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# ENERGIZER NEWSLETTER

A Statewide newsletter for  
Citizens of Georgia Power.



 Georgia Power

# State President's Message

Kelli Newman



April was a powerful reminder of the impact Citizens continues to make across Georgia. I'm encouraged by the energy and commitment I see statewide as Chapters turn care into action through meaningful spring service initiatives. Your work truly reflects our theme, "Anchored in Service, Caring in Motion."

This is also an important time to continue planning and submitting Legacy Projects. While these projects may feel more complex, they offer lasting benefits across Georgia. The State Board and Volunteer Services team are available to support you every step of the way.

Many Chapters are actively supporting their communities through Earth Day projects, sustainability efforts, and hands-on service that strengthens communities and partnerships. These projects create value today while investing in the future, and I encourage you to continue sharing your stories so we can celebrate the impact together.

Thank you for your leadership, creativity, and dedication. I look forward to highlighting more of your inspiring work in the months ahead.

Kelli

## 2026 State Board

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**Metro South Area**  
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**Northwest Area**  
Jonathan Blair

**West Area**  
Brock Barfield

**Coastal Area**

**Central Area**  
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**Ambassadors Liaison**  
Erica Bankhead



# Customer Care Center

The CCC Citizens Chapter proudly led a remarkable community service event in partnership with Operation Lunch Box. A total of 40 dedicated volunteers came together, contributing 82 hours of service to prepare and distribute 1,200 community care bags. These bags, filled with nourishment and essential items, were later delivered to a local charity organization in Locust Grove. This collective effort showcased the true spirit of compassion and teamwork. Through generosity and dedication, volunteers provided not only physical support but also hope for those in need. Thank you to every volunteer and supporter who made this initiative a success. Your commitment continues to embody the heart of community care in action.



On March 21, over 20 volunteers partnered with the 755 Chapter to assemble beds for children who previously did not have one, helping to ensure that every child enjoys the comfort and security of a proper place to sleep.



# Thomson

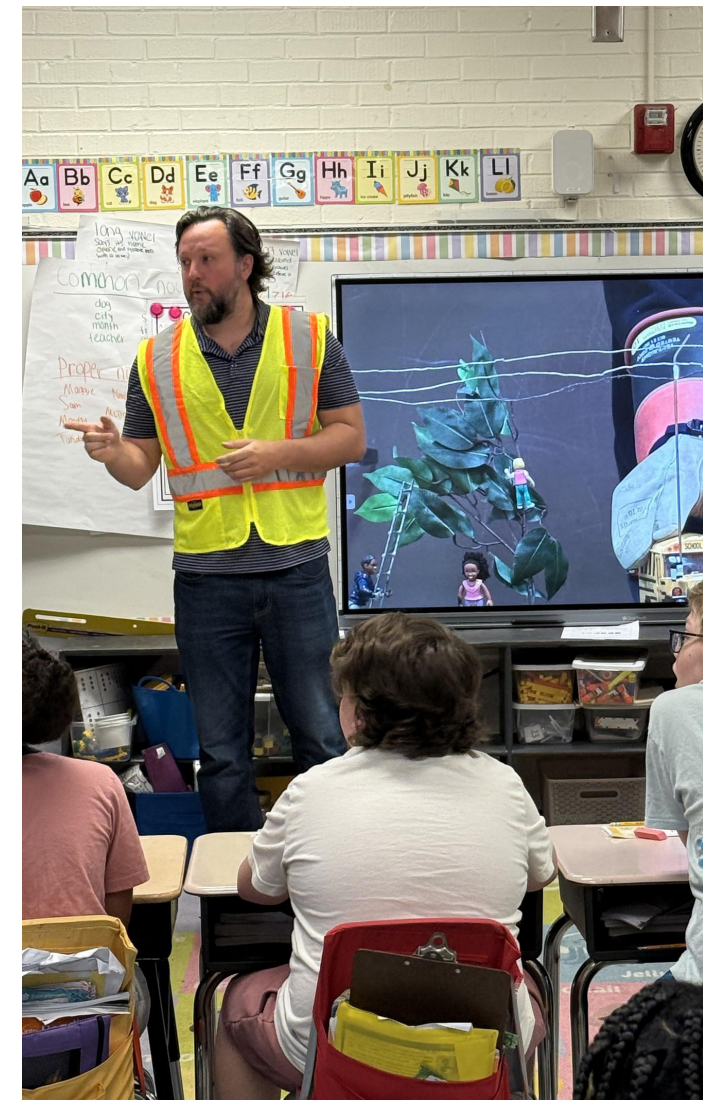
The Thomson Chapter of Citizens of Georgia Power recently kicked off their 2026 community involvement by donating Freedom Concepts adaptive bikes to two Augusta area recipients. Aiden and Levi, along with their families, visited the Thomson Operating Headquarters to test out their new bikes and experience the joy they provide. Citizen's members were on hand to share in the moment and witness firsthand the smiles, excitement, and appreciation from the families. The event reflects our continued commitment to making a meaningful difference in the communities we serve. Special thanks to the Georgia Power Foundation, Wellspring Wellness Center Inc. and Freedom Concepts for their support and partnership in helping to make this day truly special for the families involved.



The Thomson Chapter had its annual membership breakfast to introduce the new Thomson Chapter President, Kym Stephens, who is with the Forestry organization. Local distribution and transmission line crews, engineers, and other region area employees enjoyed a great breakfast and fellowship.

# Plant Yates

Plant Yates volunteers brought PowerTown to Atkinson Elementary School in Newnan, Georgia, sharing what Georgia Power employees do every day while teaching students how to stay safe around electricity. Energizing the next generation!



Georgia Power volunteers, representing the plant, call center, and leadership team, including Area Manager John Asbell, enjoyed an impactful Career Day at Ruth Hill Elementary in Newnan, Georgia. From sharing career paths to hosting our PowerTown demonstration, they loved teaching students about electrical safety and what it means to power our communities safely. It takes a village—and we're proud to be part of ours.



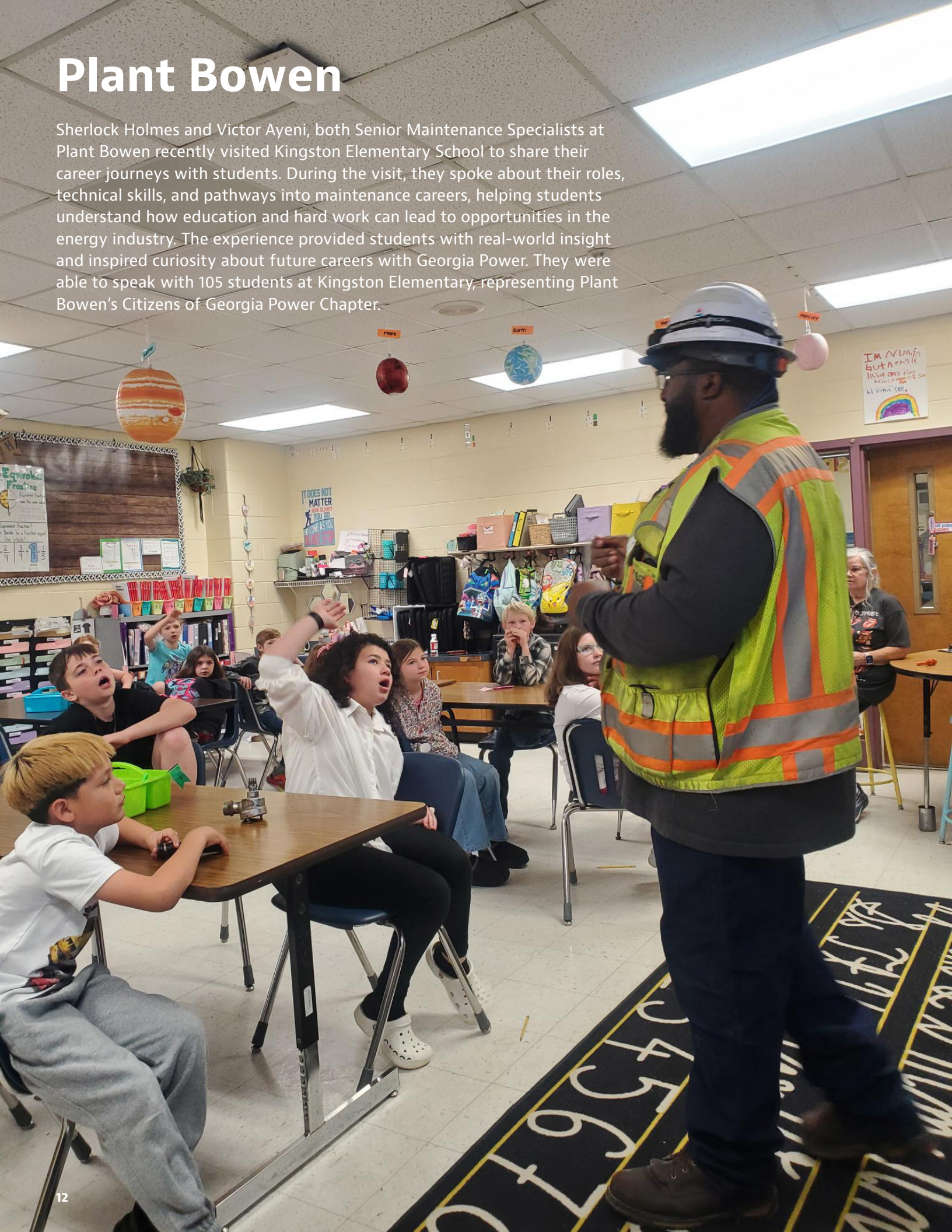
## Carrollton, Plant Yates and West Georgia Ambassadors

Carrollton and Plant Yates Citizens of Georgia Power volunteers, along with volunteers from West Georgia Ambassadors, partnered with Keep Carroll Beautiful to update the Whitesburg Community Garden at the Whitesburg Public Library. Volunteers tore down old beds, moved and repaired existing beds, built three new beds, planted flowers and vegetables and still found time to put together two picnic tables! The Whitesburg Community Garden benefits the Whitesburg community by enhancing the area around the library as well as donating some of the vegetables to the local food pantry.



# Plant Bowen

Sherlock Holmes and Victor Ayeni, both Senior Maintenance Specialists at Plant Bowen recently visited Kingston Elementary School to share their career journeys with students. During the visit, they spoke about their roles, technical skills, and pathways into maintenance careers, helping students understand how education and hard work can lead to opportunities in the energy industry. The experience provided students with real-world insight and inspired curiosity about future careers with Georgia Power. They were able to speak with 105 students at Kingston Elementary, representing Plant Bowen's Citizens of Georgia Power Chapter.



# Tifton

The Tifton Citizens Chapter cooked up nearly 1,000 hot dogs to celebrate the grand opening of the EB Hamilton Sports Park! Huge thank you to all the volunteers who helped make this community event a success. The new park offers great fields, bright lights, and a safe space for kids to play the sports they love all with their families cheering them on!



# Heart of Georgia

The Heart of Georgia Citizens Chapter participated in the Cherry Blossom Bed Race on Cherry Street in Macon. The event, held as part of the Cherry Blossom Festival, featured teams racing decorated beds. The Chapter team—Matthew Adams, KeUntra Ingram, Zac Acosta, Deion Stanley, and Bowen Shoemaker—earned a third-place finish, representing the organization in support of community engagement.



The Heart of Georgia Chapter hosted a blood drive in partnership with the American Red Cross at the Macon Headquarters. The drive surpassed its goal of 17 units and achieved 123.5% of their target. A special thank you to Blake Thomas and Crystal Matthews for their support and a big thank you to all our donors for their generosity and commitment to saving lives.



Heart of Georgia Chapter partnered with the Humanitarian Gang to support a Spring Break Career Exposure Initiative for Bibb County students ages 12–18. The initiative provided a safe, supportive environment for youth during spring break while exposing participants to a variety of career pathways, community resources, and positive role models. Volunteers supported the event by providing and grilling hot dogs and hamburgers for attendees, ensuring participants were able to enjoy a warm meal during the program. A total of 83 students and community members were served during the event.

# Brunswick

Brunswick Citizens members were proud to support the Skylark Braveheart Father-Daughter Purity. The chapter provided volunteer support for the event as well as passing out flyers at local churches, organizations, and schools to help promote the event.



The Citizens of Georgia Power Brunswick Chapter provided both funding and volunteer support for the WIN Outreach Community Day. Georgia Power volunteers played an active role throughout the event, assisting with setup and breakdown, managing registration, and helping families sign up to receive food assistance from the local food bank. Volunteers also supported the packing and distribution of food to families, served ready-to-eat meals to event attendees and individuals experiencing homelessness, and assisted with clothing distribution for both children and adults. Cekayla King and Heather Riviera represented Georgia Power by hosting a Energy Assistance and Energy Efficiency booth, providing information and connections to available Georgia Power resources. The event served families from underserved and low-income communities by removing financial barriers and fostering a welcoming, inclusive environment centered on dignity, joy, and hope.

# Rome

Rome Citizens had the opportunity to help the Cave Springs Historical Society in removing pews from the Historic Baptist Church so that the floors and pews could be painted and restored. This week we brought them back and helped set them back up in the church.



# Carrollton

Carrollton Citizens of Georgia Power members continued their support for their communities by shopping and placing Easter Baskets in the Little Free Pantries across their Region.



# Albany, Tifton, and Bainbridge

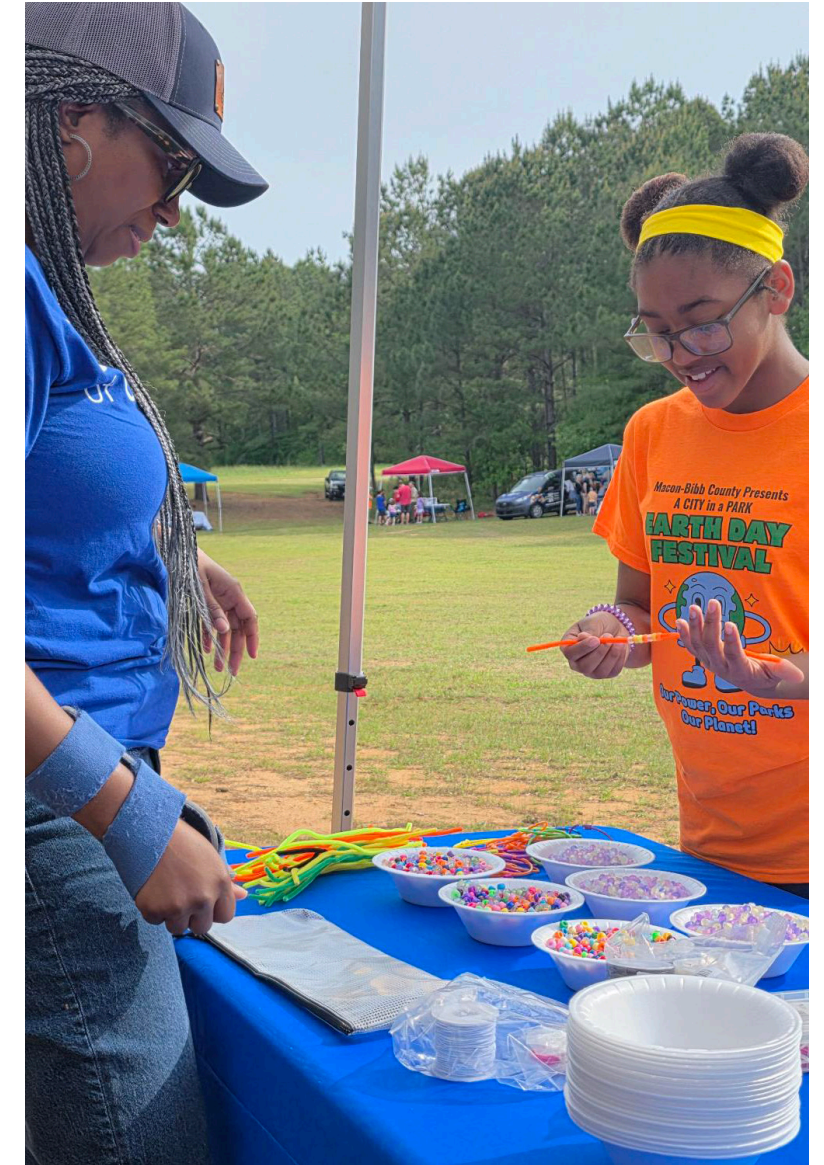
The Sleep in Heavenly Peace bed build was a tremendous success! Albany Citizens, along with support from the Tifton and Bainbridge chapters, came together to make this event possible. They were also joined by many members of the community, including Marines from the local USMC Supply Depot, the Young Marines, employees from the Phoebe Foundation, and several others who generously gave their time and effort. In total, 68 participants came out to support the effort. Together the volunteers completed 47 beds in just three hours. Huge thanks to the Georgia Power Foundation for funding this great Legacy Project.



# EARTH DAY PROJECTS

# Rome

Rome chapter volunteers came together and planted crape Myrtle trees and laid pine straw at Anna K Davie Elementary School in Rome.



# Heart of Georgia and Plant Scherer

In celebration of Earth Day, the Heart of Georgia Chapter partnered with the Plant Scherer Citizens Chapter to support environmental education through a hands-on community volunteer event at Amerson Park in Macon. This collaboration brought together volunteers from both chapters who worked alongside local youth to promote environmental awareness and community engagement. Volunteer activities included planting flowers with students to help beautify the park and creating solar bracelets with local youth, providing an interactive and educational way to introduce sustainability and renewable energy concepts. The partnership between the Heart of Georgia Chapter and the Plant Scherer Citizens Chapter exemplified the power of teamwork and shared commitment to service.





## Dublin

The Dublin Chapter successfully completed its Earth Day project to support The Lighthouse Adult Day Care Center. The Lighthouse is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing specialized care and support for individuals with Alzheimer's and other cognitive issues. The team installed a variety of flowers and shrubs, added fresh pine straw, placed pavers for a garden bench area, and assembled a planter box to enhance the outdoor space. We sincerely appreciate everyone who came out to help—your time, effort, and dedication made this project a success!



## APA, Tallulah Falls, and SEED



A huge thank you to Georgia Power's ERG Legacy Project Committee, SEED (Sustainability, Education, Engagement, Development), APA (Asian Pacific American), and the Tallulah Falls chapter Citizens of Georgia Power for partnering with the City of Carnesville to help make exciting improvements to our park! We are incredibly grateful to have been awarded a \$10,000 grant from the Georgia Power Foundation to support these park enhancements and invest in our community.



## Forest Park

THANK YOU to the 26 volunteers who helped the Citizens of Georgia Power - Forest Park celebrate Earth Day 2026 with landscaping and beatification of Babb Middle School in Forest Park. Volunteers planted bushes, repaired eroded sod, placed decorative stones, and refreshed decorative mulch along the front breezeway, the flagpole lawn, and the front street signage. They were joined by student volunteers from the STEM class who asked many great questions about what they do, what kind of jobs exist at Georgia Power, and what education levels do those jobs require.



## Jefferson Street

CGP Jefferson St participated in the first of two volunteer Earth Day clean-up events, focusing on areas around 755 and 829 Jefferson Street. We had a great turnout and strong team engagement throughout the event. In addition, volunteers cleaned a transformer enclosure near Center Parc Stadium along Hank Aaron Drive. A special thank you to everyone who participated and helped make this effort a success.



# 2026 TARGET DATES AND DEADLINES

<b>20 Monthly</b>	Energizer Chapter Submissions DUE Post to Circuit and Citizens Facebook
<b>January 31</b>	2025 Financials uploaded in electronic folder
<b>February 1</b>	State Office verify financials and service hours
<b>February 5</b>	State Board Meeting
<b>February 6</b>	Leadership Summit -241 RMB Auditorium
<b>February 28</b>	2025 Chapter Financials Completed
<b>June 15</b>	Educational Loan Fund (ELF) Applications DUE
<b>June 23</b>	Summer State Board Meeting
<b>August 10</b>	State Board Officer Nomination forms due to the State Office (Current State Board members only)
<b>September 18</b>	Annual Business Meeting Invitations Emailed to all Citizens Leaders

<b>October 7-8</b>	State Board Officers will go through selection process for State Officers to serve on State Board during 2027
<b>October 9</b>	State Board Committee Chair application due to State Office
<b>October 30</b>	Chapter Information for Annual Meeting DUE to State Office
<b>November 19</b>	State Board Meeting
<b>November 20</b>	Citizens Annual Business Meeting
<b>December 8</b>	2026-Chapter Officer information DUE
<b>December 11</b>	Chapter Surveys to be returned to the State Office
<b>December 16</b>	All year-end donations distributed and prepare financials for audit and income tax forms
<b>December 31</b>	All 2026 Service Hours entered into Volunteer Microsoft forms

