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Dear Editor,

The Philmont Village Main St. looked beautiful this Holiday season thanks to the many families, volunteers, property owners and businesses who came together to decorate four vacant storefronts by donating the lighting, decorations, goodwill spirit and the many hours of helping hands. At a time where austerity looms everywhere, the Philmont community came together bringing old cardboard boxes retrieved from attics and garages filled with seasonal beauty to help create wonderland on the Main St. A true community effort of seasonal giving. Philmont Beautification, Inc. would like to thank all those who helped create this special seasonal celebration from the community tree to the toyland scene for the windows at 108-110 Main St; the Hanukah blue and silver windows at 102 Main St; the charming Waldorf inspired winter scene dioramas for the 119 Main St storefront windows; and the large box of delights at 159 Main St. These Main St. windows twinkled throughout the season thanks to Sam Wright of Hemlock Hollow Farm who donated the stunning Douglas Fir and fresh evergreen and to all who donated, lent, and assisted creating 19<sup>th</sup> Century windows brimming with fabulous glittering glass bubbles, icicle lights, toys, angels, gift boxes, handmade snowflakes, garlands braided with traditional seasonal ribbons, snowmen, Santa Clauses and the many delightful winter village scenes, including, Eleanor Ambos, Joanne Vilaghy, Tom Buckner, David Naughton, Gerald Van Alphen, the Philmont Post Office, the Philmont Library, Robin Andrews, Chris Lastovicka, Megara Cassin, Danielle David, Dorothy Stichternath, Carolyn Stern, Barbara Sagal, Peter Segal, Sebastian McCabe, Sally Baker, Bill Russell, Adrianna Rodriguez, Tavon Dickson, Northern Empire Realty, Philmont Holdings, LLC, Philmont Properties, LLC, and the Main St. Public House. It takes a Village as they say. Additional thanks to the many who expressed their heartfelt gratitude including the expressive round of applause received from Local 111 diners, and seniors at Richardson Hall who turned out in the freezing cold to cheer the team along!

Wishing a good New Year's for 2009  
Philmont Beautification, Inc.