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Local Heroes of all Stripes Honored at Community Celebration

Service officers of the Year from Chapel Hill, Carrboro, Orange County, and UNC will be among those honored at Century Center this Thursday

The Foundation for a Sustainable Community, the nonprofit partner of the Chapel Hill-Carrboro Chamber of Commerce, will honor community heroes at the Salute to Community Heroes this Thursday from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the Carrboro Century Center. The Salute to Community Heroes is an annual awards event held to recognize service officers of the year and other community members who are judged to have had a significant impact in Chapel Hill and Carrboro.

The Salute to Community Heroes is underwritten by Progress Energy and other community sponsors, with refreshments provided by Whole Foods Market. The event is free and open to the public, although reservations are required. Please call 967-7075x21 to reserve your seat.

The Foundation will recognize:

Town and Gown Award: Ashley Shores and Meg Petersen, UNC Students

Jim Gibson Volunteer of the Year: Charlie Zimmerli

Citizens of the Year: Jonathan and Dina Mills

UNC Public Safety Officer of the Year: Jeff Mosher

Carrboro Police Officer of the Year: Walter Horton

Carrboro Fire Fighter of the Year: Daniel Speight

Chapel Hill Police Officer of the Year: Stan Newsome

Chapel Hill Fire Fighter of the Year: Brian Parker

Orange County EMS Employee of the Year: James Leon Lunsford, Jr.

Orange County Sheriff Employee of the Year: Nathan O. Farrington

POZEN High School Sustainability Essay Contest Winner: Peter B. Singer / **Teacher:** Thomas Greene

Recognition of Nobel Prize Laureate Dr. Oliver Smithies, Oliver Jennette accepting

All honorees and their families and friends will be on hand, except for Dr. Smithies. The Mayors of Chapel Hill and Carrboro and the Chiefs of UNC, Carrboro, Orange County, and Chapel Hill's fire departments, EMS teams, and police departments will be onstage at the event.

The event invitation is attached.

The Foundation for a Sustainable Community invests business and community resources to promote and advance the triple bottom line of community sustainability: environmental stewardship, social equity and economic prosperity.

Please contact Caroline Poole, Associate Director of the Foundation for a Sustainable Community, for more information at cpoole@sustainablefoundation.org or 967-7075. Aaron Nelson, Executive Director of the Foundation, may be contacted for a quote at anelson@carolinachamber.org or 967-7075.

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