

# ENERGIZER

A statewide newsletter for Citizens of Georgia Power

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## State President's Message

Juan Madrigal

Citizens,

It is hard to believe that summer is almost here. This is the time of the year that many of us use to go on vacation to spend time with our families. Whatever your plans are, please stay safe and healthy. As we think about safety in our new normal, the state office sent an email earlier this month that provided guidance around volunteering in our current environment. Please know that for the state office, the board and the advisory council, your safety and health, and that of the communities we serve, comes first. I know the new guidelines may change your plans around projects this year. However, please know that there are still many viable projects your chapter can safely participate in.



The Legacy Project Committee also sent an email to the chapter presidents with information and examples of projects they recently approved. Our chapters continue to adapt well to the new challenges and the committee is here to help you maximize your impact in the community. Our communities need us more than ever, so please continue to stay plugged-in so we don't miss out on any opportunities to make a difference.

I continue to be amazed at how well you are all working together to continue to ensure the future of our organization is bright. But better yet, how you continue to ensure the future of our communities is bright as you help them work through these challenging times. Thank you for always finding new ways to help and continuing to make this year **A Legacy of Service**.

*Juan Madrigal*

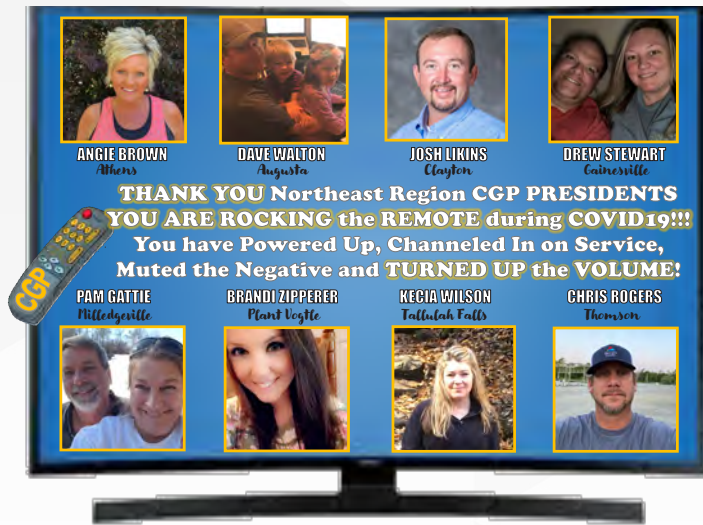


## Clayton

The Clayton Citizens chapter got a nice thank you note from Habersham Homes for their donation last month of several Ipads that allowed their residents to communicate with their loved ones. Truly making a difference during these challenging times.

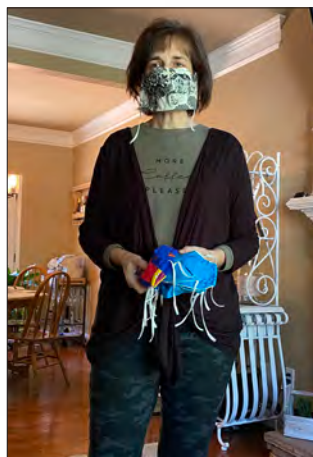
## Northeast Region

State Board member and Northeast Region Chapter Relations Chair Denise Hamrick reports that all her chapter presidents are engaged and passionately leading their chapters during these challenging times.



## Gainesville

Anna Stewart, spouse of retiree Joel Stewart and mother of Chapter President Drew Stewart, made over 100 masks and "ear savers" for employees of Northeast Georgia Medical Center in Gainesville. These specific masks were shared across the ER and neighboring departments. Anna has committed to making sure employees at the hospital are cared for as they are doing the same for their patients.



Chapter 1st VP Allison Zafft's daughter, Prielle has sewn masks and distributed over 100 masks to local elementary schools and Northeast Georgia Medical Center. Prielle was able to secure materials from a local business Lakeside Marine Canvas. Who could say no to that smile? Ken Roberts and his wife Carolyn proudly show off the finished product. The chapter is so proud of Prielle and her commitment to making sure local teachers and hospital employees stay protected!





### Tifton

Tifton CGP was proud to recognize the healthcare professionals at Tift Regional Hospital with a delicious meal. The chapter provided the food to the respiratory staff at the hospital to show their appreciation to them for their work during COVID-19. Kathy Dell, wife of Tifton Troubleman Lance Dell, gladly accepted the act of kindness from Brent James, Treasurer, and Dextra Lindsey, 1st VP.

### Carrollton

Carrollton Citizens members have been busy continuing to find safe ways to serve their community and those in need during this pandemic. Bob Miller has been busy creating a vegetable garden at Carrollton Nursing and Rehab Center and making time to maintain the garden at the Whitesburg Library and Elementary School. Bob's wife Laura has been making jewelry, collecting men's caps, word search and coloring books for the residents at



the nursing and rehab center as well as delivering homemade peanut butter cookies and homegrown lettuce to the local fire department. Chapter Treasurer April Hale has made over 220 ear savers for the nurses at Tanner Medical Center, Emory Hospital, and Wiggins Family Medical. She's also donated some to employees at Piggly Wiggly and Family Dollar.



### General Office

While most employees have been safely at home teleworking, corporate facilities team members have continued working on-site – sanitizing offices, delivering mail, and maintaining the building. To thank them for their dedicated service, the General Office Chapter arranged for gift baskets to be delivered to their homes. Alex Bradley, Senior Mail Courier, shared a photo of himself with his Sensational Basket full of snacks.



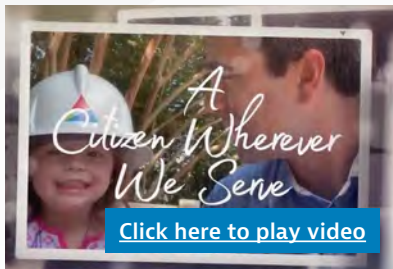
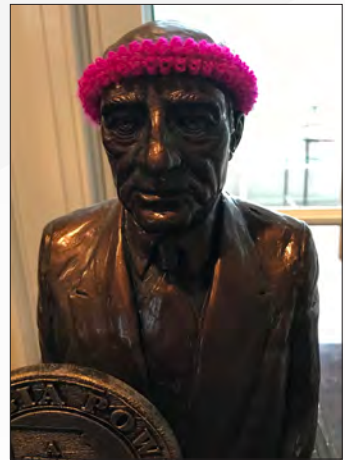


### North Fulton

North Fulton Citizens have found a way to 'virtually' adjust through these unprecedented times. The Chapter partnered with both Homestretch and the Atlanta Community Food Bank to ensure the needs of many families were met. With Homestretch, an Amazon wish list was created to send board and educational games to over a dozen families while the chapter worked on ensuring those impacted and struggling with hunger were provided with food and supplies as needed. As always, we are proud to be a Citizen wherever we serve!

### Thomson

State Board member and proud Thomson Citizens member Denise Hamrick was paid a visit by her grandchildren who felt like ole Preston Arkwright needed to step up his game a little bit!!



### Citizens and Ambassadors

Being a Citizen Wherever We Serve has never been more necessary and apparent than during the current COVID-19 pandemic. Check out the great work that our Citizens and Ambassadors continue to do in our communities!!

## EARTH DAY

### Tifton, Valdosta, and Brunswick

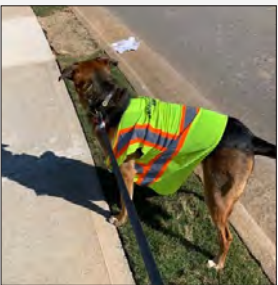
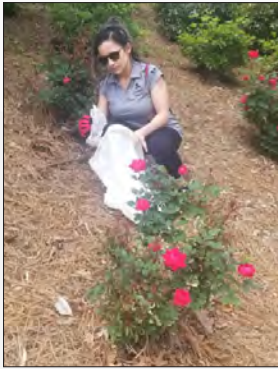
Tifton, Valdosta, & Brunswick CGP chapters came together, COVID-19 style, for Earth Day. Members planted Satsuma trees at Jesus & Jam in Homerville which is a local food distribution facility serving the needs of the community. Brent James says with some early trimming the charity hopes to be able to harvest fruit for their feeding program next year!



## EARTH DAY

### North Fulton and PEER

Citizens of Georgia Power North Fulton partnered with PEER for a virtual Earth Day "Keep Georgia Green" the week of April 19th while sheltering in place. Members participated in picking up trash on their morning/afternoon walks in their neighborhoods while wearing proper PPE and practicing social distancing. Members also spent time going through boxes that were headed to the dumpster and recycled all but half a box! What an awesome partnership for a great cause!!



### Plant Hatch

Plant Hatch Chapter President Kyle Boatwright had some great help getting an early start on his spring garden!



### Thomson

Denise Hamrick said her grandsons celebrated Earth Day with bursts of color. They had a blast recycling crayons! Even included the "recipe"!



**EARTH DAY  
 CRAYON RECYCLE  
 with the Edge  
 Brothers**  
 Grease Pan and Bake at  
 275 for 8 minutes  
 Enjoy and  
 Share with Friends!

### Valdosta

Joe Brownlee reports he had his two favorite Citizens with him picking up a little trash in Valdosta's Drexel Park.



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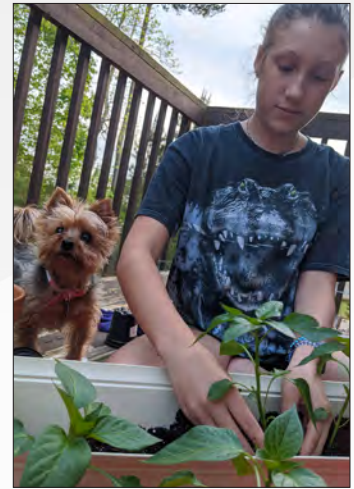
### Plant Bowen

Where there's a will there's a way! Plant Bowen Citizens members held a virtual Earth Day for their members rather than the traditional group project. Chapter members came up with some really cool projects!

Angie Barnette's son Jeramey has been recycling old pallets and making them into planter boxes.



Micah, Ashlee Ward's daughter, spent the day planting flowers, herbs, tomatoes, peppers and made a bee watering station out of an up-cycled dish and marbles.



The Wells kids spent the day picking up trash around their neighborhood.

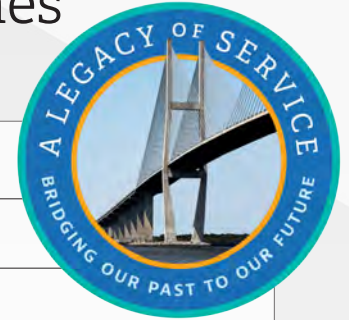


Caleb worked hard helping dad Jonathan Blair plant grass and more!

The Beard family has been busy planting lettuce and kale, along with propagating onions. They also built a walkway with leftover rocks and topped off with pine straw.



## 2020 Target Dates and Deadlines



<b>20 Monthly</b>	Energizer Chapter Submissions DUE
<b>June 15</b>	Educational Loan Fund (ELF) Applications DUE
<b>July 10</b>	Summer State Board Meeting
<b>August 12</b>	State Officer Nomination forms due to the State Office
<b>September 9</b>	Call to Annual Meeting mailed
<b>September 23</b>	Committee Chairs application due in State Office
<b>October 6-7</b>	State Officers will go through selection process for committee chairs to serve on State Board during 2021
<b>October 7</b>	Annual Meeting reservations/delegate forms DUE
<b>October 7</b>	Chapter Information for Annual Meeting printed program DUE to State Office
<b>November 12-13</b>	State Board Meeting – The Westin, 1 Resort Dr. Savannah, GA
<b>November 13-14</b>	Annual Meeting – The Westin, 1 Resort Dr. Savannah, GA
<b>December 9</b>	2020-chapter officer information DUE
<b>December 9</b>	State Office will verify records in SmartSimple for second incentive
<b>December 16</b>	Chapter Surveys to be returned to the State Office
<b>December 16</b>	All monies must be distributed to bring year-end balance down to \$100 and prepare books for audit and income tax forms
<b>December 31</b>	All 2020 Service Hours entered into SmartSimple