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Dear Tallinn Residents,

July 2021 is about vacations and football. As we gradually resume a normal pace of life after the pandemic, we still prefer to stay on the safe side and spend as much of our free time in the fresh air as possible. 🌻 🌻

And why not be outside when we now can officially say that Tallinn has some of the cleanest air in Europe according to the European Environment Agency air quality data? If you are tired of going to the beach every day and enjoying sunsets on the terraces, and are looking for some new fun ways to spend warm summer evenings outside with friends, Tallinn City Centre Government invites you to watch the decisive matches of the European Football Championship on the big screen on Freedom Square. ⚽ 💙

Or, maybe, instead, you prefer to experience the best of Old Town's authentic atmosphere. In this case, you should consider taking a closer look at Tallinn's Medieval days' program from 8 to 11 of July. 🏰 📖

Also, if you have finally made up your mind to fix a broken bench in your backyard, Pelgulinna Library wants to spare you from having to buy a hammer for 2 hours of repair work and offers you a borrowing opportunity instead. 🛠️ Learn more in the July edition of 'Tallinn in Brief'. 📖



'Tallinn Medieval Days' from Visit Estonia

Tallinn will continue with the home doctor project in September



'Sick child medication' from Pixabay

In October 2020, the **Tallinn Social and Health Care Department**, in cooperation with the **Tallinn Ambulance** and the **Tallinn Children's Hospital**, launched a home doctor pilot project to provide medical care to sick children aged 0–12.

According to statistics, many families turn to the emergency medicine department of Tallinn Children's Hospital, especially from Friday to Sunday evening, when it is not possible to get in touch with a family doctor. While 65-70 children usually go to the hospital's admissions department every day, this number reaches 90-120 on weekends and during the peak periods of illness. The annual reports of Tallinn Ambulance show that

62.4% of the 6,324 visits made to children aged 0–12 during the year did not actually require an ambulance. **However, medical advice and support for parents are important.**

The home doctor or pediatrician together with the Tallinn Ambulance Emergency Medicine technician makes home visits in a small car on Fridays and holidays from 2 pm to 10 pm. Up to 10 visits are accepted during the day, and these visits are completed the same day. The pilot project is being financed from the budget of the city of Tallinn.

In July and August, home visits have been temporarily suspended, but from September, a home doctor can be requested again for sick children on Fridays and weekends.

Tallinn's air is some of the cleanest in Europe



'Toompea' by Rasmus Jurkatam 2020

According to the European Environment Agency, **Tallinn ranks fourth in Europe** in terms of the quality of urban air, closely following Umeå, Sweden; Tampere, Finland; and Funchal, Portugal.

Mayor Mihhail Kõlvart noted that although the air quality in Tallinn is some of the cleanest in the European countries, the improvement of the condition of ambient air must be constantly addressed. "On the one hand, the requirements of the European Union are becoming more stringent and, on the other hand, ambitious targets are being set globally to reduce emissions". The Tallinn Development Strategy 2035 and the Climate Plan also set the goal of reducing the impact of urban life and economy on the climate.

The air quality data are based on surveys conducted in 2019 and 2020 that measured the level of fine particulate matter in urban air. In Tallinn, with 444,556 inhabitants per 159.3 km², this figure is 4.4 µg per cubic meter of air, which places us fourth in Europe. The Estonian cities of **Narva** and **Tartu** are also listed in the top ten cities, where pollution particles have been measured at 4.8 and 5.2 µg per cubic meter respectively. Of the nearby capitals, Stockholm ranks ninth and Helsinki 11th in the European Environment Agency's index.

European Environment Agency air quality data can be found at https://public.tableau.com/app/profile/european.environment.agency/viz/City_AQ_Viewer/Dashboard1.

Freedom Square shows the decisive matches of the European Football Championship on the big screen



Watching football on Freedom Square

Did you know that from June 26, it is possible to see live broadcasts of the **European Football Championship** on the outdoor screen on Freedom Square in Tallinn? You can watch the thrills of the tournament and ERR Football Studio programs on the big screen.

Schedule of remaining matches:

Tuesday, July 6

9:30 pm

1st semifinal

Wednesday, July 7

9:30 pm

2nd semifinal

Sunday, July 11

9:30 pm

Final

The broadcasts are displayed on the screen installed in the **stairwell of Freedom Square**. The audience's viewing area is located on the stairs, and additional speakers are used to transmit sound.

Tallinn City Government reminds all football fans who plan to visit Freedom Square that the participants of the event should follow the current social distancing requirements.

The second episode of the Tallinn Talks podcast



Recording the podcast

In the June episode of **'Tallinn Talks'**, we bring you the latest city news and discuss celebrating **Pride Month** in Tallinn with Canadian/Estonian transgender artist Kaido Strange and youth activist Rosemarie. We also chat with Tiina Põldmaa from the **Tallinn Central Library** about how they support the local international community and library services in general (some of which nicely surprised us).

The podcast is available on both the [Soundcloud](#) and [Spotify](#) platforms

Road repair works in the City Centre district



'Traffic signs during road construction' by Ilja Matusihi

On Monday, June 28, repair works for the intra-quarter roads of the City Centre district

began by order of the Tallinn Environment and Public Utilities Department.

In the course of the work, the asphalt pavement of the streets and sidewalks will be renewed, the dilapidated curbs will be replaced and the wellheads will be repaired within the determined area. Tree pruning and landscaping work will also be performed.

Construction work will start on **Aasa Street, Saturni Street, Komeedi Street and Aedvilja Street**. In addition, repair works will be carried out this year on **Vineeri Street, Lastekodu Street and Tatari Street**.

Road users are asked to follow the temporary traffic flow management and the traffic signs installed in the area.

Reconstruction of Tiskre road has begun in Haabersti district



Tiskre Road

On Monday, July 5, reconstruction work began on Tiskre tee (Tiskre tee 21 - Kakumäe tee), in the course of which the existing road will be expanded and **a light traffic road** will be built.

In the course of the construction work, a five-meter-wide asphalt road and **a three-meter-wide pedestrian and bicycle road separated from the road by a curb** will be built on the nearly 900-meter-long section of the street.

In addition to road construction work, the utility networks under the street will be arranged, drainage will be built and **LED street lights** will be installed. **Four seating areas** are planned along the footpath and cycle path, equipped with a bench and a rubbish bin for sorting waste and a bin for dog faeces.

During the construction period, road users are asked to follow the temporary traffic flow management at the site and the installed traffic signs.

Pelguranna Library (Kangru 13) provides free tools for home gardening, repairs and construction



Toolbox of Pelguranna Library

For gardening enthusiasts, the **Toolbox** (Tööriistalaekas) selection at Pelguranna Library includes the most commonly used garden tools, such as a shovel, hoe, rake, various shears, and a lawn trimmer. You can also borrow a twig and hedge trimmers, and a branch shredder.

Hammers, screwdrivers, pliers, and other tools for home repairs and smaller construction projects as well as, for example, cordless drills, disc cutters, multitools, and soldering irons, laser bullets, rangefinders and multi-detectors are also available for rent. Tool rental is free, but you will still have to pay for consumables.

Ebe Otto, director of Pelguranna Library, believes that by borrowing a tool from the library alongside literature which helps you complete the task at hand, you save the environment. What is the point in buying a tool you only need for a few hours anyway? This borrowing practice works very successfully in Finnish libraries, Otto says.

How to borrow

- You can find the list of tools and loan conditions on the website of Tallinn Central Library <https://keskraamatukogu.ee/en/>.
- Availability of tools can be checked in the [ESTER e-catalog](https://keskraamatukogu.ee/en/): <https://keskraamatukogu.ee/en/>.
- You can borrow up to three tools at a time for seven days.

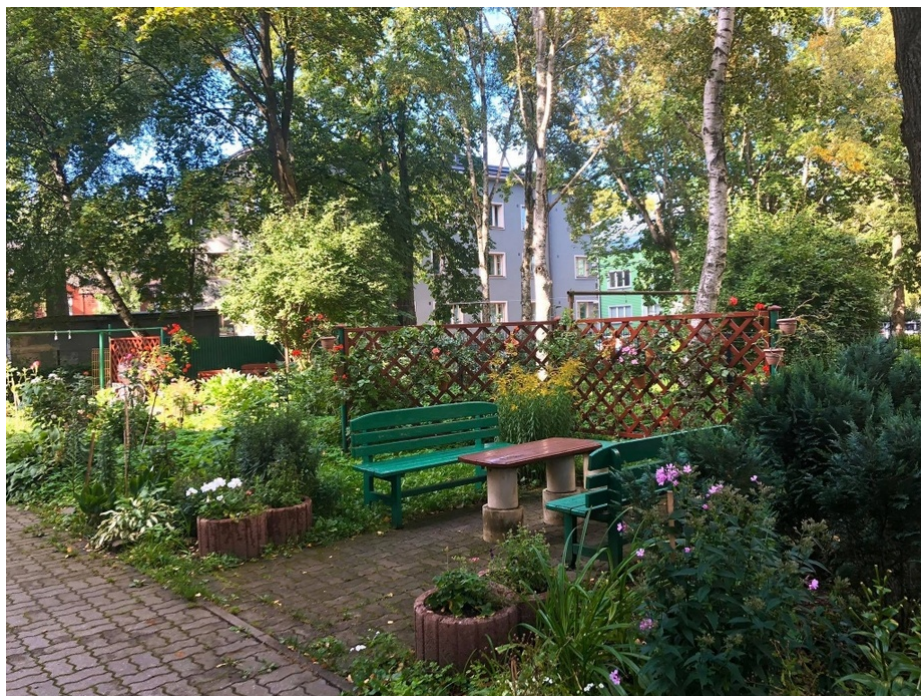
- To use the service, you must be a member of the Tallinn Central Library and at least 18 years old.
- There are special sets of rakes and shovels for children. However, the child can only borrow them together with the parent.

With the toolbox, the Tallinn Central Library will continue to create various additional opportunities that support the interests of city residents, lifelong learning, and green and sustainable thinking. Among them are:

- The **Seed Box** at **Laagna Library**, where gardeners can borrow seeds free of charge, enjoy growing plants at home or in the community garden, and delight others by collecting and donating seeds themselves.
- The **Musical Box** in the main building of the Central Library, where you can borrow various musical instruments and accessories.
- The **Sewing Room** at **Sõle Library**, which is equipped with sewing machines.
- **Kännukuke Library** and its **Innovation Laboratory** room where you can work with a 3D printer, laser cutting machine, film cutter, and other modern technological equipment. There is also a **Creative Room** (Loovuse tuba) with a photo studio.

Sports equipment and outdoor games are available for rent at several branches of the library.

Apartment associations are welcome to participate in the online photo competition



'Soo 28' from Apartment associations photo competition 2020

Tallinn invites you to participate in the **'Green Backyards 2021'** online photo competition among the city's apartment associations. The competition lasts until August 31.

To participate, you must take at least three pictures of the green area of your apartment building and post them on the Facebook page of the [Tallinn City Property Department \(Linnavaaramet\)](#) in the discussion section of the event 'Green Backyards 2021' („Rohelised õuealad 2021“). Do not forget to mention the name of the apartment association under the picture.

Uploaded photos can be viewed and liked by all Facebook users. The most liked apartment associations will be acknowledged at the conference on September 11 at Kaja Culture Centre.

The city is organizing the 'Green Backyards' online photo competition for the second year in a row. Last year, the most popular photos were those of the Maisi 6, Linnamäe 49 and Vilde tee 123 apartment associations.

Culture & Leisure: Tallinn Medieval Days



The Medieval Days have been one of the most important annual events of the Estonian Folk Art and Craft Union since the year 2000. The Medieval Days take place in Tallinn's Old Town every year on the first full week of July from Thursday to Sunday. More information at <https://medievaldays.ee/en/program/>.

Did you know?

Did you know about **Music Hour** (Muusikaõhtu) in Charles's Church (Kaarli Kirik), which takes place every Tuesday, offering free concerts to the public?

Take a look at the program
here:

<https://kaarlikogudus.ee/>.



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