



# ROLESVILLE 2019 VOTER'S GUIDE

*ROLESVILLE*  
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

# Rolesville Candidates' Forum

October 23, 2019

6:30 – 8:30 pm

Rolesville Town Hall

## AGENDA

Pledge of Allegiance

Welcome & Introductions

Opening Statements from Candidates

Question & Answers

Closing Remarks

Adjournment

**FORMAT:** Candidates will have 3 minutes to expand upon their political platform. The format of the presentation is at the discretion of the candidates. The timer will give a 1 minute, 30-second warning and ring a bell at the end of the allotted time. No candidate will be allowed more than their allotted time.

During the question period, questions will be received from the floor in written form. The ushers will provide all written questions to the moderator to be addressed by the candidate(s). The moderator will rule out of order any question(s) deemed inappropriate, offensive and derogatory or, that would seem to attack the integrity of any candidate.



## MAYORAL CANDIDATES



### **Ronnie Currin**

As an elected official of the Rolesville Board of Commissioners, I have always viewed my service as an honor to serve the citizens of Rolesville. This has not been a duty that I have taken lightly. At times, the job of a commissioner requires sacrifices in personal life. My wife, Elizabeth, has been my rock during this entire journey. When I am elected as the next Rolesville Mayor, you can be confident that we will be there for all of you.

My 2017 campaign for Commissioner was titled “Grow As One”. My campaign was based on a belief that Rolesville is a great community to live within. Each resident should have a vested interest to protect every aspect that shapes Rolesville’s all-inclusive community values. When I came to Rolesville in 1991, I believed with all of my heart that Rolesville was a great place to live and raise a family. I still do. For Rolesville to maintain the charm we have now, then our vision must be that we will grow with one vision. As Mayor, one of the objectives for my first term is to create a vision for our town. I am presently collecting ideas and analyzing ways to do this. This will be our vision, not mine. We need to do this together. Your input is valuable. We live here as one and my hope is that we can “Grow As One”.

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### **James C. “Brad” Bradford, Write-In Candidate**

As a transplant to Rolesville after spending many years in the Air Force where I was a cryptographic specialist (I encrypted and decrypted classified messages). Most of my military career was spent in the Strategic Air Command (SAC) and the first word of that command exemplifies my future approach to problem solving, strategic.

My retirement ultimately led me to Rolesville where I have gotten to meet some extraordinary people. I am involved in various community activities including working on the town’s Economic Development committee. While doing so, my instinct of analyzing conditions helped me to see that there might be a more efficient way to bring this historic town forward. I evaluated the growth, listened to many people, and realized that my strategic skills could be used to help the town migrate through the complexities of smart growth.

As a member of the community, I believe we should have a choice in who our elected officials are, I believe in a Citizen Engagement Model, and I believe communities should be Actionably working toward designing and building Age-Friendly environments.

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# COMMISSIONER CANDIDATES – 2 open seats



## Edward “Ed” Carelli

As a former small-business owner and professional, working for Fortune 500 companies, I’ve led diverse teams, managed budgets – increased revenue and decreased expenses – and negotiated lucrative business deals. Under my leadership, the small business grew from one to three locations and 50 associates.

Fostering and maintaining relationships with key stakeholders across a broad spectrum of influence such as, government officials in local municipalities and members of the community-at-large, is also an area of expertise.

I plan to leverage this experience as Rolesville’s next commissioner.

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## Steven Dieckhaus

I have been a licensed loan officer for 20 years, so I have a better pulse on the housing markets. I have a Bachelor of Science degree in Math and Computer Science from Newberry College, so I understand numbers and budgets. I am very active in the Rolesville community.

I am a part of the Rolesville Rotary Club and served 6 years on the North Raleigh Rotary's Board of Directors (7 years perfect attendance) and was put in charge of the roadside clean-up committee. I served 5 years on Grace Lutheran Church's council with 1 year as Treasurer. I also have served on the steering committee to re-brand Rolesville's logo and tag line. I am a former ambassador for the Rolesville Chamber. I have adopted a stretch of Young St from Rolesville high school towards Main St. for roadside clean up. Let me be your Voice!!!!

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## Michelle Medley

As one of your current Town Commissioners, I have been an active advocate for the community, businesses and our local schools. After relocating to Rolesville over 12 years ago, I knew that Rolesville was going to be a good fit for my family and me. I quickly became active in the community. I am actively engaged as a Rotarian, small business owner, entrepreneur, served on the local PTSA for over 10 years and served on the HOA board for the Villages at Rolesville for 5 years.

As an entrepreneur and local chamber member, I was accepted and graduated from the first class of LaunchROLESVILLE. After graduating, I opened the first coworking and event space in Rolesville called ARISE Coworking Community, LLC. ARISE has served as a much-needed brick and mortar resource and option for many small businesses, entrepreneurs and even served as a test site for Rolesville High School during AP exams.

### ***Michelle Medley Continued***

As your commissioner, I am results-driven and action-oriented. I led the creation of the first ever Economic Development Strategic Plan (*which included the rebranding of the towns logo, website and signage*), advocated for the reduction of the rental increase from \$100 to as low as \$5 and organized the first ever fire safety class for Rolesville's senior apartment complex The Grande at Granite Falls, led the re-establishment of the relationship between the town and the chamber of commerce, initiated the acknowledgment of high performing scholar students from Rolesville High School at Town Hall meetings, serve on a special ad hoc committee for the review and possible creation of a new additional fire department in Rolesville and serve as liaison between the Town Board and Parks & Recreation Advisory Board.

I will continue to be your biggest advocate as we grow. We will do it responsibly and not treat our growth as a numbers game!

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### **April Sneed**

April Sneed is a wife, mother, financial planner and volunteer. April and her family have been residents of Rolesville for nearly 14 years (December 2005). She was employed in Rolesville for eight of those 14 years at both Granite Falls Swim and Athletic Club and the Rolesville Chamber of Commerce. April is from a small town in Virginia, Pulaski. She is no stranger to small towns and Rolesville's community is no exception. She is currently serving as a member of the Rolesville Military Banner Committee and was the Executive Director of the Rolesville Chamber of Commerce during their time of transition. Prior to becoming Executive Director, April volunteered for the Chamber on many occasions and still enjoys

volunteering at the Chamber, in Rolesville's schools, on the PTSA and for the Town during their events. During her time with the Chamber she was involved with our school's leadership, the community residents through volunteer opportunities, worked with the Town staff, and developed relationships with many of Rolesville's business leaders. April is familiar with Rolesville in many ways: resident, employee, volunteer and leader and she is looking forward to serving the residents of Rolesville as one of the next Town Commissioners.

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### **Sheilah Sutton**

Having served for almost 4 years as a commissioner in Rolesville, I appreciate the voice of our Rolesville community. I want to make our community one that we all can continue to be proud of. I have worked hard for proactive and open communications, town beautification and maintenance, and smart economic development in my short tenure. I have spent the last 10 years focused specifically on community efforts - advocacy for under exposed children, equity for all employees, and managing town growth responsibly. Having never run or held an elected position prior to 2016 I bring a fresh, unencumbered perspective to the table and not afraid to go against the grain to do what's right. I am goal-oriented. I

believe in making progress, despite Government's oftentimes slow churn.

Having been a trailing spouse of my husband's 22-year Army career gives me an ability to connect with people from all communities and I am very proud of that. People will tell you Sheilah will talk with anyone - I simply believe in the power and synergy of community.

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