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NYC Launches New TV Station

* New Station Replaces Crosswalks Television

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NEW YORK (AP) Live from New York — it's NYC TV.

The city launched the newest version of its official television network on Tuesday, Mayor Michael Bloomberg announced.

NYC TV replaces Crosswalks Television, which the city ran for 11 years. The revamped station will undergo a facelift and offer new original programming and expanded government and community affairs coverage. The station also airs Off-Track Betting.

"NYC TV is a cornerstone of my administration's efforts to provide the public with up-to-the-minute information and an up-close look at their government as it makes decisions that affect their lives," Bloomberg said in a press release. "NYC TV is a fun and educational resource for all New Yorkers."

Some of the new programming includes "City Classics," which features vintage documentaries from the city's archives, "\$9.99," which recommends free and inexpensive things to do in the five boroughs, and "Cultural Corners," an arts and entertainment show.

NYC TV comprises five channels and is available to 1.8 million homes in the city. It is a division of the Department of Information Technology and Telecommunications.

The network generates more than \$500,000 a year by leasing time to international programmers and about \$5 million by operating OTB's live racing feeds.