

# Sunflower Hill



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## SFH Livermore Review Set for Monday March 13, 2017- Please Attend!



Sunflower Hill Livermore, a proposed residential community for 44 individuals with developmental delays/special needs, is officially up for review at the March 13 Livermore City Council meeting. It will be held at 7 p.m. at 3575 Pacific Avenue. **Please plan to attend if you can!**

Designed similar to senior living, the proposed community will offer studio and one-bedroom units as well as a co-op living model with master bedrooms/baths and shared kitchen and living space.

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new buildings follow the architectural theme of the current home on site, which was designed by Robert Schenone, the grandson of Robert Livermore. [MidPen Housing](#) is serving as SFH's affordable housing partner for the project.

Earlier this month, the Pleasanton City Council unanimously approved SFH at [Irby Ranch](#), a proposed residential community for 30 individuals with special needs. [SAHA Housing](#) is working with Sunflower Hill as the affordable housing partner for this site.

If SFH Livermore is approved on March 13, the project timeline envisions groundbreaking in early 2018. SFH at Irby Ranch would follow one year later.

Sunflower Hill has just started a housing interest list for individuals and families interested in learning more about each property and the application process. To sign

up for the housing interest list, please click [here](#).

For detailed information on SFH at Irby Ranch, click [here](#).  
For information on SFH Livermore, click [here](#).

FAQ's on both projects can be found [here](#).



SFH at Irby Ranch

## Save the Date for Moonlight in the Vines!

A promotional poster for the 'Moonlight in the Vines' event. The top section has a green background with the text 'Save the Date!' in white. Below this is a dark purple background featuring a large, stylized red wine glass with a green vine and leaves. The text 'Moonlight IN THE Vines' is written in white and green. A full moon is visible in the upper right corner. At the bottom, a red banner contains the text: 'JOIN US! Saturday, July 29, 2017 Wente Vineyards Estates, Livermore 5 pm to 10 pm Tickets on Sale April 1!'. The text 'A Celebration to Benefit Sunflower Hill' is also present.

We have the date set for this year's annual gala, Moonlight in the Vines!

\*Saturday, July 29, 5:00-10:00 p.m.\*

We will be holding this exciting event at [Wente Vineyards](#) in Livermore!

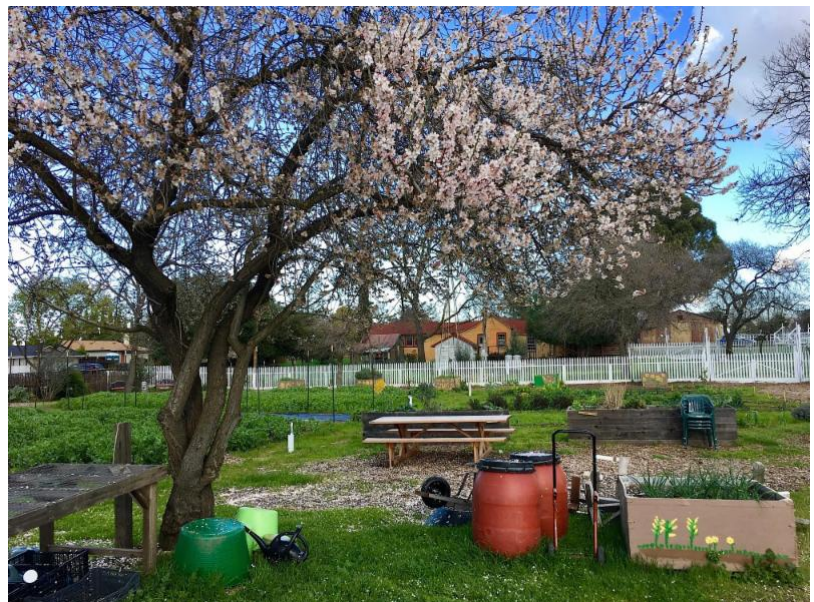
More info will be on our webpage soon regarding purchasing tickets, sponsorships and all the details.

So please SAVE THE DATE!!!

## Sunflower Hill Gardens

Sunflower Hill Gardens at Hagemann Ranch had a very productive garden in 2016, which was summarized in our [annual report](#), and 2017 is off to a great start!

We've had lots of rain the past few months, yet between the rains we have continued to work and run programs in the SFH Gardens. However, the weeds have been growing and we will soon begin prepping the fields and planting the plants, and we can use some volunteers to help with this. We have a great team and several special needs groups helping to maintain the garden, but would still love more volunteers to help us in the garden. If you are interested in helping us, we are there every



Tuesday, Friday and Saturday mornings from 9:00 a.m to 12:00 p.m, so please join us! For more information about the Volunteer days and times see our [website](#).

We had our first 2017 Family Workday on February 10, in which the focus was starting our seedlings for the Spring. Our next family workday is scheduled for Earth Day, April 22, when we will begin our Spring planting. See our [website](#) for more information and email us at [gardens@sunflowerhill.org](mailto:gardens@sunflowerhill.org) if you are interested in joining us!

## Charles' Story



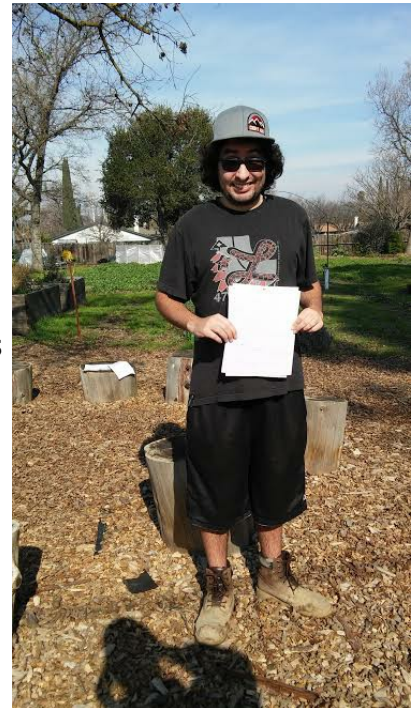
Our latest story in our series comes to us from Michele Plunge about her brother, Charles. You have probably seen Charles many times, walking around Pleasanton, shopping at Safeway, and always smiling. You can read Charles' story [here](#).

Thank you for sharing this with us, Michele!

## SFH Gardens Internship Program

We are excited to announce our newest intern - Cory Mantach! Cory has been working hard in the garden for over three months and just started his official internship in February. He is a hard worker and really enjoys helping to lead work teams during the special needs program. He is a great addition to our SFH Gardens team! Welcome Cory!!

We have additional garden internship opportunities. The overall objective of the program is to provide vocational training opportunities for higher functioning special needs individuals. It is designed to help develop horticulture job knowledge and skills, provide leadership opportunities, and general life skills. The interns are required to commit to working 2-3 half days in the garden, for a minimum of 7 hours per week. Interested applicants can begin by volunteering at the SFH Gardens and/or email [gardens@sunflowerhill.org](mailto:gardens@sunflowerhill.org) for more information.



## Thank you Pleasanton Weekly Holiday Fund!

Thank you again to the [Pleasanton Weekly](#) for including us in their 2016 Holiday Fund! The Rotary Club of Pleasanton hosted all of the nonprofits at their weekly meeting at Hap's on February 23, where the funds were distributed to the ten beneficiaries. These funds that were given to Sunflower Hill will go towards our two intentional communities as well as our garden. You can read the full article [here](#). Thank you, Pleasanton Weekly and all who donated to the holiday fund!



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