

## Mission Statement

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**[Disclosure: Please be aware that Joe Krakoviak, the founder and primary writer for West Orange Grassroots, was elected to the West Orange Town Council in November 2010 to fill an unexpired term and re-elected to a four-year term in May 2012. In November 2014, he finished second in the mayoral election.]**

A group of local residents and taxpayers decided to set up this website in July 2009 as a non-partisan source of information, analysis and informed opinion about issues important to West Orange, N.J. We believe that an informed citizenry engaging in civil discussion and respectful debate will develop and support better ideas and wiser decisions related to township governance and finances. To that end, we insist on civility and will modify, correct or delete comments that we believe amount to personal attacks or that are based on incorrect information. Passion for what you think is best for the township is good and encouraged. But expressing that enthusiasm in a negative manner is not in keeping with the shared goal of improving our community. Also, please recognize that we're often dealing with the challenges of complex subjects and incomplete information. We'll make every effort to be accurate and fair, and we'll fix problems as fast as we can. We appreciate your help, constructive criticism and understanding as we strive for these goals. [This site is permanently under construction, so please bear with us. For now, you can post comments without registering first. Please be responsible and civil.]