

A statewide newsletter for Citizens of Georgia Power

2021 State Board

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State President's Message

Mary Norris



Greetings to YOU!

Well, it's almost the end of May; we're fourteen months into wearing masks and social distance, but I offer to you my sincere thanks and appreciation because as Citizens, you've not missed a beat. This month's Energizer focuses on several Earth Day projects where chapters chose to do a variety of projects. As you will see, these projects brought beauty or will do so in the next several months as flowers and plants start growing and transforming areas into beautiful landscapes. As I thought about it, this is just what Citizens does and we do it well. We are continuously bringing forth beauty with the services we provide to others.

There are times we do things and will immediately know the impact, but then there are times when it might take a year or even two. It just depends on what's being done and that's why I encourage each of you to continue to step-up, even a "baby-step" if you must, as we continue to climb to even higher heights with our dedication to service in our communities. As we all know, COVID has changed the way we do things and I can't say it enough, it's our new "NORM". However, we've all found ways to do some things we would have never imagined, so why not let some of those ideas flow to your chapters; we depend on you to tell us where the needs are.

As Citizens, you show your beauty 365 days by giving of yourself. Through relationship building within our community, your able to learn about service projects and it becomes a win-win situation because of the support that's gained. By sharing your skills, you give others the opportunity to learn and benefit, but most of all by just loving what you do to realize it's needed and you're the right person to do it.

Thank you for everything you've done thus far and for what you will continue to do. And if you've been thinking about volunteering, but haven't, just remember, volunteering your time, money, or energy to help others doesn't just make the world better—it also makes you better. We're all in this together and together, I know we can continue to put smiles on people's faces and love in their hearts when they hear the name, **CITIZENS**.

Mary Norris



Plant McDonough

Back in March a deadly EF4 tornado destroyed much of Lagrange Street and Smokey Road in Coweta County. The Plant McDonough family along with members of Citizens of Georgia Power Plant McDonough chapter collected supplies for the victims of the devastation. They collected cleaning supplies, bottle waters and non- perishable food items immediately following the week after the storm and continued to collect items the month after the storm to replenish the supplies at the shelters. Great job of helping those in need!



Dublin

The Dublin Citizens of Ga Power Chapter had the opportunity to deliver box lunches to the COVID vaccination workers in the Dublin area. Bill Glisson and Brad Duke worked with Melissa Brantley, South Central Health District, to work out a time to serve them lunch. Thanks to all the members that made this possible. Michael Hood, GPC trouble man, delivered the meals to Melissa Brantley and Michelle Hancock, South Central Health District. The chapter was honored to be able to serve them!

Gainesville

Gainesville Citizens hosted a food and snack drive for the Boys and Girls Club of Lanier. Members went shopping and dropped off individually packaged snacks at the Operating Headquarters. Their generous donations helped fuel the hunger for over 90 campers! Hannah Warner and Drew Stewart were honored to drop off the goodies!

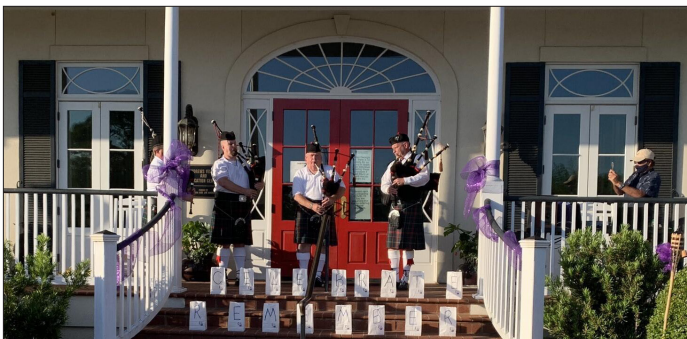


Savannah

Fourteen eager volunteers jumped in to help with the second service event of 2021 for Savannah Citizens. The chapter members assisted the Girl Scouts at Camp Low in gathering up yard debris and cleaning the cabins for future campers. Savannah's Citizens volunteers were able to gather two large trailer loads of limbs and debris from the trails at Camp Low in less than two hours! Safety, as always, was at the forefront of our minds during this event. They did their best to maintain social distance, and when not possible, wore face coverings. Great job Savannah!



The Savannah Citizens of Georgia Power Chapter participated in the 2021 Relay For Life "drive-by" event at the Coastal Georgia Botanical Gardens Bamboo Gardens. Chapter President Jimmy Brown was pleased to announce they passed their goal and were able to donate more than \$3,130 to help with the fight against cancer!



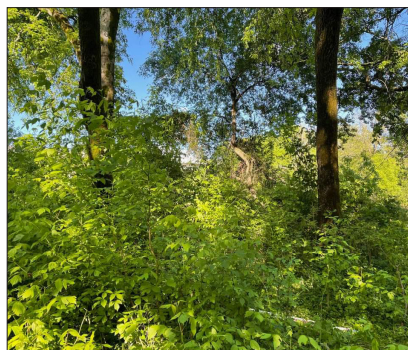
Carrollton

Carrollton Citizens of Georgia Power partnered with Keep Carroll Beautiful and the City of Carrollton to plant a new flower bed and spread pine straw around the other plants at the Alabama Street Greenbelt Trailhead. Big thanks to chapter members April Hale, Kathi Henson, Carry Lovvorn, Patrick Harris, and Joanna Isbell for all their hard work!



Columbus

The Columbus Citizens Chapter participated in Earth Day by cleaning up flower beds in front of Gentian Headquarters, planting flowers, two rose bushes and a tree in honor of Kathy Pickard. The flower beds were dedicated to Kathy with a plaque to honor her as well. Thanks to all those who participated in this event.



Jefferson Street

The Jefferson St Chapter was able to get out and do a great Earth Day Event at Riverwalk Atlanta. Ashley Spears, Brett and Kim Rogers, Dee Osborne, and Kris Underwood spent a few hours pulling up invasive privet near the trails to reveal a great view of the Chattahoochee River.

General Office

Members of the General Office Chapter participated in the Walk MS Atlanta virtual event on April 24, 2021 – some at Heritage Park in McDonough and others in their local communities. The Georgia Power team raised over \$14,000 to change the world for everyone affected by multiple sclerosis.



Metro South

In 2019, Metro South Citizen’s chapter built a pavilion and planted a flower garden at the House of Dawn in honor of Peggy Grubb as their Legacy project. In celebration of Earth Day the chapter volunteered at the House of Dawn on Thursday, April 29th to revitalize the flower garden and install the pavilion’s plaque in honor of Peggy Grubb. House of Dawn supports young mothers to become independent and self-reliant. Services include student housing, childcare assistance, parent support groups, and educational supports so that young mothers can achieve educational goals, start careers, and begin leading independent lives.



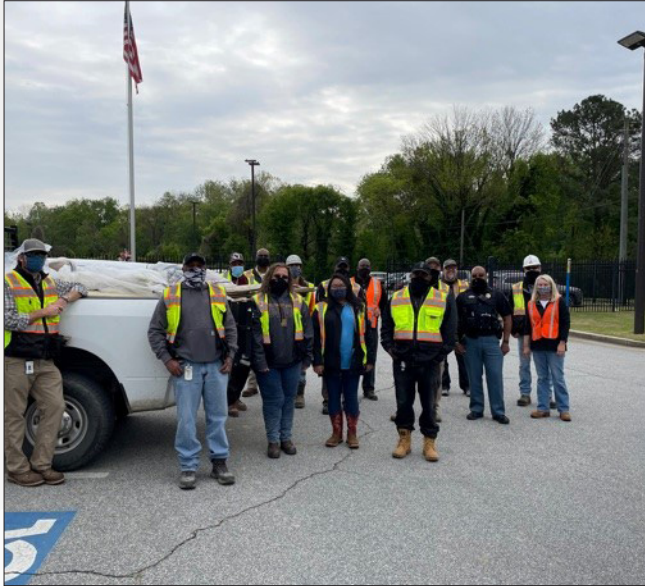
Metro West

Citizens members and their families from the Metro West Chapter cleaned up their neighborhoods, local parks, and streams as a part of their on-going Earth Day celebration.



Plant McDonough

For Earth Day 2021 Citizens members along with Plant McDonough employees cleaned a section of South Cobb Drive. Together approximately five hundred pounds of trash was collected from along the roadway.



Plant Scherer

Wonderful and exciting Earth Day 2021 at K.B. Sutton Elementary School. Members were very impressed with the students, the knowledge of the plants and their interest in being involved with the bird feeders. It was great to see how the Citizens contribution inspired these students in learning about the importance of plants and growing plants are to our environment. Thanks to the Plant Scherer Compliance Department for making this wonderful experience for the Citizens to share and be a part of.



Valdosta

Thanks to all the Valdosta Citizens members who participated in their 2021 Earth Day project! Members and their families met for a river clean-up at the Alapaha boat ramp in Lakeland. The project was a huge success and as you can see in the last couple of pictures the property looked much cleaner! Thank you all for being a citizen wherever we serve and helping to make your community a much better place!



North Fulton

Members DeAngelo Quarterman, Christy Woods and Kristin Curylo and her family gathered at the Dunwoody Nature Center for our 2021 Earth Day Project to beautify nature trails by removing invasive plants along them. Volunteers removed an inordinate amount of invasive plants along the trails while being vigilant and aware of the poison ivy surrounding some of the plants. Overall, the event was safe, and each group wore masks and followed necessary CDC COVID-19 guidelines!



General Office

The General Office Chapter celebrated Earth Day at the Metro Atlanta Urban Farm on April 29th by harvesting, planting and weeding at the 5-acre facility in College Park. The Farm's mission is to reduce barriers to healthy living in urban communities by encouraging, promoting, and supporting health education and sustainable, high-quality, low-cost agricultural production through gardening and farm training.



New Corp Comm Partner

In a normal year, we usually try and introduce our corporate partners to all the chapter officers at Leadership Summit. To say this year has been something other than normal is an understatement! For the past several years, you've heard from Allison Gregoire. Allison continues to tell your stories across the state and gets great pick ups from both print and television media outlets. Thanks, Allison, for showcasing our Citizens chapters!

We have a new internal Corp Comm partner who works hand in glove with Allison to help spotlight your projects and their impacts in our communities. Please join me in welcoming **Leonel "Leo" Hernandez**, our newest executive and internal communication specialist, to the Corporate Communication team. Leo provides communication support to our Volunteer Services group and other executive/internal clients. Leo joins us from Wells Fargo and is originally from California.



Leo moved to the East in roles related to the Wells Fargo-Wachovia merger. In his last role at the bank he was responsible for the communications shared with frontline employees in 5000+ branches across the United States. He brings more than 13 years of experience to this role, holds a Bachelor's degree from San Diego State University and two French language certificates from the Institut Catholique de Paris. Leo speaks three languages – English, Spanish and French.

In 2018, Leo embarked on a new life adventure moving to Mexico City, Mexico, alongside his partner, Diego, to support him with a career opportunity. Leo's family is from Mexico and this was his first time living there. During his time there, he was able to experience firsthand the Mexican culture, people and cuisine. Leo and Diego have both now returned to Atlanta and proudly call the Inman Park neighborhood home.

Leo's been at Georgia Power less than two months but has really done a good job of engaging and getting to know what being a citizen wherever we serve really means. Welcome Leo!

2021 Target Dates and Deadlines



20 Monthly	Energizer Chapter Submissions DUE
June 15	Educational Loan Fund (ELF) Applications DUE
July 9	Summer State Board Meeting
August 12	State Officer Nomination forms due to the State Office
September 9	Call to Annual Meeting TBA
September 23	Committee Chairs application due in State Office
October 6-7	State Officers will go through selection process for committee chairs to serve on State Board during 2021
October 7	Annual Meeting reservations/delegate - TBA
October 7	Chapter Information for Annual Meeting printed program DUE to State Office
November 12-13	State Board Meeting – TBA
November 13-14	Annual Meeting – TBA
December 9	2022-chapter officer information DUE
December 9	State Office will verify records in uBack for second incentive
December 16	Chapter Surveys to be returned to the State Office
December 16	All monies must be distributed to bring year-end balance down to \$100 and prepare books for audit and income tax forms
December 31	All 2021 Service Hours entered into uBack