

NORBECK ATHLETIC CLUB

A special zoning exception is being sought from the Montgomery County Board of Appeals for a state of the art indoor athletic facility to be located in the Olney area.

This flagship facility is planned to provide intergenerational recreational and athletic opportunities for thousands of Montgomery County residents. The facility will include a 6 lane indoor track, three turf-like indoor fields for soccer, lacrosse and field hockey as well as two courts for basketball, volleyball and badminton. The Norbeck Athletic Club will be conveniently located on the corner of Georgia Avenue (Rt. 97) and Norbeck Road (Rt.28) in the Olney area. It will be adjacent to the recently approved Golden Bear golf facility and close to Olney Manor Park and the Olney Swim Center.

The 200 meter indoor track will be the only one in Montgomery County or within many miles of the county. High school indoor track programs will be given scheduling preferences during their season. The multipurpose complex will accommodate league play and tournaments up to 14 hours a day most of the year and will also be available for special activities, clinics , summer camps and will serve as a training facility for future Olympians.

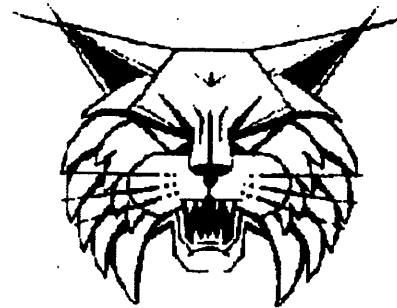
The Norbeck Athletic Club will be able to provide five separate state of the art athletic facilities to be used concurrently. Ancillary amenities including concessions and ample parking will also be available. The facility, if approved, is scheduled to open in the fall of 1998.

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Dear Mr. Marosy,

For the past 26 years , I have coached three sports for the Montgomery County School System . Ten of those years were spent coaching indoor track. I have spent countless hours attempting to influence people at the government level to include an indoor track in their development of any new recreational facilities. As you probably know, there is no indoor track facility in the county. With over 1000 students, participating in the winter track season, we are in need of a facility. The program has been successful , but costly as schools must travel great distances to compete.

In addition, having raised four children who have been active in a variety of sports, I can see a need for a facility which could also help the skill level for soccer, field hockey, and lacrosse during the winter. Attached are the signatures of coaches and students of Walter Johnson High School who feel that this would be a great help to the county. We hope that the zoning will be approved and that the county athletes will have the opportunity to use the Norbeck Athletic Club.

Sincerely yours,

**Gregory A. Dunston
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