



# Presidential? No. Monumental? Yes.

It's hard to escape news about the 2012 presidential election, but that shouldn't overshadow the opportunity voters have on Tuesday to impact governments much closer to home.

History shows that presidential elections get higher voter turnout: 81 percent of Monroe County's registered voters cast ballots in the last presidential election, but just 31 percent voted in 2009, an-

other local year. But local candidates maintain that government closest to the people can have more impact on the daily lives of town and city residents than national contests.

In all, there are more than 200 candidates on the ballot in Monroe County vying for more than 140 offices. In Ontario County, about 120 candidates are competing for local offices.

In Monroe County, voters will choose candidates for

county executive, district attorney and county court judge.

In Rochester and every town, candidates for governing councils are subject to a vote, as is every seat in the County Legislature.

City voters also will choose representatives for the Rochester School Board and City Council.

Polls are open from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. across the state. □

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- » Read election coverage from the past month.
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