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ENERGIZER NEWSLETTER

A Statewide newsletter for
Citizens of Georgia Power.



 Georgia Power

State President's Message

Kelli Newman



February is in full swing, and I want to applaud the incredible drive and enthusiasm you've already brought to Citizens this year! Our recent Leadership Summit highlighted the power of teamwork, connection, and engagement, and it was truly inspiring to meet so many new Chapter Leaders, as well as reconnect with familiar faces. Our theme, "Anchored in Service, Caring in Motion," shines through in everything you do.

Your efforts go beyond individual projects—they help shape better communities across Georgia. By working together and supporting each other, we are making a meaningful difference in the lives of those around us. Every action you take, no matter how big or small, contributes to building a better future for our communities and the people who call them home.

With fresh energy and creative ideas, I'm confident that we're on track for an outstanding year to engage Citizens members throughout the state. The surge in Service Project and Legacy Project submissions show your dedication to making an impact. Don't forget to log your volunteer hours so we can celebrate every contribution.

If you need support or want to brainstorm new ideas, reach out to your Chapter Relations Chair, State Board, or Volunteer Services. Let's keep the momentum up—share your stories, get involved, and inspire others to join us in making a difference across Georgia!

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Augusta and Thomson

East Region employees representing Augusta and Thomson Citizens groups volunteered at Golden Harvest to pack snacks for kids.



Customer Care Center

Citizens members at the CCC would like to take a moment to celebrate and recognize an inspiring act of kindness and teamwork. The management team from Customer Care made a meaningful contribution by donating cots to the Henry County Homeless Shelter, providing much-needed comfort and support to those in need. This generous effort was led by Jeremy LaGuins, whose leadership and compassion helped ensure the successful delivery of the cots. His dedication, along with the support of the entire Customer Care management team, demonstrates the true spirit of community and service.



Savannah

The Citizens of Georgia Power Savannah Chapter proudly celebrated the spirit of Dr. King by volunteering at Tharros Place, a local nonprofit dedicated to providing shelter and support for girls ages 12 to 17 who are survivors of human trafficking. The commitment and enthusiasm of the Savannah Chapter volunteers made a lasting impact at Tharros Place and in the lives of those they support. The highlight of our day was coming together to build a beautiful new playground, a bright and joyful space where the girls can play, laugh, and heal. It was incredible to see everyone roll up their sleeves and work side by side, mixing cement, assembling equipment, and bringing the vision to life.



Carrollton

Not sure we have a more diligent chapter than Carrollton when it comes to giving blood! Kathi Henson kept the tradition going by rolling up her sleeve and donating blood in January.

Retirees Larry and Donice Wood continue to serve their community by picking up trash along the Greenbelt EVERY FRIDAY!! Great job Larry and Donice!



Carrollton chapter member Heather Mayfield participated in the King Day project at Shirley Clarke Franklin Park.



Statesboro Ambassadors

Got a great note from Joel Hanner, GPC Area Manager about an award named in honor of one of our Statesboro Ambassadors...

As part of the inaugural Legacy Breakfast yesterday morning at Ogeechee Technical College, the Development Authority of Bulloch County presented awards for the first time in its history, recognizing individuals whose leadership, service, and long-term commitment have helped shape the county's industrial and workforce landscape. Each award was named in honor of a former Development Authority leader whose legacy continues to influence economic development efforts in Bulloch County. Among the awards presented was the David Holland Industry Support Award. The award honors David Holland, former Georgia Power area manager and past Development Authority chairman who played a key role in recruiting major employers such as Great Dane, GAF Roofing, and Briggs & Stratton to Bulloch County. Please join me in congratulating David Holland for being recognized as a Legacy Leader with this award being named for him.



North Fulton

On MLK Day, North Fulton volunteers kicked things off by painting the Bald Ridge Lodge's main hallway, degreasing cabinets, and preparing the kitchen for a full renovation. This past weekend, their members returned to finish up the painting and put the final touches on the space. Thank you to everyone who showed up, worked hard, and helped make a lasting difference in our community!

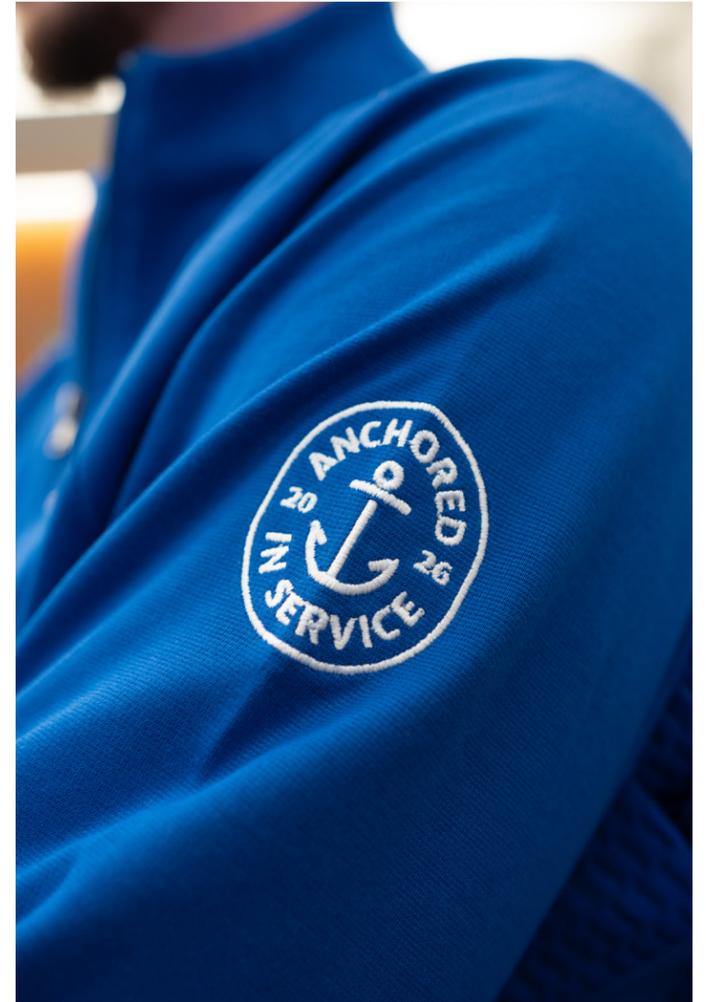


Volunteers from North Fulton Citizens came together on King Day at Mary Hall Freedom Village in Sandy Springs. Mary Hall Freedom Village assist women and families in recovery. Citizen's members and their families cleaned classrooms and organized storage for this great charity.



Citizens Leadership Summit

The Citizens of Georgia Power Leadership Summit was held in Atlanta on February 5, 2026. Leadership Summit serves as the official kick-off for the year for all chapters. Chapter leaders from 36 of the 37 chapters were in attendance and learned about all the tools available to them so their chapter can have a successful 2026, as well as time for strategy sessions for projects. Audrey King, SVP Corporate Responsibility, was also in attendance to provide what it takes to be a successful leader. Thank you to everyone who made this day a success. The future is looking bright in 2026!



Brunswick

Brunswick Citizens Chapter teamed up with the Golden Isles College & Career Academy Agriculture Class for the Raised Garden Bed Legacy Project. Students from across the area came together to restore aging garden beds, build construction and safety skills, and help provide fresh, accessible produce for the community. This is service in action! #GAPowerfulService #WeServe



Golden Isles Ambassadors

Golden Isles Ambassadors collect food and other items to donate to the No Kill Shelter of Glynn. And, other canned goods, etc. for local food banks in the surrounding areas.



Golden Isles Ambassador President Tean Jackson presents George Ellis with Ambassador of the Year.



Back during the holidays, Georgia Power Golden Isles Ambassadors donated and wrapped Christmas presents for the young boys at Morning Star in Brunswick. Morning Star is a sanctuary where transformative teaching and healing affirms our children through real relationships.



The Golden Isles Chapter of the Georgia Power Ambassadors recently distributed items to the Golden Isles Veterans Village. The Village has approximately 30 tiny homes with a Community Center to help homeless veterans get back on their feet again.



Metro North Ambassadors

Metro North Ambassadors supported the Cherokee County Homeless Veterans Program by providing gifts for children of homeless and disabled veterans attending their annual Santa Breakfast. Members really stepped up by selecting names for all 70 children at their October meeting, shopping for suggested gifts and bringing the wrapped gifts back to their November meeting. The gifts were distributed at the Santa Breakfast held in December. Members also donated food and coats for homeless veterans.



The members of Metro North Ambassadors chapter shopped for school supplies in January and February 2026 that were donated to E.T. Booth Middle School in Cherokee County. Supplies requested by the school included backpacks, re-usable water bottles, folders and pencils.



Plant Bowen

Holy Manna Ministries is a faith-based nonprofit in Rockmart, GA, that provides food assistance, hot meals, spiritual support, and community resources to individuals and families in need. Plant Bowen Citizens volunteers provided support by sorting food, testing thrifted toys, and painting the Holy Manna Ministries warehouse on Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day this year. The additional resources provided by the Bowen CGP chapter allowed Holy Manna Ministries to continue to carry out their mission.



Plant Bowen's Citizens of Georgia Power in collaboration with the Safety and Wellness Committee and Bowen Strong hosted a Chili Cookoff on February 16th. They had an amazing turnout, and every entry was delicious. This was a great bonding event between the organizations. After much tasting and everyone's votes counted, we're excited to announce the winners: 1st Place (\$200): Candi Miller, 2nd Place (\$150): Christa Jackson, 3rd Place (\$100): Nicholas Townes Congratulations to our winners, and a big thank you to everyone who joined in the fun.



Plant Bowen's Health & Wellness Committee and Citizens of Georgia Power celebrated American Heart Month by wearing red on National Wear Red Day – February 6th. Wear Red Day, observed on the first Friday in February each year, is a day dedicated to raising awareness about heart disease, particularly among women. This annual event encourages people to wear red clothing and accessories to show their support for heart health and to promote heart disease prevention. A gift card was given away to promote heart health awareness.



2026 TARGET DATES AND DEADLINES

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

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

