

MAY 2025



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ENERGIZER NEWSLETTER

A Statewide
newsletter
for Citizens of
Georgia Power

State President's Message

Jason Bennett



As we approach mid-year, I want to commend everyone for their outstanding efforts. Your passion for service is clearly visible in the social media posts this month. From Earth Day initiatives to Legacy and Service projects, you are actively making a positive impact in your communities. Please continue to share these inspiring events. One particularly noteworthy project this shared on social media were the garden beds at CAFI Carrollton HeadStart, originally built last year, now being replanted by children to cultivate new plants, an excellent example of a project with lasting impact.

There has been a notable response to the call for legacy projects, and I encourage you to maintain this momentum throughout the year. These projects are vital in delivering meaningful contributions to the communities we serve.

As summer approaches and temperatures rise, please remember to plan your projects with care, ensuring access to hydration, sunscreen, and shaded areas for cooling off. Your commitment to service and dedication to community is greatly appreciated. Keep up the fantastic work!

Yours in Service,
Jason Bennett

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Athens

Angie Kinley sent in a note singing the praises of her Athens Citizens members for their Earth Day project clearing out an embankment at the Loren Smith Cancer Center...

"It was very hard work but our team showed up and showed out! I am so proud of them! Many thanks to retiree Roger Allen for helping us as well! Other helpers were Dillon Bradford, Deemah Alamoudi, Chelsea Phillips, Tony Medina, Jason Koberger, Brian John, Landon Eberhart, Chase Brady and myself. Molly DeFabio brought her entire family who included UAL's son Dj and son in law, Matt Davis, her daughter Abbey Davis and husband Lonnie! Great job everyone!"



Carrollton

Carrollton Citizens Treasurer April Hale pulled double duty serving her community. She gave the gift of life with a Power Red blood donation and then stopped by the Centralhatchee Little Free Pantry and stocked it up on her way home. That's being a Citizens Wherever You Serve!



Congratulations to Joanna Isbell for reaching her 10-gallon blood donation milestone! That equals 80 units and 240 lives save!

April Hale volunteered at the Meals that Matter to bag weekend meals and snacks for kids in need at Mt Zion Elementary School in late April. Thank you, April, for continuing to be A Citizen Wherever You Serve!



Carly Lovvorn and April Hale joined forces to clean their section of the Greenbelt. Great job ladies!!!



To go with her effort at the end of last month, April Hale volunteered again at Mt. Zion Elementary for Meals that Matter. Here's some stats from this project:

This year there were 35 weeks in which we supplied meals for the children.

Distributed around 2,630 pounds of food total this year at a cost of \$100 each week, with a total of \$3,500 this year.

It was ALL given by DONATIONS from people who had a compassion and a Heart for these little boys and girls who have no food or very little over every weekend
Awesome job April!

Forest Park

Forest Park Citizens members showed up in force at Babb Middle School! Volunteers spent time doing landscaping and beautification projects around the school.



Congratulations to the Forest Park chapter for 21 Years of Giving Back! The 21st Annual Citizens of Georgia Power Forest Park Chapter Charity Golf Tournament was a rousing success! Each year, this event brings people together not just for a great day on the green, but for an even greater cause — giving back to our communities. None of this would be possible without the incredible support of our vendors, partners, and volunteers. You are the heart of this mission, and we thank you for helping us make a real difference. Here's to another year of generosity, teamwork, and impact! #CitizensOfGeorgiaPower #CharityGolf2025 #PowerToGive #GAPowerfulService

Jefferson Street

Volunteers from the Jefferson St. Chapter of Citizens of Georgia Power gathered at Panola Mountain State Park to celebrate Earth Day with a series of impactful activities aimed at enhancing the park's natural beauty and functionality. The perfect weather set the stage for a productive day, with volunteers eagerly working on the 3D Archery Range, trimming back limbs, and cleaning up the area to significantly improve its appearance and usability. Kimberly Brewer, the 1st Vice President of the chapter, expressed gratitude to the park staff for their hospitality and support, noting the volunteers' enthusiasm and the positive feedback received. Many participants, visiting the park for the first time, were impressed by its beauty and expressed a desire to return for future projects. The event not only made a tangible difference in the park but also fostered a sense of community and shared purpose among the volunteers, sparking strong interest in ongoing stewardship and community involvement.



Golden Isles Ambassadors

The Golden Isles chapter of the Georgia Power Ambassadors recently hosted Patrick Eades of Skylark. Skylark is a no-cost women’s center providing on-site pregnancy tests, ultra sounds, STD testing, and more. Chapter members made donations to this valuable organization.



Savannah Generation

This year the Savannah Generation Chapter of the CGP held a roadside cleanup of Old Augusta Road, Central and portions of HWY 275 (Ebenezer Road) in Effingham County. Some scheduling conflicts pushed the project back, but a large amount of litter and debris was collected.





Plant Bowen

Citizens of Georgia Power, Plant Bowen chapter volunteered with the Polk County Special Olympics again this year. Volunteers had such a good time setting up events as well as keeping all the participants hydrated! #Bowen2025 #GaPowerfulService



Tifton

Got a great note from Omar Franco down in Tifton...

"A heartfelt thanks to everyone in our Tifton Citizens Chapter who joined our tree-planting event! We planted oak trees, making Nashville, Georgia greener and healthier. Your support was incredible. Stay tuned for future events that make a positive impact!"



Corporate Service Day at Zoo Atlanta

Nineteen employees spent the morning at Zoo Atlanta for the first Corporate Service Day. The group removed an old fence around the tiger enclosure area then assembled the new fence. They also cleaned out one of the many front gate planters to prepare it for a new landscaping project. Quite a few first-time volunteers were excited to join in!



Plant Yates

Yates Citizens partnered with KCB for an electronics recycling project today. Collecting old computers, radios, televisions, telephones, and other devices. This recycling event is hosted twice a year. For more info on KCB events please visit their website at keepcarrollbeautiful.org. #GAPowerfulService



Georgia Power Plant Yates and the Coweta Beekeepers Association joined forces for an impactful Earth Day celebration today. Together, we planted 33 pollinator-friendly trees on the grounds of the Coweta County Prison. These trees will not only transform the landscape with their beauty but also provide vital nectar-producing flowers, nurturing countless honeybee colonies in the area.

Heart of Georgia

The Heart of Ga Chapter volunteered and catered lunch for Loaves & Fishes Ministry in downtown Macon. Volunteers provided and served lunch to 90 people! Thank you to all the volunteers that made this event possible!



The Heart of Georgia Chapter participated in Earth Day at Amerson River Park. Volunteers We assisted kids with making bracelets, passed out seedlings in small pots so families could take home to plant, and gave out sunglasses for the kids. Thank you, all the volunteers that made this event possible!



Dublin

The Dublin Chapter had the opportunity to enhance the landscaping around the Dewey Johnson Memorial in a meaningful Earth Day and Memorial Day project. Sgt. Dewey Johnson, a Laurens County native, gave his life for our country during Operation Eagle Claw in 1980. This memorial stands as a lasting tribute to the brave men and women who have sacrificed to protect our freedom. A heartfelt thank you to all the members who came together to make this project a success. Your dedication keeps the spirit of service and remembrance alive.



Role models...Start 'em Early!

You never know who may be watching you, wanting to be just like you! We encourage you to bring your kids, when appropriate, to instill in them a passion for making our communities better and being a Citizen Wherever We Serve.

General Office

The General Office Chapter of Citizens of Georgia Power hosted a Membership Appreciation Mingle this May—and it was a blast! In honor of Mental Health Awareness Month, this uplifting event celebrated not only our incredible members for their ongoing commitment to being A Citizen Wherever We Serve, but also the importance of connection, community, and well-being. Attendees enjoyed cookies, tea, exciting raffles, and a chance to connect with one another. Members also signed up for upcoming service projects, discovered ways to support Club of Hearts, and captured fun memories at our custom photo booth. One of the most inspiring moments of the day was hearing from CGP ambassadors, who dropped in to remind members just how powerful their service is—and to spark excitement about the possibility of becoming an ambassador in the future. A big thank you to everyone who made the event a success! We're excited to see you at our upcoming service projects and Q3 and Q4 events. Have questions? Email us at G2COGAPGO@southernco.com—we'd love to hear from you!



Statesboro

Almost 2,000 hygiene bags were delivered to students in Bulloch County last week! The Statesboro Citizens of Georgia Power chapter had the opportunity to once again join The Button nonprofit to pack and deliver nearly 2,000 hygiene and wellbeing "Summer Survival" bags to be distributed to local students. These bags included hygiene items they may need while out of school for summer such as shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste toothbrushes, soup and more! This Citizens chapter has had the honor of watching this organization grow from being delivered to barely 100 students at one school to thousands at every school across the county.

Congratulations to **Shawanda Solomon** for knowing that Tiffany Vanstone is the President of the Milledgeville Citizens Chapter! We'll send you your \$50 Amazon gift card!

QUESTION OF THE MONTH

Click **here** to view the May question.

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

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		

