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# Lit-up paper mill adds to festivities in Plainwell

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Guests to Friday night's Christmas tree-lighting in downtown Plainwell were treated to another surprise: 300-some candle-shaped lights glowing in the window panes of the former Plainwell Paper Mill.

The lights were turned on in the three-story building shortly after the lighting of the Christmas tree. Guests walked from the site of the tree-lighting a block away to Fannie Pell Park near the Kalamazoo River.

The mill window lighting was coordinated by Brad Keeler, Theresa Brooks and Sandy Lam-

orandier, Plainwell mayor Rick Brooks said.

He said the organizers wanted to celebrate the city's purchase of the Plainwell Paper Co. mill this summer and signify to residents that the city still has a presence and plans for the mill.

"It's just the coolest thing you've ever seen," Brooks said of the lighting.

"We're real excited about it (the mill's purchase) and wanted to share it with the community," he said.

The paper mill's window lights will be lit each night, making a nightly splash until shortly after the beginning of the new year, Brooks said.



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Windows of the former Plainwell paper mill glow with lights as part of the city's holiday decorations. The lights were lit following the annual holiday tree lighting on Friday.