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*(Left to right: SPU Operations and Purchasing Coordinator Lori Ewoldt, Colonial Club Executive Director Melody Riedel, and Colonial Club Volunteer and Special Events Coordinator Tamara Sondgeroth posing with Sun Prairie Utilities 2025 Colonial Club Business Leadership Award.)*

## **Sun Prairie Utilities Recognized with Business Leadership Award**

SUN PRAIRIE, (Wis.) — The Colonial Club recently recognized volunteers during its annual meeting on August 28 and highlighted Sun Prairie Utilities' support with an award.

The [Colonial Club](#) is a senior activity center that serves multiple generations by striving to offer opportunities to everyone who walks through its doors. The center provides approximately 25 ongoing programs, along with 40 or more specialized educational offerings and classes for people to choose from.

Each year, the Colonial Club honors a business that exemplifies exceptional leadership and a spirit of volunteerism during its annual meeting and volunteer

recognition event. This year, Colonial Club staff and its Board of Directors chose to recognize [Sun Prairie Utilities](#) with the senior center's Business Leadership Award for the utility's many years of dedicated service to seniors and the center.

"For more than 15 years, SPU has faithfully delivered meals to local seniors, ensuring that some of the most vulnerable members of our community receive the nutrition and connection they need. Their commitment doesn't stop there—they also provide essential support each year by helping with setup for StrawberryFest, our largest public fundraiser held every June," shared Tamara Sondgeroth, the volunteer and special events coordinator at the Colonial Club Senior Activity Center.

"We are deeply grateful for Sun Prairie Utilities' ongoing generosity, community spirit, and leadership. Their continued partnership plays a vital role in helping us serve older adults in our area, and they truly embody what it means to be a valued part of our community," continued Sondgeroth. "Thank you, SPU!"

Sun Prairie Utilities is a non-profit municipal water and electric utility that serves residents and businesses in and around the City of Sun Prairie. SPU staff are dedicated to meeting customers' needs while helping to make the community a better place to live and work. The utility is one of the country's 2,000 public power systems — a utility owned by the community it serves.

"On behalf of everyone at Sun Prairie Utilities, we are truly honored to receive the Colonial Club's Business Leadership Award. This recognition is a reflection of our team's deep commitment to serving our community—not just by providing essential utilities, but by showing up for our neighbors in meaningful ways. Whether it's delivering meals to seniors or helping with events like StrawberryFest, our staff is proud to support the mission of the Colonial Club and the people it serves," explained Jill Weiss, Sun Prairie Utilities general manager.

"We value all our partnerships and look forward to continuing to work together to make Sun Prairie a stronger, more connected community," shared Weiss.

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