

# In the Spotlight

*Highlighting Exceptional Employees*

## Colleen Lanigan

**Special Olympics Coordinator**

Colleen Lanigan (Parks and Recreation) has been chosen to receive the 2012 Cal Horton Service Award. This award recognizes distinguished service by Town of Chapel Hill employees. Nominees were honored and the recipient announced at a ceremony on Friday, Dec. 7, at Hargraves Community Center. A ceremony to celebrate with family and friends will be held in January 2013.

The W. Calvin Horton Service Award is one of the highest honors the Town of Chapel Hill bestows upon an employee. It is given to a Town employee who brings credit to the Town with exceptional contributions to the community. The employee represents the ideals of public service to citizens and peers in everyday demeanor and actions. The recipient will receive an inscribed glass plaque and a cash stipend.

Colleen has worked with the Special Olympics program since 1990 and has served as Special Olympics Coordinator for the Town of Chapel Hill for more than 17 years. She administers year-round athletic events for more than 300 athletes with intellectual disabilities, ranging in age from five to adult.

She routinely goes beyond job expectations, and her enthusiasm and energy are contagious. She is very highly regarded within the community, as well as with her co-workers. Her professionalism, work ethic and dedication to the program and participants make her as a tremendous asset to the community.

If you know another outstanding Chapel Hill employee that should be featured in TOWNTalk, contact Catherine Lazorko at 969-5055 or [clazorko@townofchapelhill.org](mailto:clazorko@townofchapelhill.org).

### **Value in the Spotlight**

## **Teamwork**



Catherine Lazorko photo

### **RESPECT Values**

**Responsibility**  
**Equity**  
**Safety**  
**Professionalism**  
**Ethics**  
**Communication**  
**Teamwork**

