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Mayor Parisi Hosts Community Meetings to Give Presentation on Taxes

May 1, 2014 – West Orange, NJ – Mayor Robert D. Parisi will give a presentation about the Township's municipal taxes at a series of community meetings being held in several locations this month to inform residents about the 2014 budget and how taxes are spent.

The presentation provides a detailed account of his proposed 2014 budget and taxes are being spent in West Orange. The presentation gives an overview of the services provided through the town. It also reviews how the Township's municipal taxes compare to other towns, explaining the challenges West Orange faces versus neighboring communities.

There are four meetings currently scheduled:

- May 7th at 7:30 PM at Hazel Elementary School, 45 Hazel Avenue
- May 12th at 7 PM Bel Air Clubhouse, 1 Whitbay Drive
- May 20th at 7 PM at Gregory Elementary School, 301 Gregory Avenue
- May 27th at 7 PM at Redwood Elementary School, 75 Redwood Avenue

Mayor Parisi initially delivered the presentation at the April 8th Town Council meeting. It can be viewed on the Township YouTube channel at www.youtube.com/westorangeinfo and is broken down into three parts: 'Tax Facts: Comparing West Orange to Other Towns,' 'Budget vs. Taxes,' and 'How Are My Taxes Spent?'

"West Orange has had the lowest municipal tax increase of any municipality in Essex County since 2008. Our objectives each year are to stabilize municipal taxes, provide quality services to the community and ensure that services being provided remain affordable. It is my hope that these meeting will provide the community an opportunity to understand what goes into local property taxes while focusing on residents' questions and concerns," Parisi said.

Residents interested in hosting a meeting either at their home or in their neighborhood should contact Jessica Glicker at 973-325-4133 or jglicker@westorange.org.

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