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Design Package for SFH Livermore submitted to the City!

Sunflower Hill, along with partners [MidPen Housing](#) and [Dahlin Architects](#), submitted an initial design package on July 15 to the city of Livermore for our proposed 45 unit residential community. This begins the official review process! "We are grateful for the strong support of our partners on this project," said Susan Houghton, SFH Board President. "There is a tremendous need for housing for individuals with developmental disabilities. Our proposed Livermore site will offer access to public transportation and community activities, while still allowing for the benefits of 'affinity' living." For more on the proposed Livermore community click [here](#).

Meanwhile, our proposed Irby Ranch/SFH site in Pleasanton is moving forward in the review process. ***Be sure to reserve Wednesday August 10th at 7 p.m. for the city of Pleasanton's Planning Commission meeting to discuss the Irby Ranch subdivision and our site. The meeting will be held at Pleasanton City Council Chambers - 200 Old Bernal Avenue. This is a critical meeting in the approval process. Please plan on attending to show your support! We're also looking for speakers to share their opinions with the commission.***

If you can attend, please RSVP to janeen@sunflowerhill.org. If you cannot attend, you can also show your support by sending an email to the city of Pleasanton Planning staff. Please address it to Jennifer Hagen at jhagen@cityofpleasantonca.gov and put Irby Ranch/Sunflower Hill as the title.

Let Pleasanton city leaders know that this is an important community priority!

For more on our proposed plans for Pleasanton, click [here](#).

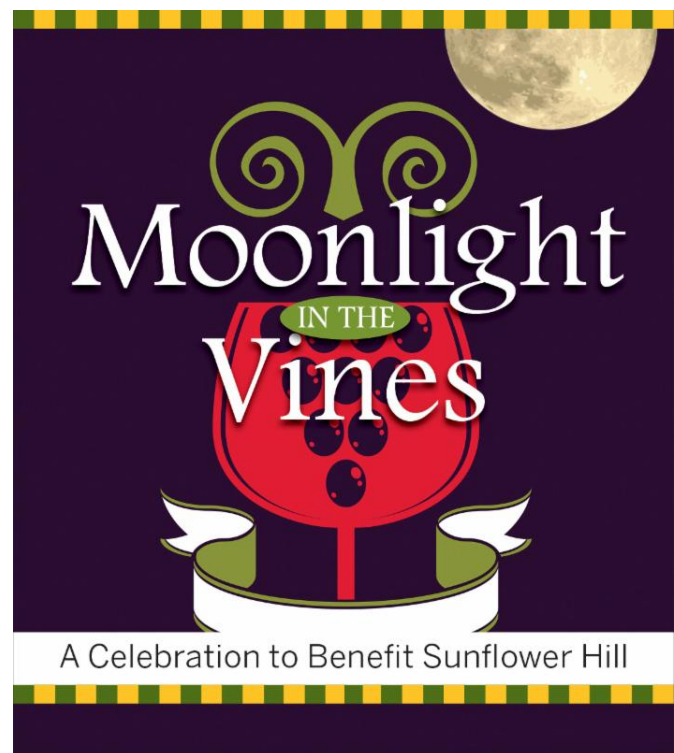


We'd Like to Thank All of our Moonlight in the Vines Sponsors and Donors!

We would like to once again thank all of our sponsors and donors!! They are listed on our [website](#). Please take a moment to check them out and show your support!

Moonlight in the Vines will be held this Saturday at the beautiful [McGrail Vineyards](#) in Livermore! We'll have live music and dancing, fabulous food, award winning wines, bocce ball, live & silent auctions, and much more! All proceeds to benefit Sunflower Hill and help further our mission to develop a community for individuals with special needs that provides for life-long residency options and quality activities/programming - akin to 'senior living.'

A very familiar face from television will be hosting the 2016 Moonlight in the Vines celebration. KTVU's longtime "Mornings on Two" anchor, [Dave Clark](#), will serve as the celebrity emcee! Clark, a respected journalist with more than 40 years of national experience, works with a number of non-profits and charitable causes in the Bay Area. He is the father of David, a young adult with special needs. Clark will be sharing not only his personal story as the parent of a child with special needs, but also why he believes the mission and vision and vocational programs of Sunflower Hill are important.



Our event is currently sold out and we are looking forward to seeing you under the stars!

Fresh Produce Available from Sunflower Hill Gardens!

You can now purchase local produce at Sunflower Hill Gardens at Hagemann Ranch. We are donating more than half of the produce harvested to several local low-income food pantries, as well as selling produce to several high end restaurants including Wente Restaurant & Catering, Double Barrel Wine Bar, Casse Croute Bakery, Handles, and Sideboard!



We have started our CSA program again! You can get a large box of fresh produce weekly (\$100/month) or bi-weekly (\$50/month) with this program. In addition, you can come to the SFH Gardens at 455 Olivina Avenue in Livermore to purchase produce every Tuesday, Friday and Saturday from 10-11:30 a.m.

We are currently harvesting tomatoes, kale, carrots, peppers, sage, cilantro, strawberries, patty pan squash, zephyr and magna squash, and lemon, Chinese, Japanese, and Armenian cucumbers! And we are also now harvesting delicious honey dew and honey yellow melons!! For more information go to our [website](#).

We would love to see you in the gardens to purchase produce and/or to come help out! We are always looking for volunteers to help with maintaining the garden. And we are in need of some volunteers with experience working with special needs individuals to help with our school programs. Please let us know if you're interested by emailing us at gardens@sunflowerhill.org.

Assemblywoman Catharine Baker visited our Sunflower Hill Gardens!



So great to have [Assemblywoman Catharine Baker](#) out to SFH Gardens last week for a tour and briefing. She's been a strong supporter of our vision and programs from her first week in office and we appreciate it! Our RES Danville program participants and SFH board members and volunteers were on hand to show off our garden!

To see all the photos from this fun day, please go to our [flickr page](#).

San Francisco Marathon Team Running for Sunflower Hill!

[Fidelity National Title East Bay](#) is participating in the San Francisco Marathon and raising money for Sunflower Hill while doing it! If you can, please check out Kyle Davies' [fundraiser page](#) and help support all his efforts. We are so grateful that they chose us to benefit from this huge feat and can't wait to hear how the marathon goes! Thank you to Kyle and the entire team at Fidelity National Title!

Save the Date! SFH Long Table Dinner August 27

Join us for our first Long Table Dinner in our Sunflower Hill Gardens at Hagemann Ranch on Saturday, August 27 at 5:00 p.m. We will be serving a delicious dinner made from produce grown in our Sunflower Hill Gardens prepared by Matt Greco, former Head Chef at Wentz Restaurant. The dinner will also feature local Livermore wine and accompanied by live music.

For registration and more information, please email gardens@sunflowerhill.org.



Meet our new Sunflower Hill Gardens Intern, Devan Rizzo!



Pictured here is Devan Rizzo with Sunflower Hill Board Member, Chris Bogert

We have formally added our second intern, 19-year-old Devan Rizzo! Devan has been coming out and doing good work 3 mornings per week for over three months. We are very pleased to have her officially join the program! Welcome Devan!!

What Will Happen To Adult Children With Autism?



Great story in this month's Forbes Magazine talking about what happens to adults on the spectrum after their parents are gone. "There are some 50,000 adolescents with autism who are turning 18 this year. That suggests that by 2023, a half million autistic kids will be joining the adult population."

[This article](#) is a good example of why we are creating Sunflower Hill.

