities for Pidhirtsi solid waste landfill No.5. "This is the largest landfill in Ukraine which was put into operation 34 years ago. It annually receives over 450 tonnes of waste," said Klitschko.

The municipality has already introduced some innovations to help reduce its environmental impact. A new system of landfill leachate treatment was installed on the landfill which treats up to 750 cubic meters of toxic effluent per day.

Mayor Klitschko revealed that he signed an ordinance that kickstarts the closing process. Remediation project of the first section of Pidhirtsi landfill has been already reviewed by state regulators. Next up is purchase of necessary equipment.

According to the mayor, the closure process is going to take quite much time. "We have to take all necessary precautions to reduce the chance of an emergency happening and make the waste stable and safe. Additionally we are working to develop our own regional plan of waste management and build new waste recycling facilities.

KYIV CREATES TASK FORCE TO HELP THE HOMELESS IN WINTER

Kyiv mayor Vitali Klitschko has announced a new Task Force to help the homeless this winter. "From December 1 to April 1 the municipal Task Force which covers the whole city will provide the homeless population with warm clothes and footwear, hot meals and the essentials," said Klitschko. He also noted that donations and charitable contributions are also welcome.

In addition, social workers from the municipal-owned night shelter on Suzdalska street will patrol the streets. "If this winter is going to be cold, we will add more beds to the shelter on Suzdalska street and the Centre of Social Rehabilitation located in Yasnohorodka village new Vyshgorod which offers long-term accommodation for homeless persons," explained Klitschko.

KLITSCHKO: WE LAUNCH THE BUILDING OF A NEW PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE TO OBOLONSKY ISLAND



Kyiv mayor Vitali Klitschko has revealed plans to build a new pedestrian bridge connecting Obolonska promenade and Obolonsky island. He attended the site of the upcoming construction and told how the new bridge would look.

“The 164-meter long bridge which will connect Obolonska promenade (not far from the Golf Centre) and Obolonsky island is expected to be complete by the middle of 2021. It will imitate the shape of the wave. Its three spans will be supported by four pillars. It will be lit up at night and fully accessible for people with disabilities. To ensure the security of pedestrians the bridge and the nearby territory will be under CCTV surveillance,” explained Klitschko.

Obolonsky island will also be beautified to preserve its natural environment. There will be a beach and places for recreation on it. The bridge construction is sponsored by the philanthropists.

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KYIV CHILDREN'S CARDIAC CENTRE OPENS NEXT YEAR

Kyiv mayor Vitali Klitschko has revealed plans to open the Kyiv Children's Cardiac Centre next year.

"Up to now there has not been any specific children's cardiac clinic in Kyiv. The little patients were generally admitted to the national heart hospitals.

For now the main health facility that provides cardiac treatment for children is the Medical Centre For Children's Cardiology and Cardiac Surgery attached to the Healthcare Ministry. It provides care for newborn babies, young and older children and diagnoses fetal heart defects. Little Kyivans account for 15 per cent of its' patients and this number is growing every year. Only last year over 12,000 Kyivans sought the heart surgery there, making up almost 30 per cent of all hospital cases.

"Next year the municipality opens the Kyiv Children's Cardiac Centre. It will be located nearby the national Centre For Children's Cardiology and will diagnose and treat numerous pediatric heart conditions," added the mayor.

