



KYIV MAYOR'S NEWSLETTER

KLITSCHKO TURNS 50

Kyiv mayor Vitali Klitschko who turned 50 in July shared the highlights of his life in a videos he posted on Facebook.



“Dear friends! Life is going so fast and sometimes recalling old memories, I can hardly believe they are real. Would I ever want to change anything that has happened in my life? It is very unlikely. All those challenges I overcame and all those joys I was rewarded with are my personal life story that people around me share in back then and now. Once I chose the words “Nothing is Impossible” as my motivational quote and they still inspire me. Those words are true if you believe in yourself, in your dream, if you burn for it and are ready to work and fight for it until you win. I am going to look on my 50th anniversary tomorrow with the same attitude. I am only 50 and there are many new stories for me ahead!” says Vitali Klitschko.

The films are based on Klitschko’s personal archive footage and features the early athletic career of the boxing legend, his journey to the championship and his political path. He also demonstrates how he is skydiving and performing stunts from the height of 5,000m, conquering the 5,000m Kazbek, cycling a distance of 50 km while working out in the morning and doing 50 pull-ups at a time - the exact same number of pull-ups as years he has turned.

MEETING WITH JEAN-ERIK DE ZAGON, HEAD OF THE EIB REPRESENTATION FOR UKRAINE

Kyiv mayor Vitali Klitschko had a meeting with the Head of the EIB Resident Representation for Ukraine Jean-Erik De Zagon at which the mayor briefed on some infrastructure projects in Kyiv funded by the European Investment Bank.

“We are working to make Kyiv a more innovative, environmentally friendly and comfortable city focusing in particular on public transport, renovation of road and street infrastructure, and clean environment. I want to say thank you to our partners from the EIB for supporting the vital urban projects,” said Klitschko. “Now Kyiv partners with the EIB to implement some major infrastructure programmes, including €24,9 million renewal of trams, buses and funicular cars,” he added. Overall, the municipality will raise a €50 million loan to improve public transport in Ukraine. Also, the city government will borrow €30 million to overhaul the street lighting in Kyiv, convert outdated streets lights with LED lights and improve road safety.

“One of the upcoming exciting projects is the renewal of the rolling stock of metro and light rail and the construction of a metro line to Troeschyna district which has a great importance for the development of transport infrastructure and inner-city transit,” said Klitschko. “Based on a successful experience of partnership with the EIB, those joint projects are going to be delivered within a short time and will make public transportation in Kyiv one of the most comfortable in Europe,” pointed out the mayor. Jean-Erik De Zagon confirmed the EIB interest to a new metro line construction project. Both sides agreed to develop a roadmap for each mentioned project.



SUMMER ROAD REPAIRS IN KYIV ARE IN FULL SWING

Kyiv mayor Vitali Klitschko revealed, 65 road infrastructure objects will see a massive overhaul in Kyiv by the end of the year, including seven bridges and overpasses that have not been repaired for 30-40 years.

To remain on schedule and reduce inconvenience due to closed traffic, works to renovate the road infrastructure are taking place 24/7.

He also informed that Industrialny overpass along with other 60 major streets and highways is expected to be repaired and available to light rail full-time operations by the end of August. "Built in 1977 the overpass is in a very bad shape after 44 years of operation. The renovation has been ongoing since this March and includes the replaced structural elements of the bridge, new deck waterproofing and new asphalt surfacing. Just recently work began on repairing worn tramway tracks," said Klitschko. Other improvements include the refurbished platforms and premises of Industrialna light rail station.

The overhaul of Velyka Okruzhna ring road is also in progress. Repair works are ongoing on the new section of the Kyiv ring road from Odeska square to Vatutin street. Only recently this 3-kilometre 6-lane stretch of the ring road has been placed under the control of the Kyiv municipality. So now the city can rehabilitate the area. Improvements include an extra durable triple-layered asphalt surface, stormwater drainage system, noise barriers, resurfaces pavements and new bike lanes, LED-lighting, and eight new public bus stops.



KLITSCHKO MEETS WITH THE MOVEMENT OF FRENCH ENTERPRISES



In Kyiv, the mayor of Kyiv Vitali Klitschko met with representatives of the Movement of French Enterprises (MEDEF) aiming to encourage French investments and facilitate the entry of French business into Kyiv's economy.

He thanked the French partners for their support of the territorial integrity and sovereignty of Ukraine and supporting the Ukrainian nation on its path to becoming a part of the European family. According to him, the best answer to the imperial ambitions of Russia is Ukraine's economic growth and the greater well-

being of our citizens.

He pointed out that before the pandemic Kyiv has been leading the way as a destination city welcoming 60 per cent of total investment in Ukraine. Now Kyiv seeks more investment, new ideas and technology to boost the economy. "We can offer many promising investment opportunities, at the same time providing transparent and fair business rules and investment safeguarding to encourage overseas investors," said the mayor. He also told about a recent meeting with Bruno Le Maire, the Minister of the Economy and Finance of France which resulted in France's decision to participate in an overhaul of the water supply system in Kyiv.

The MEDEF's president Geoffroy Roux de Bezieux informed, this is the first visit of the MEDEF to Ukraine. This is an umbrella organisation for over 800,000 businesses and is supported by 76 French industry federations. The delegation includes representatives of 20 companies from various industries and all of them are keen to build business relationships with Ukraine and its capital city. Klitschko outlined some most anticipated investment options including the road infrastructure, metro upgrade, parking facilities, reconstruction of old bridges and tramway tracks, waste management, etc. And Geoffroy Roux de Bezieux invited Vitali Klitschko to visit the MEDEF in Paris to showcase and discuss specific investment projects.

According to Laurent Germain, who chairs the MEDEF International France-Ukraine Business Council representatives of major French companies confirmed their interest in tendering for replacement of metro and tram tracks, rehabilitation of overpasses, highways and transport hubs, modernisation of the water supply and cybersecurity in Kyiv.

A NEW PARK IN OSOKORKI NEIGHBOURHOOD

Soon a new green zone will open for the residents of Osokorki neighbourhood.



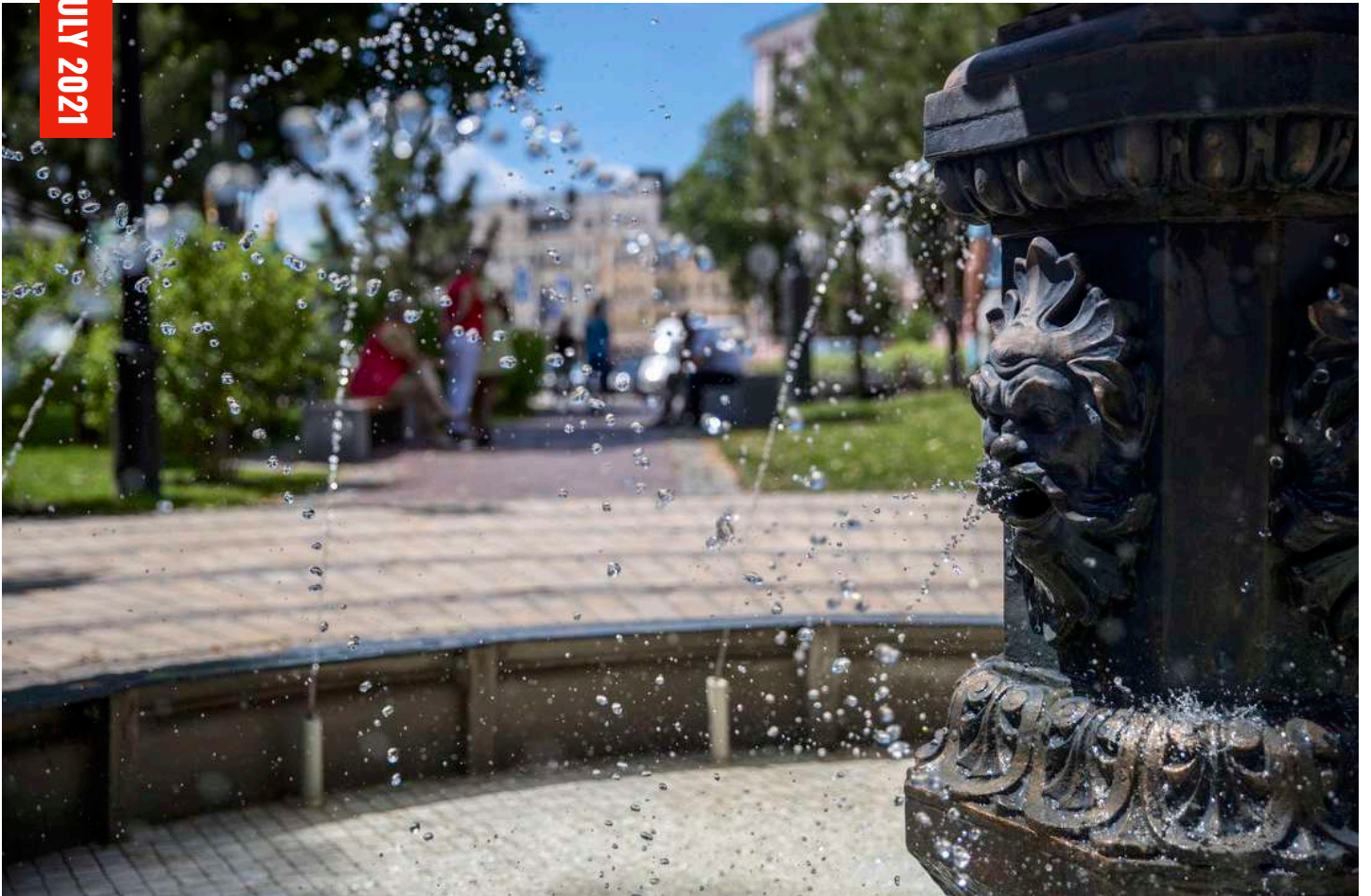
Фото прес-служби м.р. Кличко

Its first 2.2-hectare portion is currently under construction and scheduled for completion by September.

As Vitali Klitschko, the mayor of Kyiv told, "It has been a dumping place for construction debris in previous years. Located in the 7.5- hectare vacant land, the park will become an important public recreation zone for Osokorki and Pozniaki district communities. Last year we began to clear the site, pave cycling and walking trails and set benches." Future improvements will include a beach zone, an exercise area, an observation deck, four playgrounds with inclusive components and a multifunctional football pitch which is funded by investors.

Mayor Klitschko also pointed out that another green zone located between Sophiyski and Mykhailivski squares was revived. "This is a small park which saw a refurbishment. Now there are newly paved paths, reinforced retaining walls and stairs, new benches and streetlights inspired by the 19th-century design. Also, a 120-year-old cast-iron fountain has been restored," he told.

This year the city renovates almost 40 green squares along with parks and other green areas.



UPGRADE OF THE KYIV CENTRE FOR NEPHROLOGY AND DIALYSIS IN PROGRESS



Despite the complex economic situation, the municipality continues with hospital renovations. The massive upgrade of the Kyiv Centre for Nephrology and Dialysis is underway,” wrote in his Facebook post Vitali Klitschko, the mayor of Kyiv.

From last September till this June the Centre have treated coronavirus patients with renal diseases. And in March this year the clinic performed the first successful kidney transplantation. “It has been 50 years since any repairs have been done here. This year the Centre sees a major renovation aimed at

meeting modern standards for health facilities, increasing level of comfort for patients and medical staff and re-equipping,” told Mayor Klitschko.

Klitschko also revealed that a new in-house PCR laboratory will be set up in the Kyiv Emergency Hospital in the nearest time, with a capacity to process 400 test samples per day. “Now, when Ukraine is preparing for the next Covid-19 wave, we anticipate a very high demand for testing. The laboratory will come into operation in August,” pointed out the mayor.

VCENTRI HUB UNVEILED IN OBOLONSKY DISTRICT

Kyiv mayor Vitali Klitschko cut the ribbon to unveil a VCENTRI HUB, a multi-purpose public space in Obolonsky district.

“I am very pleased to officially open another community centre with meeting spaces for officials of the city local government, community leaders, education workers, socially responsible local businesses and international partners,” he said at the ceremony.

Such civic centre is a free open space venue available for the Obolon community for various purposes where the community can meet, learn and consult with legal or financial experts. The 200 square-meters centre with free access to WiFi and PA system contains a playroom, co-working and meeting rooms and a room where the Community Council members can network.

Obolon VCENTRI HUB is an expansion of the municipal civic centres, the first of which located on 51b Volodymyrska street was unveiled last March. Due to the significant demand for those centres, their network will grow further to be available for other neighbourhoods.

“Obolon is the very place where the local community is actively involved in improving their district environment. I hope, the hub will become a place where the local residents and municipal officials can brainstorm and share ideas and best practices to make Kyiv more livable

