

TOWN HALL IN FOCUS



Mayor Susan McCartney



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Noteworthy Note:

Police Chief James Abbott introduced new flier underscoring importance of reporting all attempted crimes to WOPD beyond just posting in local social media groups.



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MEETING HIGHLIGHTS IN FOCUS:

- **Mayor Susan McCartney**, in her first staff meeting, introduced department heads to the [Sustainable Jersey website](#) and directed them to explore ways to add points per guidelines how to receive points for new grant opportunities.
- [Mayor's Wellness Program](#) was reintroduced to help make mental health a priority townwide and beyond as an important quality-of-life issue for the community.
- [Senior Services Director Laura Van Dyke](#) reminded everyone about the introduction of new language describing what has been previously used as "Senior Citizens" in the past. Trends point to "Older Adults" as a more descriptive and age-appropriate replacement that will be used in West Orange. This adds to the [Senior Livability Initiative](#) of West Orange.
- **Business Administrator John Gross** reported to [Mayor McCartney](#) staffing issues are not only a challenge for West Orange Township but exist nationwide. Gross indicated that creative solutions are being sought and explored. Under consideration is Mutual Aid Services beyond just Police and Fire Departments which will have a lesser financial impact than Shared Services Agreements.
- **Township Attorney Richard Trenk** suggested adding to existing promotions of [safe spaces](#) within West Orange for the LGBTQ community. No specific details were made but will enter the Township's culture of considerations going forward.
- **IT Director Mauricio Garcia** reported on the development of new CIS software that is underway for township jitney shuttle tracking that will provide details about where the [jitney shuttle](#) is in the route and estimated times of arrival in real time. After a thorough testing period is completed, an implementation date will be announced.

Township Website: westorange.org

Mayor's Inauguration Ceremony [News 12 New Jersey Coverage](#)