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## **CIVIC INVOLVEMENT AWARD WINNERS SELECTED**

VIERA, Fla. -- Brevard County Government volunteers Mike Ailing, Richard Borck, Michael Dudzinski, Jared Reece, Stevon Roberts, Linda Gombert, Elsie Kapsch, Ramona Frasher, and Mike Shannon have been selected to receive Civic Involvement Awards on behalf of the Brevard County Board of County Commissioners.

Mike Ailing of Palm Bay has volunteered at Valkaria Airport for the past nine months, working 12 to 24 hours a week. He has been involved in airport management operations, assisted with preparation for the Annual Valkaria Airfest, organized a runway and taxiway cleanup, and updated the signage and marking plan.

Richard Borck of Melbourne has served in Brevard County Fire-Rescue's Medical Reservist program for two years, working approximately 24 hours per month. He works shifts as an emergency medical technician and serves the program at various community events, Teen Fest, and at baseball games at Space Coast Stadium.

Melbourne and Satellite Beach residents Michael Dudzinski, Jared Reece and Stevon Roberts are students in the LEAP (Learner Empowerment through Agency Partnership) program, a Brevard County Public Schools program that provides job training for persons with disabilities. These three young men have volunteered biweekly in the Traffic Engineering division for over eight months, organizing and filing traffic crash reports. Their work helps to keep crash data entry current and contributes to efficient operations.

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Linda Gombert of Cocoa serves on the Commercial Horticulture Extension Advisory Committee and the Brevard Botanical Garden Planning Committee. Since 2008, she has assisted with the development of the teaching and demonstration gardens, which will enhance 4-H programs and assist the Agriculture & Extension Office in educating the community about proper landscaping and horticultural practices.

West Melbourne resident Elsie Kapsch began volunteering with the Melbourne Beach Public Library immediately after its opening in October 2002. She is responsible for checking in courier items and contacting patrons to let them know that their reserved items have arrived.

Ramona Frasher of Melbourne Beach has volunteered weekly with the South Animal Care & Adoption Center for seven years. She is involved with tasks from cleaning to assisting the public, always demonstrating genuine caring and concern for the animals.

Mike Shannon of Melbourne has volunteered every Wednesday with the South Animal Care & Adoption Center since 2002. He works side-by-side with the staff, scrubbing kennels, putting up donations, and caring for the cats.

The Civic Involvement Award winners were recognized at the May 19 Board of County Commissioners meeting.

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*Media Note: Individual and group photos are available.*