


# Civic News Moraga



<b>Public Meetings</b>	
<b>Town Council</b>	Wednesday, December 8, 7:30 pm Joaquin Moraga Intermediate School, 1010 Camino Pablo
<b>Planning Commission</b>	Monday, December 6, 7:30 pm Moraga Library, 1500 Saint Marys Rd
<b>Design Review</b>	Monday, December 13, 7:00 pm Moraga Library, 1500 Saint Marys Rd
<b>Liaison</b>	Friday, December 10, 8:00 am Fire Station, 1280 Moraga Way

Check online for agendas, meeting notes and announcements  
 Town of Moraga online: [www.moraga.ca.us](http://www.moraga.ca.us)  
 Chamber of Commerce: [www.moragachamber.org](http://www.moragachamber.org)  
 Moraga Citizens' Network: [www.moragacitizensnetwork.org](http://www.moragacitizensnetwork.org)

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**tion card. Estimated loss \$80.**

Yet another theft, 11/04/10 Same night, different street, same part of town. Someone broke into the unlocked trunk of a Miramonte Drive 1994 Mercedes Benz and removed several items – a subwoofer, a car stereo amplifier, a raincoat and sunglasses. Estimated loss \$390.

Fourth theft, is there a theme here? 11/04/10 Once again an unlocked car a few blocks away was broken into. A Courter Lane homeowner had her unlocked 2011 Mercedes Benz, parked in the driveway burgled – a garage door opener, leather binder and the car owner's manual (huh?) were taken. Estimated loss \$60.

Very petty theft, 11/04/10 Sometime during the night, an unknown suspect entered an unlocked black BMW parked in a Camino Ricardo driveway and removed \$5.00 in change from the center console. No witnesses or leads at this time.

Bigger petty theft, 11/04/10 Also on Camino Ricardo, about a block down the street that very same night, an unknown suspect entered an unlocked Cadillac parked in the driveway and removed a set of keys, two garage door openers and the car registra-



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**Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony 12/4, 6:30pm, Commons Park**  
**Breakfast with Santa, 12/11, 8:30am and 10:00am, Hacienda**  
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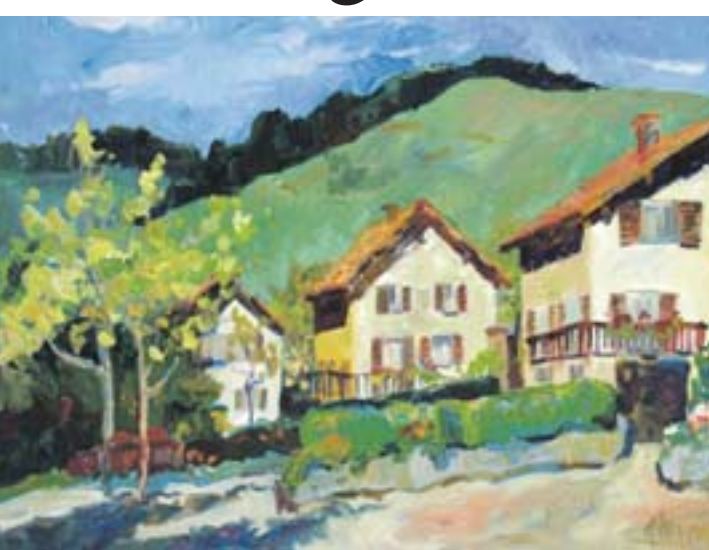
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## The State of the Town

By Sophie Braccini



Ken Chew (on right) after his presentation Photo Andy Scheck

### Dollar Tree Approved – Shaping the Future of Rheem Center?

By Sophie Braccini

The members of the Moraga Town Council, regardless of their personal feelings about the coming of the Dollar Tree to the Rheem Center, all indicated that there is nothing in the Municipal Code that could be grounds to refuse the approval of the store's application. The decision made at the November 10 Council meeting will dedicate 9000 square feet of retail space to what is heralded as a discount variety store at the lowest end of the retail market.

Dollar Tree will join other discounters in the Rheem Center such as Tuesday Morning, TJ Maxx and Home Goods. Details on the leasing contract were not revealed by the Center's owner, Kimco Realty, but it is likely that

well, if not for unfunded infrastructure maintenance.

Chew started with a series of slides listing the objectives, now accomplished, that he set when his term as mayor began a year ago. The most significant of these achievements are: a balanced budget; the completion of the Specific Plan; the transfer of the corporation yard out of the Hacienda de las Flores to the newly acquired building at 321 Rheem; the completion of the retrofit of the Town Hall at 329 Rheem; the agreement with the School District for the improvement of the sports field at Camino Pablo Elementary; the upgrading of the lighting assessment district through a popular vote; the completion of the Revenue Enhancement study and the subsequent appointment of a volunteer Economic Development Team, as well as the initiation of community outreach to determine whether or not residents would support additional taxes to fund infrastructure maintenance.

The Mayor pointed out that the Town continues to be able to provide essential services to its residents in spite of the cuts that have been required in order to stay financially balanced. "The per capita spending for government in Moraga is \$376.09; it is \$444.55 in Lafayette and \$616.16 in Orinda." He attributed this result to the exceptional dedication of Town staff.

Chew indicated that next year's priorities would be the implementation of the Specific Plan, community outreach to build a consensus regarding town finances, the budget, the conclusion of the Hetfield development project, and the support of local businesses.

He concluded by naming all of the fun events that take place in Moraga every year, from Cinco de Mayo, to the 4th of July, the Pear Festival and the Oktoberfest (which is, the Mayor confided, his favorite). "Moraga continues to be a great place to play, learn, live and one day, grow old," said Chew.

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