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A Statewide newsletter for Citizens of Georgia Power

HOMETOWN **HEROES** IN SERVICE



**Energizer
Newsletter**

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State President's Message

Patrick Harris



Team,

A couple of weeks ago we had an AWESOME Leadership Summit to kick off our 2024 season. I was humbled and honored to host such a great event. I was very inspired by each of our chapters' leadership and their enthusiasm to make this year even better year than our previous year. Last year was our first operating under the re-imagined Citizens of Georgia Power where the focus was to make it easier for you to operate as a chapter. I can't thank JD Wilson, the State Office, and the State Board enough for setting the foundation for us to build upon. We appreciate our executive leadership for their support. Audrey King gave us an inspiring message to energize our 'Hometown Heroes' charge to service. Afterwards, Jason Cuevas gave us words of encouragement and challenged us to think about why we have the passion to serve our communities. In addition, I asked you all to answer two questions: 1) What did you want your chapters superpower to be in 2024? and 2) Who was your Hometown Hero (outside of your parents)? Even though I couldn't get to everyone's answers, those who answered had compelling stories that led me to believe we will have a successful year.

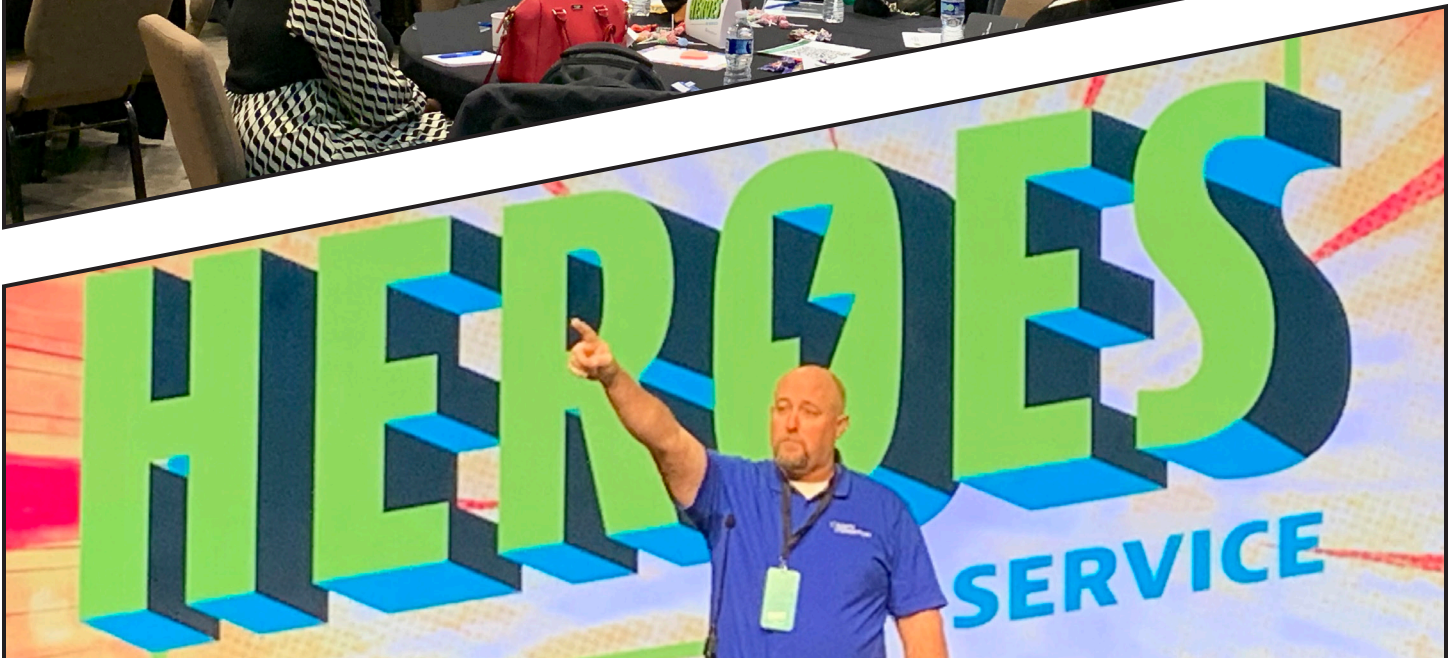
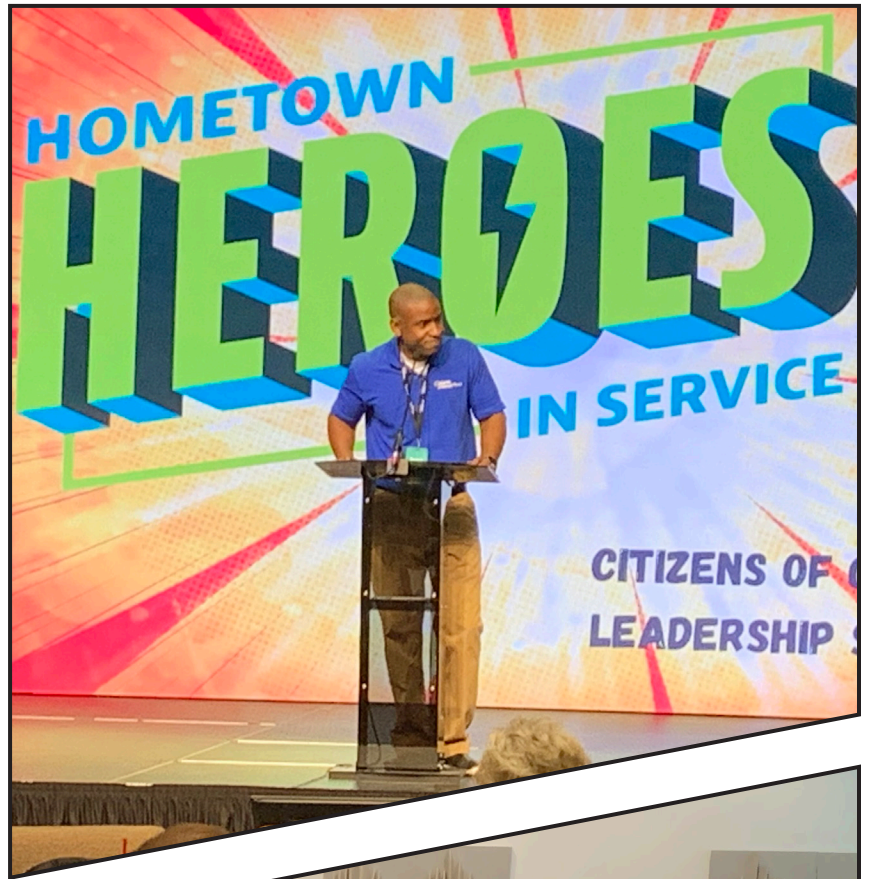
I asked those questions because we had a phenomenal start to the year. We've had great Martin Luther King Day projects followed up by a great Leadership Summit. However, I am reminded about a superhero we all know and love...Superman. Among all his superhero traits, 'Kryptonite' was his weakness which took away his superpowers while he was in its presence. Think about the momentum that we had at the beginning of the year as being our collective superpower. Don't let 'losing our momentum' serve as our 'Kryptonite' as we matriculate through this part of the year. Even though distractions or discouragement may come, our Superpower is depending on each other to overcome the Kryptonite in our lives and in our commitment to service. Remember that we have the tools (superpowers) we need to be successful and to positively impact our communities. We have the tools (superpowers) to be 'Hometown Heroes in Service'.

Patrick Harris



Citizens Leadership Summit

Citizens State President Patrick Harris and the Citizens State Board hosted an awesome Leadership Summit that brought chapter officers together to share ideas and best practices. With more than 115 attendees and 30 chapters represented, the theme of Hometown Heroes inspired the chapters to find new and creative ways to lift those less fortunate in their communities. Special thanks to Audrey King SVP Region External and Jason Cuevas VP Charitable Giving for making time to share their thoughts and ideas with the group. Looking forward to seeing all their great work in 2024!



Thomson

Thomson Citizens volunteers spent Arbor Day planting and sprucing up the grounds at the Warren County Senior Citizens Center. What a great way to brighten the day for our senior citizens!



Citizens and Hands on Atlanta King Day

Citizens members, along with our partners at Hands on Atlanta, joined forces on King Day to clean up Mozley Park.



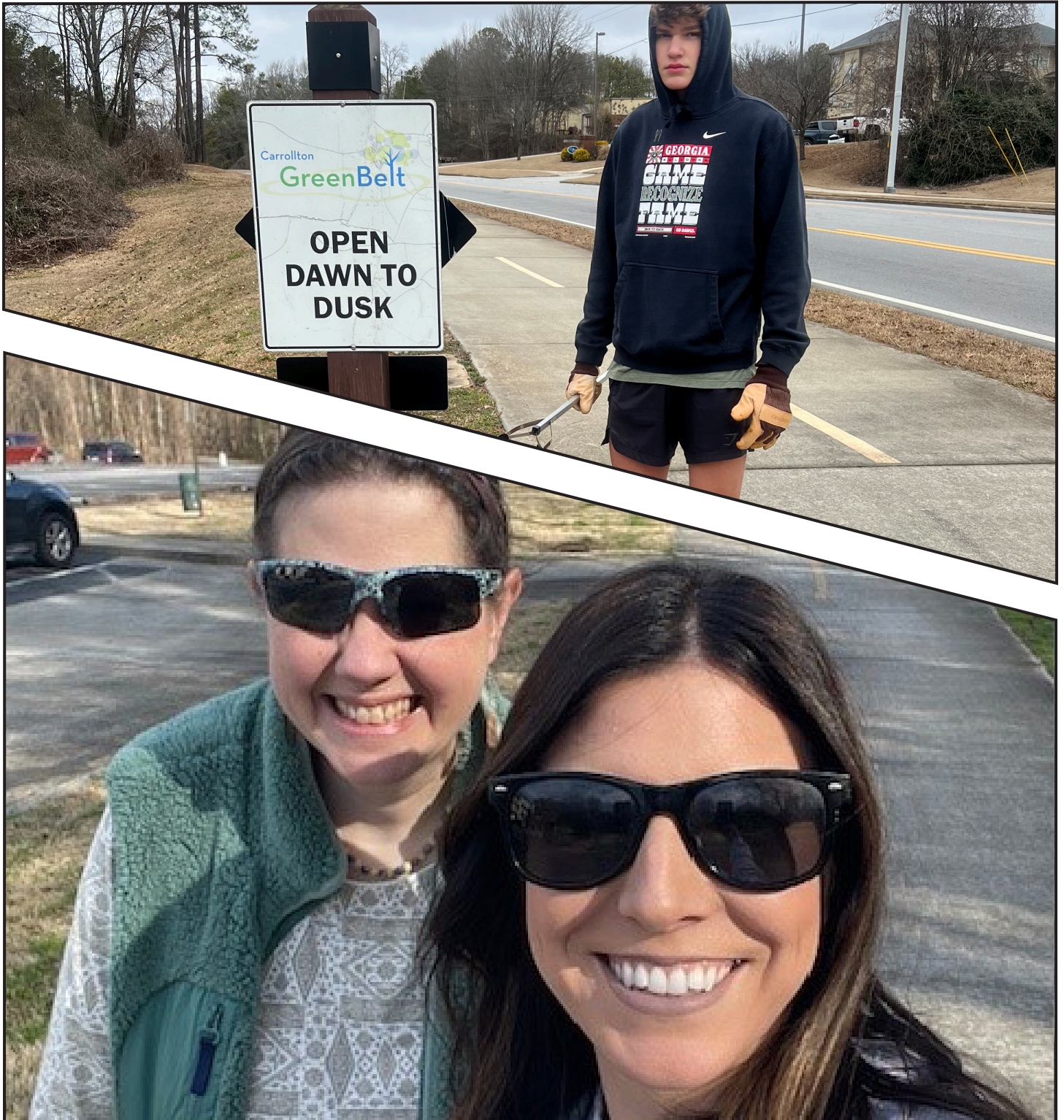
Citizens and Westside Future Fund King Day

Through our partnership with Westside Future Fund, Citizens volunteers joined other corporate volunteers and made it a day on by sprucing up historic M. Agnes Jones Elementary School on King Day.



Carrollton

Charles Williams and his family continued the long-standing chapter project by cleaning the Carrollton Greenbelt twice in January. Maddox Williams joined his family at their most recent cleanup.



Carly Lovvorn and April Hale cleaning the Carrollton Greenbelt as part of our ongoing commitment with Keep Carroll Beautiful.

Customer Care Center

Corresponding Secretary sent a note after Leadership Summit...“We had the fantastic opportunity for four CGP CCC Board members to attend. Those in attendance were Jacqueline Taylor, President; LaTonya Mills, Treasurer; Farrah Brewster, Community Coordinator; and Preva Neal, Corresponding Secretary. Our Citizens State President, Patrick Harris, shared the vision for 2024 and encouraged us all to become “Hometown Heroes.” It was wonderful to have the chance to meet with other CGP Chapters to share best practices and collaborate on future events. We all left with a renewed mindset to serve our communities at all levels with passion and purpose.”



West Georgia Ambassadors CORRECTION

In the January edition, the write up for West Georgia Ambassadors said “West Georgia Ambassador officers Doug Kolbenshlag, Chuck Fuller and his wife, and Cliff Thrasher and his wife....” stocked the Little Free Pantries. It was actually Chapter President John Thrasher not Cliff Thrasher. My apologies to both John and Cliff.





Columbus Ambassadors

Columbus Ambassadors proudly came together for their annual spaghetti supper project for GIRLS Inc. in Columbus. This year's event was a Valentines Day Dance for the girls. Fourteen Ambassador volunteers, along with seven volunteers from the Columbus Citizens chapter, prepared and served more than 140 meals! Ambassador President Bob Davidson said, "I was very pleased to watch members from both chapters working side by side preparing salads, toasting bread, mixing sauce and noodles, serving plates and cleaning up afterwards on a very worthy community service project."

Heart of Georgia Ambassadors

Patrick Harris, Region External Affairs Executive in Macon, spoke to the Heart of Georgia Ambassadors at their February meeting. In addition to his duties in the 25-county area that makes up the Macon territory, he also serves this year as State President of the Citizens of Georgia Power. The Heart of Georgia Chapter is proud to have three past state presidents of WGP/CGP as members. They are Curry Brannen, Peggy Grubb, and Mamie Mobley. In addition, Macon Region is honored this year to have both the State Presidents of Ambassadors, Peggy Grubb and Citizens of Georgia Power, Patrick Harris!



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2024 TARGET DATES AND DEADLINES

20 Monthly	Energizer Chapter Submissions DUE Post to Circuit and Citizens Facebook	October 11	State Board Committee Chair application due to State Office
February 7	State Board Meeting	October 30	Chapter Information for Annual Meeting DUE to State Office
February 8	Leadership Summit	November 6	State Board Meeting – 241 RMB
March 1	Financials uploaded in electronic folder	November TBD	Citizens Annual Business Meeting Virtual Teams Meeting
March 5	State Office will verify financials and service hours	December 8	2025-Chapter Officer information DUE
June 15	Educational Loan Fund (ELF) Applications DUE	December 13	Chapter Surveys to be returned to the State Office
July 25	Summer State Board Meeting	December 16	All year-end donations distributed and prepare financials for audit and income tax forms
August 12	State Board Officer Nomination forms due to the State Office (Current State Board members only)	December 29	All 2024 Service Hours entered into Volunteer Microsoft forms
September 12	Annual Business Meeting Invitations Emailed to all Citizens Leaders		
October 6–7	State Board Officers will go through selection process for State Officers to serve on State Board during 2025		