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Yes, Virginia, there is an Election in 2015

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If you look at the media coverage of Trump, Bush, Clinton, and the rest of the crowd you would think that the next election is November 2016 – you would be mistaken. The next really important election will occur on November 3, 2015. An election that will have more of an effect on your day to day lives than the distant happenings in Washington and Albany. The President, the Congress, and the State Legislature are not running but the officials that are on the ballot this November are the ones who on a day to day basis make a dramatic imprint on your lives. They are the local officials, the County Executive, the County Legislature, the Town Supervisors and Councilpersons along with Town Clerks and Receiver of Taxes. These are the elected officials who will make the decisions on police security, zoning, code enforcement, health services, garbage pickup, road repair, social services, and economic development. They are the ones you will contact to take care of the noisy neighbor, the zombie home, a new street light, drugs in the neighborhood, permits for a block party, garage sale, gang problems, peddlers who are not licensed banging on your door at 8pm and a host of other constituent issues.

So as you are sitting in your easy chair scanning the paper, browsing social media or watching the tube you are not going to read or see a great deal about these elected officials. They are the ones who are working day to day on the issues important to you in order to keep this sand bar known as Long Island afloat and moving in the right direction. Sometimes they will achieve victory and sometimes experience failure and frustration but local elected officials never give up trying. So on Tuesday, November 3, 2015 you can stay home and watch “Dancing with the Stars” or you can come out and participate in a really big election – the one that will really affect your way of life.