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# ENERGIZER NEWSLETTER

A Statewide  
newsletter  
for Citizens of  
Georgia Power



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# State President's Message

Jason Bennett



As we approach the end of April, it’s remarkable how quickly time is passing! Chapters across the state are actively engaging in meaningful projects, from providing Easter baskets for children to initiating Earth Day activities and completing impactful Legacy Projects. For instance, Plant Yates successfully completed a 2024 Legacy Project by installing musical instruments on the playground for CAFI Headstart. Additionally, Carrolton, Milledgeville, and Jefferson St. have undertaken projects to support food needs in their communities, addressing crucial gaps.

Your dedication is evident as we have received numerous requests for service project funding. Although requests for Legacy project funding have been slower, I am confident that you are planning and will soon seek funding for these initiatives. While Legacy Projects can seem daunting, please remember that support is available from the State Board and State Office. We are here to provide ideas and suggestions to ensure these projects are successful—just let us know how we can assist you!

Keep up the excellent work, and I look forward to showcasing even more chapters in next month’s Energizer!

Yours in Service,  
Jason Bennett

## 2025 State Board

<b>State President</b> Jason Bennett	<b>Secretary</b> Tina Presley
<b>1st VP</b> Kelli Newman	<b>Treasurer</b> Jennifer Simon
<b>2nd VP</b> Jarred Rankin	<b>Asst. Treasurer</b> Cindy McLeroy
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<b>State Coordinator &amp; Volunteer Services Manager</b> Chris D’Andrea	

### Chapter Relationship

<b>Atlanta Area</b> Eric Swann	<b>Macon Area</b> Jonathan Daughtry
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<b>Smyrna Area</b> Drew Uptain	<b>Columbus Area</b> Carrly Lovvorn
<b>Jonesboro Area</b> Crystal Matthews	<b>Savannah Area</b> Daisja Johnson
<b>Rome Area</b> Jonathan Blair	<b>Valdosta Area</b> Brandon Moore
<b>Athens Area</b> Hannah Warner	

<b>Community Investment Director</b> Ben Hodges	<b>Club of Hearts Liaison</b> Charlie Ross
<b>Social Media Director</b> Geneva Powell	<b>Ambassadors Liaison</b> Erica Bankhead





# Jefferson Street

Erica Bankhead sent in a great note about Jefferson Street’s latest project.....I wanted to take a moment to share the incredible work done by Georgia Power’s Jefferson St Citizens chapter. During our lunch break, we dedicated our time to packing meals for those experiencing homelessness in our community. In partnership with Crossroads Community Ministries, we hosted our Lunch 4 Lunch event, packing 1,000 lunches. Together, as we embody being A Citizen Wherever We Serve I feel truly fortunate to be part of a company that is deeply committed to giving back to our community and encourages us to actively engage. More to come from Jefferson St Citizens and thank you to everybody that came out!



# Energy Assistance and NewRock

Energy Assistance partnered with Citizens of Georgia Power NewRock chapter in the community today at the Conyers Cherry Blossom Festival! The team handed out energy assistance information and shared energy efficiency tips.





# Carrollton

Janelle Shaffer and her son Xander continue to make a difference in their community by cleaning up the Greenbelt in Carrollton!



Retirees Larry and Donice Wood continue to live out being A Citizen Wherever You Serve! They got the whole family in on the Greenbelt clean up!!

Chapter treasurer April Hale reported that she dropped off another Easter Basket at the Central hatchee Little Free Pantry.





# Forest Park

Got a nice note from Lacey Simmons about her chapter's support of the ERG Expo.....Georgia Power ERG Expo Success! Citizens of Georgia Power Forest Park Chapter came together at the March ERG expo event to highlight the incredible work we do. It was a fantastic opportunity to collaborate, meet new and familiar faces, and raise awareness about our diverse ERG groups. Let us continue to make a positive impact!





# MVP and VETNET

MVP and VETNET partnered with Soldiers Angels for a sock drive, Warm Feet for Warriors. Together they exceeded their goal of 1,500 pairs of socks to donate to Soldiers Angels (Atlanta VA Clinic). We hope that these socks warm feet and hearts for our Veterans in need!







## Plant Bowen

Plant Bowen had four volunteers attend Career Day at Euharlee Elementary School to discuss the various jobs offered with Georgia Power. The chapter also had two volunteers present Power Town to teach the students about safety measures around electricity.



# Plant Yates

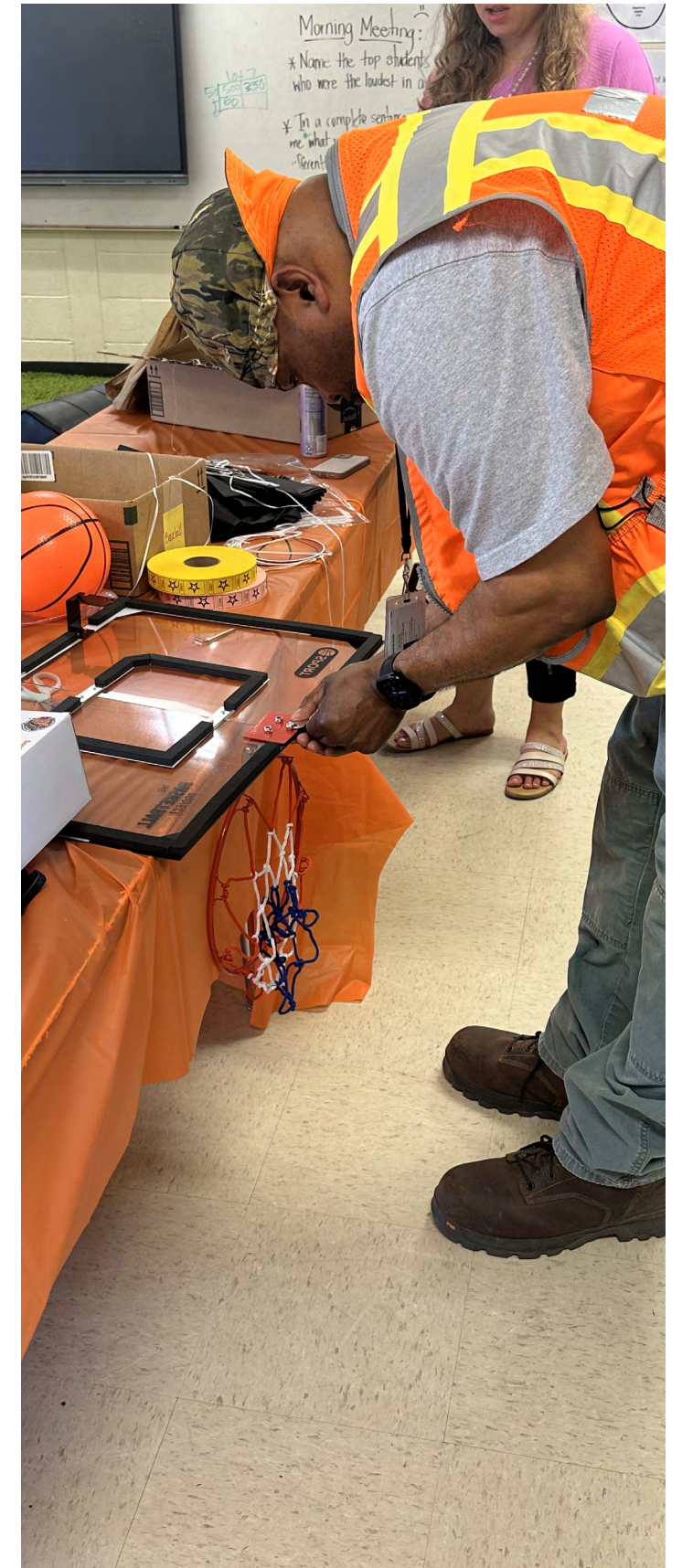
Citizens volunteers from Plant Yates came together to install playground equipment at Newnan CAFI Headstart School. The team worked tirelessly to install brand-new musical instruments on the playground. These outdoor instruments will provide endless entertainment and creative opportunities for the children at CAFI Headstart.







Plant Yates volunteers demonstrated the power of being dedicated to service and committed to community by lending a helping hand to Western Elementary school teachers as they prepared and decorated for Magic Day. By embracing a new theme every nine weeks, the school fosters a love of learning, making connections between classroom lessons and enjoyable activities. The staff was grateful for the volunteers' enthusiasm and support.





Geneva Powell said we are incredibly grateful to our wonderful volunteers who came together today to assemble Easter baskets for the children living in the domestic violence shelter. Their dedication and kindness will bring smiles and joy to these young hearts during this special time. Thank you, team, for making a difference and spreading love and hope in our community.







# Vidalia

Vidalia Citizens volunteers elected to assist the Vidalia Recreation Department in beautifying their entrances as their Earth Day project. The Ed Smith complex is a great place for the community to play baseball, tennis, pickleball, and picnicking. They were hit hard by the hurricane and really wanted to brighten up the front. Citizen's members took out the old shrubbery and replaced it with new plants that were donated by GG's landscaping company, and new mulch donated by a member.





# General Office

For Earth Day, the General Office of CGP partnered with Fernbank Forest, the largest old-growth forest in an urban area in the United States. Led by project leader Queenella Goddard, this event offered a wonderful opportunity for volunteers to engage with Fernbank Forest staff, learn about the forest's rich and unique history, and discover more about the native plants and wildlife in the area.

Volunteers had the chance to contribute to the museum's ongoing conservation efforts by removing invasive plant species from the forest, gaining insights into native woodland ecosystems and current and future ecological restoration projects on Fernbank's campus. Thank you to everyone who joined us in making a positive impact on our environment!





# Southern Company HR Business Partner Team

Members of the Southern Company HR Business Partner team volunteered at My Sister's House in Atlanta. My Sister's House is an overnight shelter for women and children experiencing homelessness. The volunteer team prepared and served lunch to residents there for the day. Thank you to Jana James for coordinating this project for her group!







## Human Resources and Employee Services

At the Human Resources and Employee Services full team meeting earlier this month, nearly 200 employees took part in a service project to benefit MUST Ministries and Hands On Atlanta. For MUST Ministries, employees filled 150 summer lunch kits that will be distributed to students facing food insecurity while away from school for the summer. For Hands On Atlanta, employees assembled 500 STEAM kits that will be used in public school classrooms across the city. A huge thanks to these employees for engaging and using part of their meeting time to make our communities better!



# North Fulton and APAPPT

Citizens of North Fulton, along with ADAPPT partnered with Unique Individual Ranch (UIR) to support their annual Adaptive Easter Egg Hunt. Held at Crabapple Middle School on April 19th, the event brought smiles to the faces of many special needs children in the community! The preparations began on April 8th at Waller Park Recreation Center where volunteers gathered to stuff around 2,000 Easter eggs with numerous volunteers contributing their time and effort to ensure the event's success. On the day of the hunt, volunteers arrived early to set up and lay out the eggs, creating a welcoming and festive atmosphere. At noon, the children eagerly began their hunt for the brightly colored eggs, each filled with treats. UIR, a non-profit organization based in Roswell, focuses on helping special needs children through after-school care, summer camps, and various sporting events. The Adaptive Easter Egg Hunt is just one of the many initiatives they undertake to support these children and their families. The event not only provided a fun and engaging activity for the children but also fostered a sense of community and inclusion. The smiles on the children's faces were a heartwarming reminder of the importance of such events. The Citizens of North Fulton Chapter would like to express their gratitude to all the volunteers and participants. Their collective efforts made the Adaptive Easter Egg Hunt a memorable and impactful experience for everyone involved.





# Walk MS Atlanta

Thanks to all who showed up at Atlantic Station for a great Walk MS Atlanta event!! It was so great to see all the Southern Company and Georgia Power walkers and their families come out and raise money and awareness to combat this awful disease. Huge thanks to Brian DeFrates for making it easy for everyone to participate!





# 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		

## QUESTION OF THE MONTH

Click **here** to view the question.

All correct answers will be entered into a random prize drawing.

