



### **Community Spotlight: Councilman Sean Spiller**



**Q: How long have you lived in Montclair? What do you like about the community?**

**A:** I've lived in Montclair for approximately 11 years. Living here has always been - and continues to be a - wonderful experience. The people in town are passionate, committed, and caring, and that certainly makes it a fun place live. And with so many things to do, Montclair has something different to offer every day.

**Q: What does a councilman on the Montclair Township Council do? How do you represent constituents? Why is this work important to you?**

**A:** Our role is to help residents and to guide the municipality in the short, medium, and long-term. Day-to-day, we hear concerns from residents that we try to resolve by connecting them to the appropriate township department, or occasionally by changing local laws. Additionally, we work to put funds towards our township priorities including paying down debt, and infrastructure investments such as paving many roads, replacing sewer lines, and moving to energy efficiencies wherever possible. I personally solicit feedback from and communicate with residents at Third Ward Community Meetings, at our regular Council meetings, at special meetings, and via email or social media. I find it very rewarding to help someone with an issue, or position our community for the future.

**Q: What other local organizations do you personally support or volunteer with?**

**A:** I always offer support for the Montclair Public Library and the Montclair Community Pre-K, and I am a member of the Montclair NAACP and the League of Women Voters. There are so many great organizations in Montclair that I have been able to learn more about and support in various ways through the Council position. It helps connect me to the great things that so many individuals and groups are doing.

**Q: Who inspires you and why?**

**A:** During these somewhat uncertain times, I am most inspired by seeing how many members of our community have decided to engage around the issues they care most about. There are groups forming all the time, individuals hosting meetings, many asking questions... I am inspired by all of it. For a healthy democracy, we need engagement.