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**Shawano Municipal Utilities &
City of Shawano Public Works Department Newsletter**



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Paying Your Bill:

- Please include the bottom stub from your bill when making your payment. This will help us credit the correct account.
- * Avoid stapling or taping your check to your payment stub. Staples and tape can damage checks and may be rejected when submitting them for deposit.
- * Consider using the "bank draft" option to pay your SMU bill. You still receive a bill each month and the amount due comes out of your checking or savings account on the due date. Call our office for more information.

**PAY YOUR
BILL ONLINE**

Myaccount.cityofshawano.com

SMU ANNOUNCES NEW GENERAL MANAGER

Shawano Municipal Utilities (SMU)

Commission is pleased to announce the hiring of **Mr. Bruce Gomm**, P.E. as the Utilities new General Manager.



"We are delighted to have Mr. Gomm joining SMU," said President Roger Pescinski. The Search Committee Chair, Ron Malueg, mentioned that

"Members of the Search Committee which included

members from SMU Commission, Badger Power Marketing Authority, a Citizen at large, and the City Manager were impressed with his proven leadership abilities and wide range of experience in the public power industry as well as the private sector."

Mr. Gomm, joined SMU on January 3, 2023, is an experienced leader in the municipal utility environment. He comes to SMU with the experience of a General Manager of Wilmar Utilities in Wilmar, Minnesota. His experience includes power supply contracts, renewable energy, and construction experience. Bruce has a Bachelor's Degree in Electrical Engineering from University of Wisconsin, Platteville, WI.

Mr. Gomm hails originally from Wisconsin and from the Shawano area. His private sector experience includes working with Excel Energy as a project manager in Minnesota, senior procurement manager for Wanzek construction on wind and solar projects in North Dakota including being senior electrical engineer for CG Global in upstate NY.

SMU conducted an extensive national search over the last 8 months working with Preferred Consulting LLC, BoardmanClark law firm and R. Bauman & Associates of Wisconsin.

Mr. Gomm is looking forward to working with the SMU team.

What Temperature Should I Set My Thermostat in the Winter?

The best average house temperature in winter is 68 degrees while you're at home. This temperature gives you a nice balance between comfort and energy efficiency.

While you're away or sleeping, we recommend lowering your thermostat to around 60 degrees for additional cost savings. According to [Energy Star](#), you can save up to 10% a year in heating costs by lowering thermostat temperatures seven to ten degrees for eight hours a day. Before you head out for the day or crawl into bed, adjusting your thermostat by a few degrees can support big savings.

Winter thermostat setting

If the very thought of adjusting your thermostat to 68 degrees in winter weather runs a chill down your spine, we have a few ideas. We understand everyone's temperature preference is different, so start with a gradual decrease.

Gradually lower the temperature

When the first cold snap hits, it can be tempting to crank up the heat regardless of the impact to your energy bill. Go slow, start with an increase of one to two degrees to see how your body adjusts.

City of Shawano Department of Public Works 715-526-3512

Recycling Calendar January 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 Recycling Week Pick-Up	4	5	6	7
8	9	10 Wood/Waste Pick-up	11	12	13	14
15	16	17 Recycling Week Pick-Up	18	19	20	21
22	23	24 Wood/Waste Pick-up	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				



Christmas trees will be collected in January on your curbside collection day

2023 Recycling calendars will **not** be mailed out to the residents via a mass mailing.

Calendars are available from the city website at www.cityofshawano.com and at the offices of City Hall, Department of Public Works and SMU. If you would like a calendar mailed to you, please contact the Public Works Department at (715) 526-3512.

SAND/SALT PILES



There are salt/sand piles available for city residents to use located at the city lots on the 100 block of East Elizabeth St., West Richmond St by Sturgeon Park and the corner of 2nd St and North Washington St.



Keep sidewalks clear of ice and snow...

Property owners are reminded to clear their entire sidewalk free of snow and ice. Failure to keep the sidewalks clear may subject the property owners to fines and charges for removal per **City Ordinance 5.05 Snow and Ice Removal**.

REMINDER...

Winter is here? Please **DO NOT** place your automated collection cart on top of a snow bank. If the cart is not placed on a flat surface, it is not guaranteed that the truck can empty the container.

Please place the cart in your driveway opening, or you may consider shoveling a small flat area to place your cart in.

