

Dear Norbeck Grove Residents,

My name is Doug Sokol and I am a resident of the Norbeck Grove neighborhood. My wife and our 3 daughters have lived here for the last 10 years. I am presently the Director of Tennis at The Avenel Tennis Club in Potomac, MD. Recently, I have started a new company called Live Ball Tennis with my business partner and friend Andrew Majett who is a resident of the Reserve at Fair Hill. Our intent, in conjunction with the board of directors is to bring a tennis program to Norbeck Grove.

My daughters are participants on the swim team and I have seen firsthand how much fun all the neighborhood kids are having. Our goal is to introduce the game of tennis to the kids in Norbeck Grove and start them playing a sport that will truly last them a lifetime. In the future it is our goal to have a tennis team comprised of Norbeck Grove kids who will compete in matches against other clubs much like the swim team has meets against other swim clubs.

At **Live Ball Tennis** we do things differently. We have a belief that aspiring players should be motivated and guided through the tennis learning progression. There is a myth that is running rampant throughout many programs. This myth is that players will learn more or less (usually less) by player to player "osmosis." We do not believe in this. We think players need to be guided in their pursuit of their best tennis possible. Aspiring players need to be both instructed *and* left to discover on their own. What we offer at **Live Ball Tennis** is the ability to know when to do what on the tennis court.

Our goal is to spread our passion for tennis to the kids in Norbeck Grove. It is very important for kids to learn tennis the right way from the beginning so that they have a solid foundation. Once they are prepared for the game, they can learn to love it for a lifetime and they will have more fun than they could ever have imagined.

Please take the time to look over the programs that we offer. We have classes for every age group beginning at age 4 through high school age kids. If you have any questions or need more information please do not hesitate to contact us. We can be reached at (240) 498-6140 or by email at [liveballtennis@gmail.com](mailto:liveballtennis@gmail.com). We hope to see you out on the courts!

Sincerely,  
Doug Sokol  
Andrew Majett