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ENERGIZER NEWSLETTER

A Statewide
newsletter
for Citizens of
Georgia Power

State President's Message

Jason Bennett



As we reach the midway point of March, it's incredible how quickly time is passing. Despite the swift pace, your dedication to making a difference in your communities is evident. The little food pantries across the state are overflowing thanks to your generosity and support. Additionally, many of you have organized successful blood drives with impressive turnouts. Keep up the excellent work and continue sharing your achievements on social media to recognize your teams.

Please remember to identify, plan, and submit your Legacy projects for funding. It's important to do this promptly to ensure there's enough time to complete them this year. If you need assistance with the submission process or understanding the required information, don't hesitate to reach out to the State office or any board member.

April is fast approaching, which means Earth Day projects are just around the corner. Start planning your projects now, and if you need ideas, reach out to our environmental partners for suggestions. Starting in April, we will introduce a scavenger hunt trivia question each month in the Energizer. The question will require you to find information on the SharePoint site and submit your answer via a FORMS link. We will randomly draw a winner from those who answer correctly, and the prize will be a \$50 Amazon gift card. This initiative aims to help you become more familiar with the Volunteer Services SharePoint site and its resources.

Keep up the great momentum, and as always, thank you for your unwavering dedication to serving our communities.

Yours in Service,
Jason Bennett

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Carrollton

Carrollton Citizens members do a great job of making events family affairs!! Case in point. Charles, Heather, & Maddox Williams cleaned up the Carrollton Greenbelt while spending some quality family time! The team collected 3 bags full of trash in an hour.



Many thanks to Janelle Shaffer and her son Xander for representing Carrollton Citizens Chapter and manning the water station for the WGTC Road Race in Carrollton. Awesome job!

Had a great note from April Hale about her chapter's continued efforts with keeping the Greenbelt clean,

"Loved seeing all the new Carrollton Citizens of Georgia Power faces this morning at the Great GreenBelt Cleanup 2025! We were blessed with great weather ahead of the storms. Was excited to see the families with kids and I always love to see the kids having fun serving with us! We cleaned from Lovvorn Rd to Avalon Dr on the Carrollton Greenbelt, for over 2 miles a trail. We got 9 bags of trash, 2 tires, and a metal furniture frame. We even found a tiny friend, and a few other exciting/interesting items."



April Hale was excited to report that she got to volunteer again this morning with Meals that Matter to help make weekend meals for the kids at Mt Zion Elementary.

Thomson

The Thomson Citizens of Georgia Power presented a check to the Thomson Family YMCA for \$11,500. The donation was proceeds from a golf tournament held after Hurricane Helene to support their outdoor walking track project.



Forest Park

The “REAL MEN READ” event, participated in by Citizens of Georgia Power Forest Park chapter members, was held at Huie Elementary School. Chapter members volunteered their time to read to children, aiming to improve literacy and inspire the next generation of learners. Spending time with children provides quality opportunities to give back to the community and make a positive impact. #GAPowerfulService #dedicatedtoservice #committedtocommunity #CitizensofGAPower2025 #ForestParkchapter



Milledgeville

Former NFL player Mack Brown joined Georgia Power employees in Milledgeville, Georgia, at Lakeview Academy on March 4 to celebrate Read Across America Week. Brown spent the morning with 200 third graders reading Green Eggs and Ham and the children’s book he wrote, A Pup Named Bunch, which teaches kids about inclusion and friendship.



Hunger Walk – Team Georgia Power

Georgia Power teamed up with the Atlanta Community Food Bank on Sunday, March 9 for the annual Hunger Walk/Run to fight hunger in the local community. Not only did the event help raise funds and spread awareness, but it was also a great way to build community. Huge thanks to everyone who supported the event in any way but especially to Amy Hall for bringing such great energy and dedication to the Hunger Walk event!



Golden Isles Ambassadors

Golden Isles Chapter VP Marilyn Daly and Chapter President Tean Jackson welcomed Lydia Hall, Law Enforcement Coordinator and Jeff Roberts, U.S.D.J. of the U.S. Attorney’s Office to their February meeting to speak on elder fraud. The talk was very informative and appreciated by all.



VOICE, Metro East and General Office

More than 20 volunteers from VOICE, Metro East and General Office joined forces with Neighborhood Planning Unit F to clean up portions of the BeltLine that traverses their neighborhood. NPU-F Public Safety Co-Chair Susan Kanellos reported:

“Dai Johnson and her team did an amazing job and truly made a difference in our neighborhood”.

Southern Power Company

The Southern Power Company leadership team incorporated a volunteer project as part of their multiday meeting in North Georgia this past February. Over 100 SPC leaders spent their morning volunteering throughout Dade County at Cloudland Canyon State Park, Boys and Girls Club, Community Resource Center Foodbank, and the Tri-State Food Pantry. Southern Power worked with the Georgia Power Volunteer Services team Cindy McLeroy and Krista Pierce and Region External Area Manager, Scott Skinner to connect with the non-profits in the area and plan the projects.





Walk MS – Team Georgia Power/ Southern Company

Walk MS Chair and Georgia Chapter Board of Trustee Chair Brian DeFrates got a nice note from 4-month Southern Company employee John Altum:

"Saturday morning was a great experience for both my daughter and me. Having only been a part of the company for about 4 months now, this was my first opportunity to get out in the community as a member of the Southern Company team here in Georgia. The communication and organization leading up to the event was excellent and we really look forward to continuing to be a part of this each and every year. I have included a couple of pictures we took at the event Saturday morning with my daughter Cassidy and our lab Carl Wayne. Please feel free to share those and the positive feedback on the wonderful experience we had."



Dublin

Citizens of Georgia Power - Dublin Chapter and the Erin Garden Club proudly dedicated the First Ladies of Georgia Camellias to the City of Dublin on March 14. In the spirit of community and celebration, the group gathered at Railroad Park after the St. Patrick's Join Civic Luncheon to unveil a plaque, honoring Dublin's remarkable distinction of having one of the few complete sets of these beautiful camellias within the state. We are thankful to be a part of this project and proud to have it dedicated during Women's History Month!



Tifton

Omar franco dropped me a note bragging on the Tifton Citizens.

"Our Citizens Tifton team at Georgia Power rolled up their sleeves and fired up the grill to cook, prepare, and deliver delicious lunches for 25 amazing individuals at Hope Dealers Outreach!"

Plant Yates

The Plant Yates Citizens Chapter gathered today to share a meal and finalize our Shelter Support Drive project. This marked the team’s first in-person meeting of the year. Volunteers assisted in unpacking, sorting, and organizing donations, which will be delivered to the Carroll County Community Impact Shelter to help replenish their supplies.



Volunteers from the Plant Yates chapter came together to shop for and fill six Little Free Pantries with food ensuring that those in need have access to essential items.



General Office, Metro East, and VOICE

This month, General Office partnered with Metro East, VOICE, and other organizations to host service projects that positively impacted several communities in the Atlanta area. Our projects included partnering with organizations such as Covenant House, Hope Lodge, and Beltline Clean Up, and Future Business Leaders of America.



2025 TARGET DATES AND DEADLINES

20 Monthly	Energizer Chapter Submissions DUE Post to Circuit and Citizens Facebook	October 6-7	State Board Officers will go through selection process for State Officers to serve on State Board during 2026
January 31	2024 Financials uploaded in electronic folder	October 10	State Board Committee Chair application due to State Office
February 1	State Office verify financials and service hours	October 30	Chapter Information for Annual Meeting DUE to State Office
February 5	State Board Meeting-241 RMB	November 6	State Board Meeting – 241 RMB
February 6	Leadership Summit	November TBD	Citizens Annual Business Meeting
February 28	2024 Chapter Financials Completed	December 8	2025-Chapter Officer information DUE
June 15	Educational Loan Fund (ELF) Applications DUE	December 12	Chapter Surveys to be returned to the State Office
June 17	Summer State Board Meeting	December 16	All year-end donations distributed and prepare financials for audit and income tax forms
August 11	State Board Officer Nomination forms due to the State Office (Current State Board members only)	December 31	All 2025 Service Hours entered into Volunteer Microsoft forms
September 19	Annual Business Meeting Invitations Emailed to all Citizens Leaders		

