

## **2012 Civitas Award Presentation by John Powers**

**It is my honor and distinct pleasure, to announce the recipient of the I'On Civitas Award for 2012.**

**For those of you who don't know, the Civitas Award was created in 2004 to recognize individuals within the I'On Community who have provided outstanding community service to make I'On a better place to live. Civitas is the Latin word for Citizenship - especially as imparting a sense of shared responsibility, a common purpose, and sense of community.**

**The Civitas Award is presented to those members of the I'On community whose course of leadership has materially enhanced the community through new projects and initiatives (which may include improvement of existing programs and activities) in the areas of civic, cultural and social life.**

**While many volunteers are needed to keep I'On running the way it does, this award recognizes those few individuals who go above and beyond the call. Not just on one occasion, but usually several, over many years. Often times, their body of work isn't particularly glamorous or even that obvious, but it is constant and makes a significant contribution to the betterment of I'On. This award is not won. It is earned.**

**The recipient of the award is selected by a committee made up of a representative from the HOA Board, the I'On Trust, BizNet as well as the 4 most recent recipients of the award. There may come a year where no one is honored. There have been years where two recipients were chosen. So far, 12 I'On neighbors have been recognized with this honor.**

**So ... this year's recipient does many many things to support the community:**

### **Outside Interests**

**Attends Town Council Meetings and spoken up when I'On has been involved**

### **Landscape Committee**

- **Roundabout Planning including the Irrigation and boring**
- **Does the seasonal color – handles all of it**
- **NE & NW Eastlake**
- **NW Westlake**
- **She provides guidance for an interchangeable team to cover when each is gone**
- **Works hand in hand with LOG**
- **Wants to be involved – always willing to work**

### **I'On Trust**

- **Street Campaigns**
- **Executive Committee of the Trust**
- **Worked the free food and wine at the Amphitheatre this past first Saturday in December during the Tree Lighting & Holiday Giving Lights**
- **Programming Work**
  - **Screen on the Green**
  - **Halloween in the Hood**
  - **4<sup>th</sup> of July**
  - **Christmas Events on Maybank Green and Westlake Amphitheatre**

### Quotes:

- “She helps everywhere and does more than expected”
- “Her programming and volunteer efforts for Trust events is well known”
- “She helps everywhere without being asked”
- “Many times I have seen her in the hood directing Lawn O Green”
- “She quietly arranges for the Screen on the Green”
- “She put the flags on the roundabout and agreed without any hesitation”
- “She doesn’t know how to say no”

Amy Sage exemplifies what it is to be a volunteer, in her neighborhood and in the greater community. Her spirit and positive energy is contagious. Amy is not here to accept the award – We are taping it to show her later, so I would ask for a round of applause to Amy ... well done!