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ENERGIZER NEWSLETTER

A Statewide
newsletter
for Citizens of
Georgia Power



Georgia Power

State President's Message

Jason Bennett



As we reflect on the swift passage of this year, it's inspiring to see the continued dedication to our community initiatives. Earlier this month, many of you actively participated in supporting our Pre-K programs by reading with the children during Pre-K week. Your enthusiasm has been evident as you've engaged in various projects, from community clean-ups to food drives.

With the holiday season approaching, we have more opportunities to make a positive impact. I encourage you to collaborate with our partner Ambassador chapters across the state for your upcoming service projects. Their expertise and availability can be invaluable in planning and coordinating successful initiatives.

Please remember that we still have Legacy project funds available for chapters. Reach out to your External Business Unit groups to identify meaningful projects in the communities we serve. Many chapters traditionally support Angel Trees and Toy Drives during this time of year. Consider seeking donations from chapter members to bolster these efforts.

Looking ahead, our Annual Meeting is scheduled for next month. I hope each chapter will be represented at this important event, and I am eager to connect with everyone there. Should you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me or anyone at the state office.

Yours in Service,
Jason Bennett

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Athens

Athens Citizens members have been busy!! They hosted their annual golf tournament and raised over \$8,500 for local charities. Volunteers still found time to support the City of Refuge school's underwear drive with over \$1,000 worth of children's underwear as well as working at the Food Bank of NE Georgia. Great job Athens!

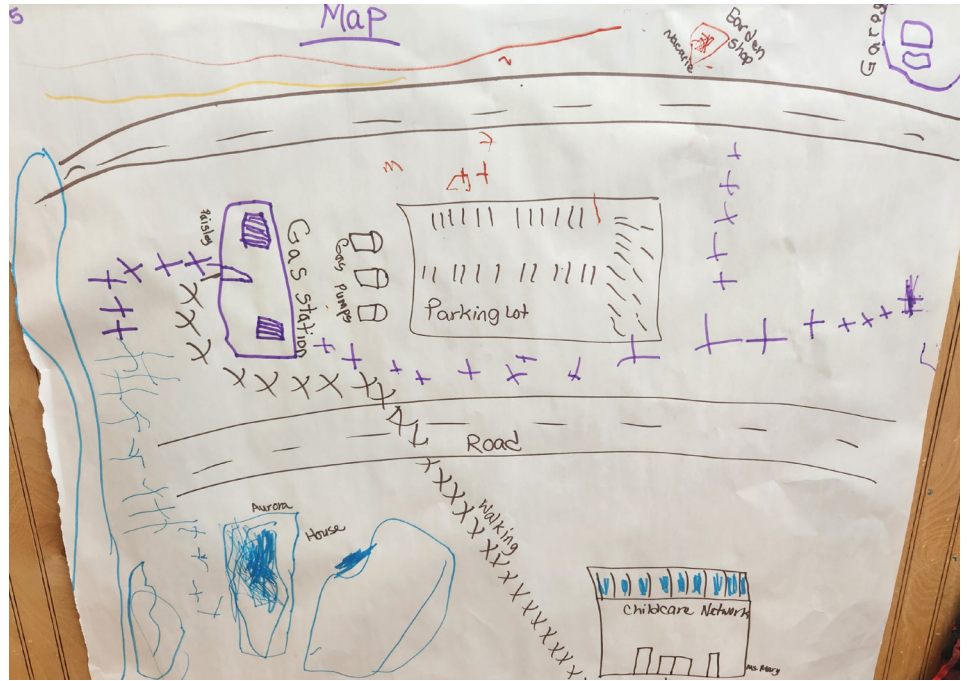


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to get better. It's not."
ss, The Lorax



Carrollton

Senior GIS Specialist and Chapter Treasurer April Hale was asked to come discuss her job with the kids at Childcare Network in Carrollton, so she made it part of the Pre-K Reading program. April read a book about electricity and told the kids what she does for Georgia Power. They discussed electricity safety, and she showed them a few maps she had created. The kids were excited to show April the map they made!



Chapter member Mike McCowen was busy during Georgia Pre-K week! Mike read to 40 students at Ithica Elementary and 20 students at Villa Rica Elementary.



Saturday morning, Carrollton Citizens volunteers and their families showed up in force bright and early to work the Aid Station 4 at Alabama Street Trailhead for the Carrollton Half Marathon. They cheered the runners on, gave out bananas/water/Gatorade, and picked up all the trash.



Got a great note from April Hale about the Carrollton Half Marathon:

I thought y'all might like this. I'm not sure if everyone remembers seeing the dog running Saturday with the runners. He was a rescue that got away the day before from his new owners. He ended up running the whole half marathon and even got a medal. I saw somewhere that he finished in just under 2 hours!



Thanks to Carrollton Citizens and their continued focus on a clean Greenbelt. Great to see retiree Larry Wood joining in the effort!

Your State Parks Day

Julie Southall and her family took advantage of our partnership with Friends of Georgia State Parks to spend a gorgeous day working at Fort Yargo State Park.



Got a great note from Rhonda Millsaps, from GPC Land Legal about she and her teammates great experience at Your State Parks Day:

A fellow Land Dept, Right of Way Agent, Buffy Long (new I might add) and a Land Dept, Shoreline Specialist, Steven Wilson and I volunteered with the Georgia State Parks at Tallulah Gorge State Park on Saturday. We were high above the Gorge on the South Rim where people hike to be able to view falcons and the occasional bald eagle. The trees and brush had grown so tall, you couldn't see the other side of the Gorge from the viewing area. Our task was to saw, chop, cut, trim, drag, and dump trees and brush until the area was clear. It took about 3 hours, but the result was beautiful. The other volunteers were mostly 70–80-year-old veteran volunteers from the area along with 2 park rangers. Talk about tough people! And so nice! Our reward was we got to go eat at the Dillard House. Yum! We also visited the Tallulah Hydro dam and drove over to Cherokee, NC to see the elk. It was a great day representing Georgia Power at a state park where Georgia Power is an appreciated household name. GPC is doing a Waterflow release for the first 3 weekends in November where they let the dam go a lot more! They say it's how the waterfall used to look all the time years ago.



Savannah

Savannah Citizens members and their families stepped up big for Your State Parks Day! Their focus was cleaning up at Skidaway Island State Park. Skidaway Island had the greatest number of volunteers preregistered with Georgia Power representing the largest number of volunteers at Skidaway Island State Park! Big thanks to Chan Dixon for leading this event!





Great note from Sydney Tuttle to the Savannah Citizens:

Happy Thursday,
Savannah Citizens!

The last of the school donations were dropped off by Georgia Power Crews to Butler Elementary (Thank you, @Nelson, Willis A. for making this drop-off extra special!) Your donations and sorting have made an impact on our local schools.





Savannah Citizens had a great turn out throughout Chatham and Effingham counties during Georgia Pre-K Week!

Forest Park

The Earth Day project that Forest Park Citizens volunteers did at Babb Middle School back in April led to a great teaching moment this fall. On Monday September 29th, the Citizens of Georgia Power Forest Park Chapter visited the Babb Middle Gardening Club. During this visit, they had the opportunity to teach the student club members how to care for and de-weed the flowers in front of the school, as well as maintain the garden. It was a wonderful experience for the students and the volunteers alike.





Cartersville

Great job by the members of Cartersville Citizens chapter with their Back-to-School drive to help Anna K. Davies with school materials for their teacher and students. They were extremely excited about the donation and the chapter's continued support for their school.

Plant Vogtle

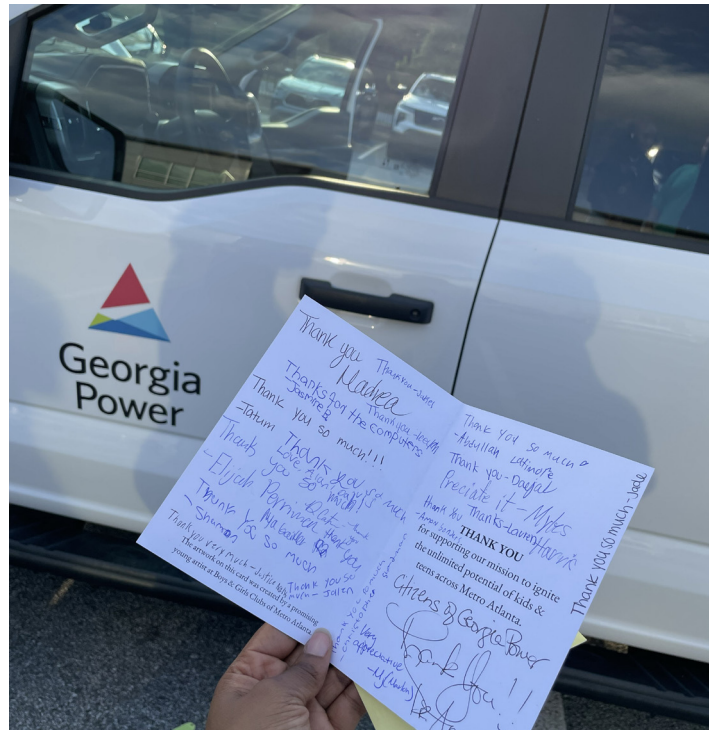
Citizens/Southern Nuclear has once again partnered with Paceline to help raise awareness and support for the Georgia Cancer Center. Paceline, a fun weekend bike ride, has raised hundreds of thousands of dollars since its inaugural year in 2019 and is hoping to do the same for 2025. This year, participants also have the option to walk, run, or spin on Pace Day! Volunteers did the actual race and others cheered and handed out water, towels, and snacks to runners and riders.





General Office

On September 23rd, Citizens General Office partnered with the Fleet Organization, Energy Exchange, and the Workplace Enablement Team to deliver an impactful vehicle safety education experience for students at the John H. Harland Boys & Girls Club. Designed for 8th–12th graders, the event featured hands-on demonstrations in tire care, battery maintenance, and general vehicle safety. Each student received a set of safety tools—including gloves, tire gauges, and jumper cables—as well as a personal laptop to support their continued learning. The general office chapter is thankful to all our partners and volunteers for making this service project a success!





Plant Yates

The Plant Yates Citizens Chapter is excited to share that their Legacy Project at Chase the Victory is officially complete! It was a joy and honor to partner with the Carrollton chapter to bring this vision to life. The completed space will now serve as a safe space of comfort, connection, and community for so many families that are grieving and trying to navigate their losses together with hope and support.



Geneva Powell reports that she had the sweetest time celebrating Georgia Pre-K week at Whitesburg elementary school by reading to two amazing Pre-K classes! Their energy, curiosity, and giggles made my morning. Grateful for the chance to support early learning and connect with our future leaders!



Plant Yates Chapter President and State Board member Geneva Powell had a blast supporting Georgia Power's Pride ERG at the Carrollton Pride Event, sharing energy tips, celebrating inclusion, and connecting with community. Proud to stand for progress, purpose, and pride!

Customer Care Center

The CCC Chapter concluded its story on September 27th with a successful Heart Walk, where they not only met but exceeded their \$35,000 organization fundraising goal. A total of 197 people registered, and nearly 100 dedicated participants braved the rain to walk and make this achievement possible. Their efforts to raise awareness included rallies, car washes, raffles, and building walks to exercise their heart muscles. A special thanks goes to Jesus Rivera, who played a key role in leading these efforts.



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
July 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		

