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## **Monroe Announces Public Hearing on Cable TV Franchise**

**MONROE** – The current franchise agreement between Comcast and Monroe Township is up for renewal in March 2020.

The Monroe Township Cable Television Advisory Committee will hold an open public hearing Sept. 26 at 7 p.m. in the municipal building's council chambers, 1 Municipal Plaza.

Monroe Township residents are invited to the hearing to share their thoughts on the current cable television services agreement with Comcast and offer recommendations for improvement.

“It should be clearly understood that the Township has no control over billing rates or programming,” said Councilwoman Miriam Cohen, liaison to the Advisory Committee. “These are competitively determined by the consumer marketplace.”

According to the terms of the current franchise agreement between Monroe and Comcast, there's an automatic 10-year renewal upon expiration of the agreement. However, based on state law, if the Committee finds evidence that Comcast has not satisfied the terms of the current franchise agreement, there will not be an automatic renewal.

Ultimately, the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities has the final say in whether or not a franchise agreement is renewed.

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