

# KYIV MAYOR'S NEWSLETTER

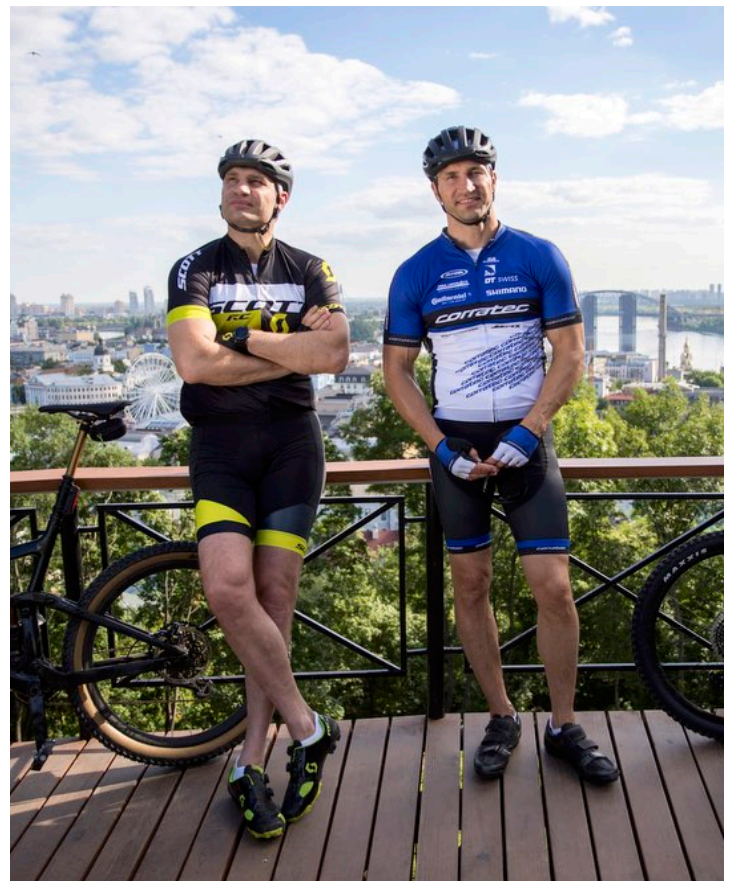
## KYIV CITY DAY: YOUR KYIV IS YOUR LIFE STORY!

At the last weekend of May Kyiv traditionally celebrates City Day. This year marks the 1,539<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Kyiv. Kyiv mayor Vitali Klitschko posted a video with his congratulations on Facebook and shared his favourite places to see in Kyiv.

The video starts with the sun rising above the monument to the Kyiv settlers, brothers Kyi, Shchek and Khoryv along with their sister Lybid and the Prince Volodymyr the Great statue. Then the Klitschko brothers, Vitali and Wladimir are leisurely cycling in Volodymyrska Hirka park. In a video one can also see how the city wakes up and the service workers spruce up its streets and parks, see Kyivans jogging or having a walk. "It feels very nice to wake up in a city you love, to discover its again and again, care about it, learn and work, fall in love and rest in it, and write your own life story! In Kyiv you create your story!" says Vitali Klitschko in a video.

Ambassadors of the EU, Germany, Uzbekistan, Vietnam, the Netherlands, Slovenia, Argentina,

Lithuania, Norway, Georgia, Poland, Kazakhstan, Indonesia, Mexico, France, Israel, India, Turkey, Switzerland, Australia, Slovakia, Cyprus, Egypt, Armenia, Moldova, Canada, Estonia and Denmark accredited to Ukraine said their warmest words about Ukraine's capital city. Vitali Klitschko's colleagues, mayors of Poznan, Bratislava, Athens, Krakow, Tirana Florence, Tallinn, Vilnius, Kyoto, Edinburg, Toronto, Sofia, Ljubljana, Chisinau and Bishkek sent their sincerest congratulations and best wishes.



# KLITSCHKO TAKES PART IN THE OPENING CEREMONY OF EUROPE DAY

**Kyiv mayor Vitali Klitschko took part in the opening ceremony of Europe Day in Kyiv**



“My congratulations on Europe Day which Ukraine celebrates for 19 consecutive years. This year’s theme ‘The Danube Route to the EU’ has been chosen to celebrate the presidency of Ukraine over the Danube Commission for the first time over 70 years which recognizes Ukraine’s credibility in the region and reflects new opportunities,” said Klitschko at the opening ceremony. “Today we observe also the International Family Day and symbolically it indicates Ukraine’s aspirations to join the European family,” he underlined.

He noted that the local government works hard to transform Kyiv into a prosperous European capital city, livable and comfortable for residents and visitors.

“Kyiv stays in touch with its sister cities and establishes new economic and cultural ties with European and global cities. We borrow the best urban governance solutions, best practices for local self-development and innovative urban initiatives,” said Klitschko.

The mayor emphasised that such Kyiv’s twin cities as Budapest, Vienna, Munich, Bratislava, Belgrade cannot be imagined without the glorious Danube River - an artery connecting our countries and cities.

“We all share the same values of equity, law, dignity and democracy for which the best Ukrainian patriots have laid down their lives. This is why we must continue to follow the chosen path and build a successful and powerful state. Because Ukraine is a European country and Kyiv is the European capital city! Happy Europe Day! Glory to Ukraine!” said Vitali Klitschko.

Also taking part in the ceremony were the Vice Prime Minister for European and Euro-Atlantic Integration of Ukraine, Head of the EU Delegation to Ukraine, President of the Danube Commission, Ambassadors of 20 EU countries and the member states of the Danube Commission.

## KLITSCHKO MEETS U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE ANTONY BLINKEN AND UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE VICTORIA NULAND

In his Telegram post Kyiv mayor Vitali Klitschko wrote about his meeting with U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken and Under Secretary of State Victoria Nuland during their visit to Ukraine.

“I welcomed the Secretary of State Antony Blinken and Under Secretary of State for political affairs Victoria Nuland to Kyiv.

By the way, Blinken’s family comes from the Kyiv region. I hope, talks of Secretary of State with Ukraine’s leaders have been productive because the strong support of the USA in both our fight against Russian aggression and advancing reforms is most important for Ukraine,” underlined Vitali Klitschko.



## KYIV TO RECEIVE A €70 MILLION LOAN TO MODERNIZE THE WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM



As Kyiv mayor Vitali Klitschko revealed after meeting with Bruno Le Maire, the Minister of the Economy and Finance of France, the Government of France will provide a €70 million loan with a 40-year payback period to update the water supply system in Kyiv.

“We are grateful to have the support of the French government to overhaul the water supply system in Kyiv. Clean water is important for public health, and we are looking forward to our cooperation with French partners to undertake infrastructure and other investment projects in Kyiv, including the massive overhaul of the 4,200 kilometres of water pipes,” said Vitali Klitschko.

The municipality not only allocates funds to renovate the dilapidated infrastructure but also seeks to secure cost-effective investment from international financial institutions.

“We are delighted to work together, share our expertise and bring the best water supply and disposal solutions to Kyiv,” said Minister Le Maire.

“The city is aiming to secure more investment. We lead the way as a destination city and devote much effort to make the city more business-friendly. Our partnership will not only improve the standards of living for all Kyivans but it will surely boost the relations between our countries,” remarked Klitschko.

# SMART STREET LIGHTING SYSTEM FOR KYIV

New Smart Street Lighting System was officially put into service at the unveiling ceremony in Kyiv attended by Kyiv mayor Vitali Klitschko and the Prime Minister of the Slovak Republic Eduard Heger. Defence Minister of the Slovak Republic Jaroslav Nad', Foreign Minister Ivan Korčok, Secretary of State of Ministry of Finance Ján Oravec and Ambassador of the Slovak Republic to Ukraine Marek Šafin were also in attendance for the unveiling ceremony.

"I am pleased to unveil today the Smart Street lighting system, an important component of Smart City system and want to say thank you to our Slovak partners, Seak s.r.o., a company that provided the equipment and software," said Klitschko.

Since 2018 the municipality has been installing Smart Street Lighting System which networks and manages all street luminaries and helps discover failures in the lighting system.

"We continue to implement smart solutions into urban management to make Kyiv more livable and comfortable for residents!" emphasized the mayor and thanked Slovakia that supports both Kyiv in its aspirations to be a prosperous European capital city and Ukraine's focus on becoming a member of the big European family.

"I am delighted to see a real example of partnership between the Slovak business and Ukraine and look forward to continuing our cooperation. This is why I have come to Ukraine aiming to intensify our relationship and boost the two-way trade and investment between our states. Today I discussed with Ukraine's Prime Minister how we can promote business opportunities through our collaboration in the industrial, logistics and energy sector. Be sure to check its outcomes in the near future," said Prime Minister Heger.



# SYMBOLIC SYNAGOGUE IN BABYN YAR UNVEILED



Marking the Remembrance Day for Ukrainians who rescued Jews during WWII Kyiv mayor Vitali Klitschko took part in the inauguration of the symbolic synagogue in the Babyn Yar ravine which will become a part of the Babyn Yar Holocaust Memorial Centre.

“Nations failing to learn from history have no future. We remember the atrocities that took place in Babyn Yar which is one of the symbols of the Holocaust. As long as we ensure that the memories of victims of this crime against humanity will live on, as long as we can learn from lessons of history such tragedy cannot repeat itself,” said Klitschko.



There are Holocaust memorials in Israel, Poland, Germany and the USA. From now there will also be a component of the future Holocaust Memorial Center in Kyiv to pay tribute to its victims. “Not only should we construct a memorial, but we will also have to fill it with a sense to send a message of truth and remembrance to future generations,” pointed out the mayor.



The symbolic synagogue is a joint project of the Babyn Yar Holocaust Memorial Centre and the National Babyn Yar Museum. It is designed by the Swiss architect, Manuel Herz as a children’s pop-up book and is made of the hundred-year-old oak brought from all over the country.

# KYIV EXPANDS SEGREGATED WASTE COLLECTION NETWORK



Kyiv is continuing its efforts to segregate solid wastes to reduce the quantity of hazardous waste on its solid waste landfills and make sure that toxic waste is being treated in the most efficient and environmentally friendly way.

“We are installing new hazardous waste containers in the city which have different chambers for LED light bulbs and batteries, thermometers, small electrical items and pharmaceutical waste.

Currently, there are only five such containers which are on trial,” said Kyiv mayor Vitali Klitschko and added that “residents of Kyiv fully support the household waste separation. Over 3,500 garbage bins for plastic, paper and glass as well as 356 containers for hazardous materials have been already rolled out across the city.”

# KLITSCHKO UNVEILS REFURBISHED FOUNTAIN IN NAVODNITSKI PARK



The mayor of Kyiv Vitali Klitschko cut the ribbon on the reconstructed fountain in Navodnitski park, near the monument to the founders of Kyiv. "We are unveiling today one of the iconic Kyiv parks, Navodnitski which has been upgraded. Now it features a fountain with water and light effects. The unveiling kickstarts the fountain season in Kyiv which is highly enjoyable for all Kyivans and visitors and will run until autumn. The monument to the Kyiv settlers, three brothers Kyi, Shchek and Khoryv along with their sister Lybid was erected in 1982 and since that time has never seen a renovation. Now this park will become one more landmark of the city," told Klitschko.

The fountain underwent a significant renovation, including an interactive water feature, water level sensors, water filtration and disinfection system and the latest fountain engineering systems, which can coordinate dancing water shows.

The refurbished Navodnitski park now has renovated stairs, parapet and the monument pedestal with removed graffiti, landscaping, new seating areas and resurfaced paths.

Over the past five years the city government has renovated eight iconic fountain complexes and built two new fountains.



# KYIV HOSTS THE NATIONAL WARRIOR GAMES

The mayor of Kyiv Vitali Klitschko attended the opening ceremony of the Warrior Games of Ukraine which took place in Kyiv



“I feel very honoured to join you in celebrating the Warrior Games in Ukraine. I am very proud that Kyiv is hosting such an important sporting event - a national competition for patriots who have sacrificed their health to their country, who are very strong-willed people working hard and overcoming their pain on their journey to victory. Each of you has your own history and your own feat, but you all are a role model of grit and courage, resilience and dignity! You are undefeated!” said Vitali Klitschko in his opening speech.

He remarked that the local government does everything it can to promote sports and encourage people to be more physically active. The city unveils new and reconstructed sports grounds, stadiums and outdoor pitches and hosts many major sports events, including UEFA Champions League final, the Kickboxing World Championship, the Euro Beach Soccer League to name a few. Also, for the third year in a row, the municipal government allocates €1,5 million to arrange and host the Warrior Games in Kyiv.

“Now we are living in a new reality amid the global pandemic but we continue to work to attract back major sporting events to Kyiv. Thank you for participating in the Games and good luck! May the best athlete win to represent Ukraine in this year’s Warrior Games in Orlando!” remarked Klitschko.

It will be the first time the national Warrior Games Team Ukraine will participate in the international 2021 Warrior Games, competing in archery, golf, shooting, track, cycling, swimming, indoor rowing, wheelchair basketball, wheelchair rugby, powerlifting and sitting volleyball.

Contestants are wounded, ill and injured active-duty and veteran combatants, the Border Guard Service members, policemen and the SBU members as well as servicemen of volunteer formations who participated in the Anti-Terror Operation and Ukrainian military service members engaged in peacekeeping operations.

## NEW KINDERGARTEN UNVEILED IN TROESCHYNA

Kyiv mayor Vitali Klitschko unveiled kindergarten No. 327 in Troeschyna neighbourhood. “A few years ago an unauthorised parking lot has been here. In 2019 we began to build a kindergarten and now we are cutting the ribbon on the brand-new facility, one of the best in Kyiv. It has everything kids may need - a swimming pool, large sports, dancing and music halls and an interactive classroom. A kindergarten psychologist and speech therapist work here,” told Klitschko.

The nursery building has been designed to meet all energy-efficiency standards, it has thermal insulation, a modern HVAC system and energy-saving lighting. There are also a fully equipped kitchen unit and a nurse’s office.

“I think, all parents would choose such modern and comfortable kindergarten for their children. Over the last few years 33 nursery schools have opened in Kyiv - either brand-new or newly renovated,” underlined the mayor.



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