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ENERGIZER NEWSLETTER

A Statewide newsletter for
Citizens of Georgia Power.



State President's Message

Kelli Newman



Citizens State President

As we move closer to mid-year,, I just want to take a moment to say thank you for the momentum you've created across our chapters. It's great to see the impact you're making and how you're bringing our theme, "Anchored in Service, Caring in Motion," to life.

From Earth Day projects to ongoing service and Legacy efforts, you're doing meaningful work in your communities. Keep sharing those stories—they're a great way to recognize your teams and inspire others across the state.

Looking ahead, I encourage you to keep the momentum going by identifying and submitting Legacy Projects. If you need help, the State Board and Volunteer Services team are always here to support you.

As summer gets closer, please also keep safety in mind as you plan your projects, especially with the heat.

I really appreciate the dedication and heart you bring to Citizens. I'm excited to see all we can continue to accomplish together in the months ahead.

Kelli

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Athens

Athens chapter celebrated a highly successful Earth Day event. Their dedicated volunteers tackled the removal of invasive plants at the Loran Smith Cancer Center garden on the Piedmont Athens campus. In addition, they refreshed the area surrounding the Georgia Power Citizens bench by laying down new mulch and planting flowers. Despite the demanding work, everyone was cheerful throughout the day, and the transformation of the gardens was satisfying. It was truly inspiring to witness the positive impact our efforts had on the community spaces. Thanks again Athens volunteers!



Plant Bowen

Plant Bowen's Citizens of Georgia Power commemorated Earth Day by supporting Murphy-Harpst Children's Center in Cedartown with some landscaping activities. Volunteers assisted with trimming bushes, raking leaves and debris, trimming weeds, and adding mulch to outside areas. Murphy-Harpst Children's Center has been providing a Christian-based, safe and loving environment to at-risk children in Georgia for over 100 years.



Plant Bowen also contributed to Earth Day by securely collecting three 69-gallon bins of paper to be recycled. The unwanted paper was collected from employee households as part of the Shred It Week activity April 27 - May 1.

Plant Yates

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



Got a great note from Geneva Powell about a volunteer appreciation breakfast hosted by Whitesburg Elementary...."A big thank you to Whitesburg Elementary for hosting such a beautiful Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast. Iesha Dawson-Fields and I were honored to represent our Citizens' Chapter and hear firsthand how our years of partnership have made a difference. Seeing those smiling faces makes every hour of service worth it!"



Yates volunteers showed up for Earth Day in a big way! From taking on the 20 Minute Trash Bag Challenge to planting for the future, they made a huge impact! Special shoutout to Keith King, who planted 11 trees—including persimmons, pecans, crabapples, Carolina sapphires, and dawn redwoods. Small actions, meaningful impact. Thank you for staying anchored in service!

Richard Gamble doesn't just talk about making a difference; he bleeds it. As a habitual donor, Richard has likely saved dozens, if not hundreds, of lives throughout his journey. It's a quiet kind of bravery that makes the loudest impact. Thank you, Mr. Gamble, for being a lifeline to so many.



Plant Yates and Carrollton

Huge shoutout to all the volunteers from Plant Yates and Carrollton Citizens for supporting the Whitesburg Elementary Old School Field Day. From grilling hot dogs to running the game stations, the team was honored to help create a memorable day for the kids. The highlight? Cooling off with popsicles while watching the teachers give it their all in the final race! It's an honor to invest in the next generation.



Carrollton

Carrollton Citizens Chapter Treasurer April Hale says it always blesses her heart when she gets to volunteer with Mt Zion Meals that Matter for the kids at Mt Zion schools.



Carrollton Citizens volunteers had the privilege to partner with Temple Georgia FFA students to pack and serve meals to the wonderful group of senior adults at The Council on Aging Annual Spring Fling Fellowship. It was great to see so many West Ga Area senior adults enjoying themselves!



Cartersville

Cartersville Chapter President sent a note to his chapter thanking them for their support of their golf tournament benefiting Hickory Log Personal Care Home. "I am proud to announce we have the final number for the Charity Golf Tournament held at Cartersville Country Club. We raised \$29,000! These proceeds have gone to Hickory Log Personal Care Home. They are beyond grateful. They have shared a letter of gratitude, which is attached. Their support and involvement in the success of this event is second to none! I would like to send a special thank you to our sponsors and players, which is the reason this event was a huge success! Shout out to all day of event volunteers. Shout out to Cartersville Country Club and employees for providing a world class venue. Their attention to detail and treatment of our golfers cannot go unnoticed! A special thank you to @ Miller, Raquel and @Gentry, Cassandra who came out with me at 6AM in the morning to get ready to accept all 36 teams at check in! without them, it would not have been such a smooth check in. thank you to @Billingslea, Desiree for taking the lead on the Ball drops, mulligans and raffle tickets. @Miles, Alexander Tyler came through with the muscle and coordinated the water stations across the course for our golfers. @Damon, Deirdre L.came through and took pictures and made sure Golfers had a great experience. Last, but not least, Lilliana Sanchez! Her support through this entire process was invaluable, I could not have done it without her!"

Golden Isles Ambassadors

The Golden Isles Ambassadors selected CASA Glynn as their project for the month. CASA gets involved when children enter the foster care system. They advocate for children who have experienced abuse or neglect. They are their voices in the court. CASA GLYNN serves five counties.



Golden Isles Chapter Vice President Marilyn Daly was proud to present Julie Tharpe, Executive Director of, Memory Matters of Glynn County with a generous donation from the Golden Isles Ambassador Chapter. Memory Matters of Glynn County is a non-profit social services organization that provides free support, education, and enrichment for individuals with Alzheimer's and other forms of dementia.

Habitat for Humanity and the Jimmy Carter Foundation

More than 40 Georgia Power volunteers joined forces with Habitat for Humanity and the Jimmy Carter Foundation for a weeklong build in Atlanta's Sylvan Hills community. Despite weather delays, the team worked tirelessly to help create safe, affordable housing for local families. Their dedication and teamwork exemplified Georgia Power's commitment to strengthening the communities we serve and making a lasting impact where it matters most.





Brunswick

Brunswick Citizens members, along with help from Waycross HQ employees, planted several dogwood trees at Session Hill Community Center in Blackshear for Earth Day. The project promoted environmental sustainability while helping reactivate a long underutilized community space and signaling renewed investment in the neighborhood.

We got a great note from Leah Hall about all the support from their members for the firefighters battling the Brantley and Clinch County fires. Big thank you to Leah and Jill Davis for all their coordination efforts.

"To date, we have provided nearly 200 volunteer hours by serving at the Family Connections Hub in Brantley County. We accepted, sorted, and helped distribute personal hygiene supplies, food, necessities, clothing, and toys to those who were displaced or somehow affected by the fires. We provided meals to volunteers and families. We purchased and installed shelving units for the Family Connections "grocery store" for residents to gather needed food items. We helped the Brantley County High School football team with the Brantley County Community Day, where they cooked and served meals to residents and volunteers. We will be feeding Clinch Co. fire fighters in the next week. We want to send a huge THANK YOU to our Ambassadors, State Office, Members and Volunteers for entrusting us with funds and donations to help the relief efforts in Brantley County and Clinch County."

Georgia Power
BRANTLEY COUNTY WILDFIRE RELIEF SUPPORT

How You Can Help
 Unloading Delivered Donations
 Sorting supplies
 Bagging items
 Assisting residents as they "shop" for needed items and loading their vehicles

Volunteer Location
Supply Distribution Hub
Address:
 10305 N Main St. Nahanta, GA 31553
 Mon. - Sat. 8am-4pm.
 Volunteers are welcome at any time during the day.

Check in with Sherry or Crista at the hub and they will direct you to where help is needed.
If you have any questions, please contact Leah Hall 912-399-4590 or Jill Davis 912-223-3811.

If you would like to donate financially, please send donations to Matthew Coleman Venmo: @Matthew-Coleman-45

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Jefferson Street

Jefferson Street volunteers completed a great Earth Day project at Panola State Mountain. Citizens members trimmed trees and did maintenance on a few of the walking trails.



The Jefferson Street chapter completed their first Lunch 4 Lunch for this year and it was a great turnout. They reached their goal of packing 1,000 lunches to deliver to Crossroad Ministries. Thank you for all the support from the members!

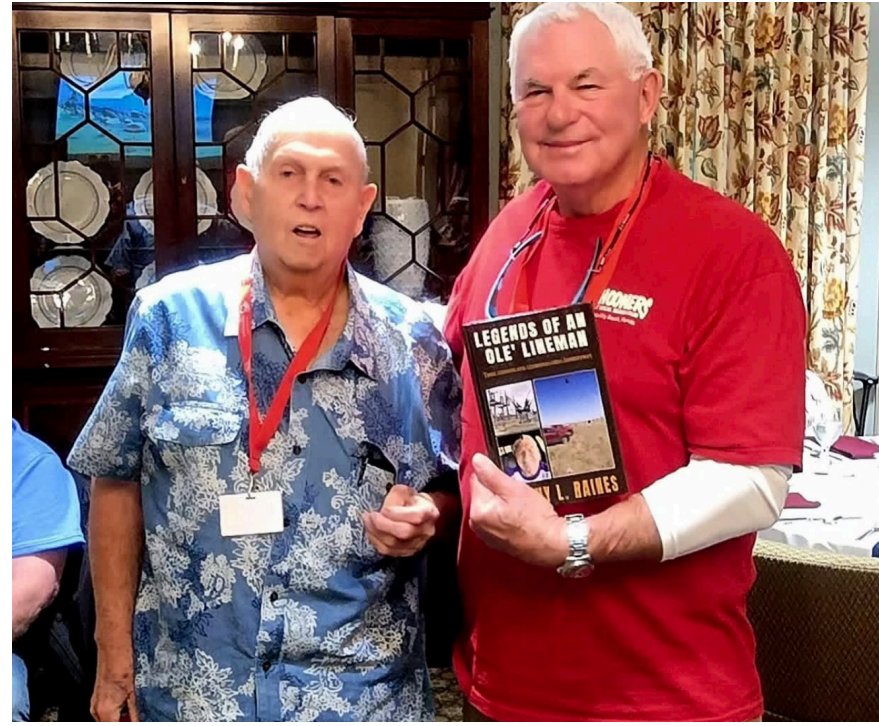


Renewable and Resilient Generation Team

The Renewable and Resilient Generation team came together for a great teambuilding opportunity. Members assembled hygiene kits for Mercy Care. The kits will be distributed by Mercy Care as part of their mission to care for the homeless. The Renewable and Resilient Generation team is truly living out being "A Citizen Wherever You Serve."

Columbus Ambassadors

The Columbus Ambassadors Chapter proudly celebrated National Lineman Appreciation Month throughout April by honoring the dedication and legacy of our local linemen. During the chapter's April meeting, members recognized longtime linemen Bobby Payne, who began his career in 1960, and Arthur Pearson, who started in 1961. Bobby Payne was presented with a copy of Danny Raines' book, Legends of an Ole' Lineman, by Bob Davidson in recognition of his years of service and contribution to the trade.



In honor of National Lineman Day on April 18, the Columbus Ambassadors Chapter also came together to prepare and fill 100 appreciation goody bags for linemen across the West Region areas including Columbus, Americus, and Manchester. Members packed smiley-face bags with motivational pens, stickers, booklets, crackers, cookies, and candy as a heartfelt token of gratitude for the hardworking men and women who keep our communities powered every day. April was truly an amazing month of appreciation, fellowship, and recognition for these everyday heroes.



West Georgia Ambassadors

West Georgia Chapter partnered with Plant Yates, Forest Park, and Carrollton Citizens chapters to assist with field day games and pack lunches for over 500 elementary school kids from Whitesburg Elementary School. It was lots of fun and required plenty of teamwork.

Milledgeville

The Citizens of Georgia Power Milledgeville Chapter recently came together to support Neighbors Helping Neighbors with their Beds for Kids program, a nonprofit dedicated to ensuring children have a safe, comfortable place to sleep. Through teamwork, generosity, and a shared commitment to serving our community, volunteers helped make a meaningful difference for local families in need. Every child deserves the comfort and security of a bed to call their own, and we are proud to partner with organizations that are changing lives one act of kindness at a time. Thank you to everyone who volunteered their time and energy to help make a difference. The families were so grateful, and it was amazing to see the smiles on the children's faces! Thanks to the Georgia Power Foundation for their funding of this Legacy Project.



Customer Care Center

The Customer Care Chapter of Citizens partnered with Grace Baptist Church in April to organize and distribute goods to the Henry County community. More than 20 volunteers participated, contributing over 100 service hours during the month. The group was honored to have Angel Alford's father-in-law Jeffery Griffin join them. Mr. Griffin is a proud veteran of the United States Navy serving for 20 years. Mr. Griffin, thank you for your service!



Customer Care President, Jesus Rivera, dedicated his personal time in April to support youth development by buying equipment and offering free guitar lessons to young people on the weekends. Great job, Jesus!



Savannah

Savannah Chapter President send a great note to all her members thanking them for their support of a hugely successful blood drive.

100% of the blood donated went to Memorial Hospital right here in Savannah to help kids like Rhys!

Hi Savannah Citizens,

WOW — you did it!

A huge THANK YOU to everyone who donated blood last week!

Not only did we meet our goal... we absolutely BLEW IT OUT OF THE WATER!

Together, we donated 37 units of blood for Memorial Hospital. That means 37 chances to save lives — and you made it happen!

Donor rewards have officially been entered into the portal. If you need help accessing the site or locating your donor ID number, please reach out!

Missed this blood drive (and the chance to earn at least \$40 in donor rewards)? No worries — you'll have another opportunity on July 9. Stay tuned for more details!

We can always count on Savannah Citizens to SHOW UP, and I couldn't be prouder to be part of this team. You all are truly making a difference!

“ I had lots of bags of blood being put into me and it saved my life and now *I want people to donate blood so they can possibly save another child's life like mine.* ”

Rhys, TBC blood recipient



The Blood Connection is a non-profit organization. Blood can be donated every 56 days. Donors must be 16 years or older and over 110 lbs. to donate. Written parental consent required for 16 year olds in SC, VA and GA, 16 AND 17 year olds in NC. Before you donate blood, make sure that you drink plenty of water and eat a healthy meal. Photo ID required to donate. Rewards are non-transferable and expire after 30 days.

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2026 TARGET DATES AND DEADLINES

20 Monthly	Energizer Chapter Submissions DUE Post to Circuit and Citizens Facebook	October 7-8	State Board Officers will go through selection process for State Officers to serve on State Board during 2027
January 31	2025 Financials uploaded in electronic folder	October 9	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	November 19	State Board Meeting
February 6	Leadership Summit -241 RMB Auditorium	November 20	Citizens Annual Business Meeting
February 28	2025 Chapter Financials Completed	December 8	2026-Chapter Officer information DUE
June 15	Educational Loan Fund (ELF) Applications DUE	December 11	Chapter Surveys to be returned to the State Office
June 23	Summer State Board Meeting	December 16	All year-end donations distributed and prepare financials for audit and income tax forms
August 10	State Board Officer Nomination forms due to the State Office (Current State Board members only)	December 31	All 2026 Service Hours entered into Volunteer Microsoft forms
September 18	Annual Business Meeting Invitations Emailed to all Citizens Leaders		

