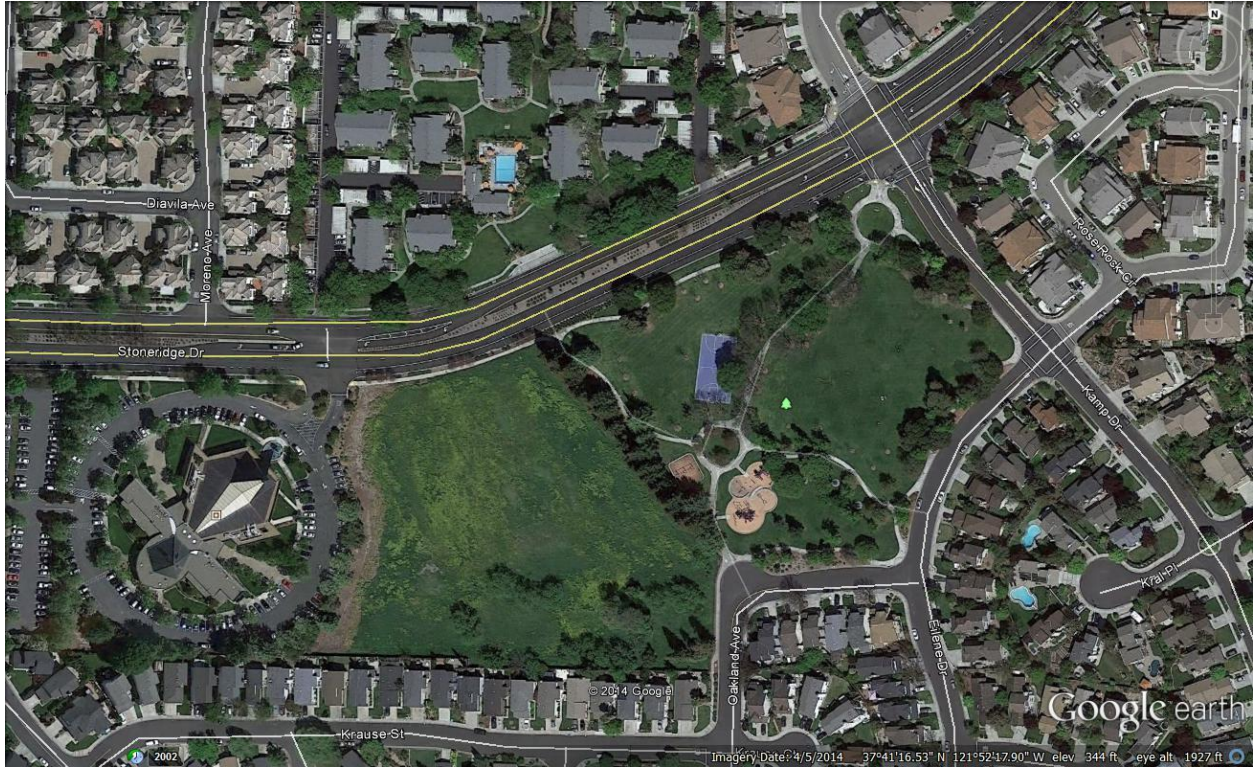


## NIELSEN PARK

Nielsen Park, consisting of 5.01 acres, is located at the intersection of Oakland Avenue and Kamp Drive, in the eastern portion of Pleasanton city limits. The park is about 1 1/2 miles south of Interstate 580 via Santa Rita Road, one of Pleasanton's main north-south thoroughfares.



## Nielsen Park

[Map courtesy of Google Earth]

Nielsen Park was formerly known as Oakland/Trenery Park. During the design process it was discovered that one of Pleasanton's citizens had grown up on the park site and requested that the park bear his family name, which provided the impetus for the name change to Nielsen Park. In May of 1983, the City approved the park site. In March of 1987, the City Council approved Nielsen Park as the permanent name for the proposed neighborhood park.

The surrounding environs are characterized by gently rolling hills and views beyond. The land was formerly utilized for agriculture; even now a few old farm implements can be found on the site, recalling its past. The land surrounding the park is zoned for future housing. The site is an ideal location for a neighborhood park.

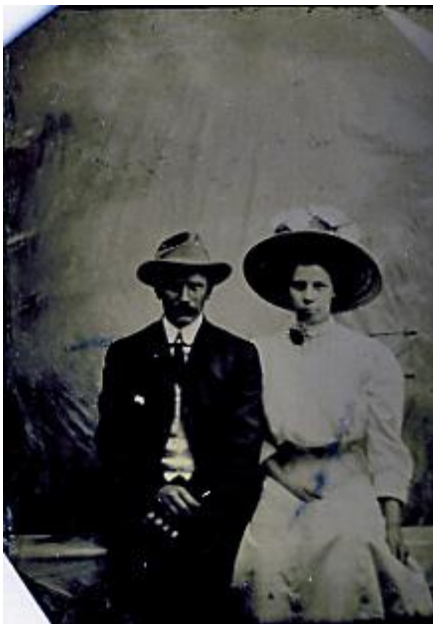
On November 17, 1987, the City Council approved the Master Plan for Nielsen Park as prepared by MPA Design. Heacox, Crutcher & Associates was retained to complete the construction documents for Nielsen Park; \$340,000 was budgeted for the project.

The residents in the growing neighborhood around undeveloped Nielsen Park had expressed considerable interest in the park. Since the public hearings for the Master Plan phase of the project were held prior to construction of many of the surrounding homes, this public hearing was scheduled to allow new residents of the area an opportunity to review the master plan and provide input.

The land for Nielsen Park was acquired thru park dedication fees and land acquisition of adjacent land owners.

In July 1988, the bid and award of contract for construction was granted to Valley Crest Landscape.

On Monday, June 11, 1990 at 6:30 P.M. Nielsen Park was Dedicated



Niels Peter Nielsen aka "Pete" was born October 25th 1885 in Brahetrolleborg, Konrith, Funen County, Island of Fyn, Denmark. When he was 18, he briefly joined the Danish military as was required by all young men in Denmark. He immigrated to Ellis Island from København, Denmark in 1904. He took the train from Ellis Island to Byron, California arriving in Byron in April of 1904. He then made his way to Pleasanton where he went to work as a laborer at the old Mohr Ranch on Pleasanton Ave, which is now Mohr Avenue.

Pete became a naturalized citizen of the U.S. on September 30th of 1909.

Emma was born Emma Christina Johnson on March 8, 1892 in Hayward, CA, daughter of Hans & Anna Marie Johnson both Danish immigrants who were born in Denmark.

Pete met his wife to be Emma Johnson at the Mohr Ranch as she was employed there as a housekeeper. They married in October of 1909 and moved to Oakland, California where their first son Edward Nielsen was born. After that they moved to Decoto, CA and then purchased a small farm off Oakland Avenue in Pleasanton.

The family lived and farmed on 60 acres of land on Oakland Avenue.



Emma & Pete had three children, Ed, Mel and Dorothy who grew up in the house on Oakland Avenue and went to school in Pleasanton.

They farmed this ranch until 1968 and they retired and moved into town

All three children resided in the Pleasanton area until their death. All three are buried in the Pleasanton Pioneer Cemetery, along with Pete & Emma Nielsen.

Niels Peter Nielsen, born on October 25, 1885 died on August 17, 1975, age 89y, 9m, 23d  
Emma Christina Nielsen, born March 8, 1892 and died on October 7, 1977, age 85y, 6m, 29d  
Edward Frederick Nielsen, born April 12, 1910 and died on November 24, 1998, age 88 y, 7m, 12d  
Melvin Howard Nielsen, born May 23, 1911 and died on October 5, 2001, age 90y, 4m, 12d  
Dorothy Margurite Andersen, born June 12, 1915 and died on March 5, 2003, age 87y, 8m, 21d

Pete and Emma also had five (5) grand-children who live in California, Washington, and Arizona.