

DID YOU SEE THE U.S.S. MONITOR PARADE SPLASH THROUGH YOUR

STREET ?

On October 19, 1996 the Museum held its first event. The event commemorated the 135th Anniversary of the laying of the keel of the U.S.S. Monitor on Greenpoint's shores. The keel of a vessel is comparable to the ridge of a roof. The torrential rains of the day flooded many basements, but did not dampen the spirits of the Monitor Crew. Instead the rain brought attention to the need for sewer maintenance and additional sewer lines in the neighborhood. After the event, sewer maps were prepared to also bring attention to the need for a combined sewer overflow abatement program. During storm events sewage overflows into the Newtown Creek and East River. This condition must be corrected to ensure a healthy waterfront for future recreational use.

Or were you in your basement in water as high as two feet? Or was that you helping that poor old sewer, lying there in a sewer's despair, choking and congested unable to send its water anywhere?

On October 25, 1861 the keel of the Monitor was laid on Greenpoint's shores.

135 years later, on October 30, 1995 the Monitor Parade splashed by Greenpoint's front doors.

Unable to secure a rain date, unable to reach all participants, as it was too late

in the true spirit of the Monitor our crew began to gather.

Rifles ready and waiting for the forward command, the trolley stood firm nearly fully manned.



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