

**PARKS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES**

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Dear East Mace Ranch Park Neighbors:

The Parks and Community Services Department is excited to provide an update about the city's progress in developing our newest neighborhood park. Below are a few of the recent and upcoming milestones for the project:

- **The park has a new name:** The Davis City Council has approved a name for the park: John Barovetto Park. As you may have read in the park naming survey letter from the Parks and Community Services Department, or may have read in Wednesday's *Davis Enterprise*, the park is named after a native Davis resident, former Davis High School student body president, and volunteer youth sports coach. U.S Army Captain John Barovetto was a Vietnam War veteran, who voluntarily served two tours of duty, and was killed in battle en route to secure a downed aircraft in Vietnam. He was known for his sincere compassion and concern for Vietnamese children, and initiated Operation Helping Hand, asking Davis residents to collect food, clothing and toys for the residents of South Vietnam. At the direction of the City Council, the egret that frequents the site that will soon become John Barovetto Park will also be acknowledged by an egret graphic on park signage.
- **Park Construction scheduled to begin July 19:** A contractor has been selected for the park construction. Construction will be performed by Hemington Landscape Services, Inc., and John Barovetto Park is scheduled to begin construction on July 19, 2006. Hemington begins with "earthwork" –moving the soils and rocks to form the park infrastructure. Hemington also expects to use the park site itself for staging, so it is planned that construction vehicles will remain onsite during most of construction. A site plan for the project site is attached for your reference.
- **Updates available throughout construction:** The construction contract is being managed by the Public Works Department. The project liaison at City of Davis Public Works will be Kevin Burke at (530) 757-5686, or [kburke@cityofdavis.org](mailto:kburke@cityofdavis.org). Project updates can be viewed on city web pages at [www.cityofdavis.org/pw/cip](http://www.cityofdavis.org/pw/cip) and then looking for project #8136 –East Mace Ranch Neighborhood Park.
- **Grand Opening expected in early 2007:** The Parks and Community Services Department will be planning a Grand Opening celebration and will send an announcement as soon as a date is set for the opening of John Barovetto Park.

When completed, John Barovetto Park will be an outstanding addition to the East Mace Ranch neighborhood. Many East Mace Ranch neighbors have helped in the design and planning for the park. We appreciate their hard work and look forward to planning future services and programs in the park.

Sincerely,

Donna Silva  
Parks and Community Services Director