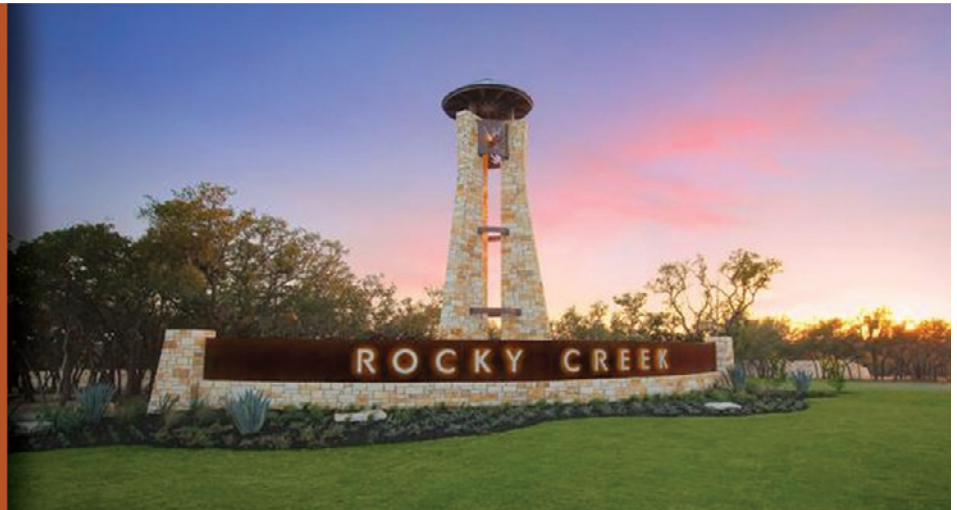


# THE ROCKY CREEK *Connection*

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWSLETTER



## ANNUAL BOARD MEETING IS FEBRUARY 12TH AT BEE CAVE ELEMENTARY AT 6:30PM

This is an especially exciting time as we are continuing our transition to a resident volunteer HOA Board. An election will be held to elect four residents to our five-member board. Resident board member, Sam Morrow, will continue to serve his two year term.

Please see the candidate's bios in this issue of the Rocky Creek Connection.

If you have questions please contact your HOA Service Team Manager, Megan Maedgen at [Megan.Maedgen@fsresidential.com](mailto:Megan.Maedgen@fsresidential.com).

## MEET THE CANDIDATES!

### David D. Black

**Bio:** I am happily married and have two wonderful children. I have a degree in Math and have been writing computer software for 23 years. I have owned my own software consulting company for 11 years. I am detail oriented and have excellent interpersonal and communication skills. Being a consultant, I have worked with many different kinds of people from many different places and backgrounds. This has helped me better develop my people skills.

**Have you ever served on an HOA board before? If so, please elaborate:** I served on the HOA for a previous neighborhood in Illinois for 3 years. I was originally encouraged to run by several neighbors at the time who thought I'd bring reason and fairness to neighborhood issues. I served in various roles on the 5-member board during my service and always tried to bring a sense of fairness and reason to all matters. I am confident that I succeeded.

**What goals do you have for the community if elected to the Board of Directors?** I'd like to keep the community a safe and fun place to live for all residents while maintaining fair, just, and reasonable consideration for concerns and issues presented. Everyone should be heard and have their chance to provide suggestions for the betterment of our community!

### Dustin Purkey

**Bio:** Our family has lived in Rocky Creek since 2013. My wife

Beth, is an ER Nurse, and our four daughters range in age from 6 to 20 (Kayley, Kadyne, Karter, and Kenzie). I work as an account manager for a technology company supporting the US Air Force. I have consistently volunteered at my children's schools and sporting organizations and I have a reputation of being a friendly and community focused individual. Our family has already had the opportunity to informally volunteer many hours to the neighborhood in the form of hosting and coordinating community social events. While many of you may recognize my last name from my wife's more public profile, I have been behind the scenes supporting most of the community events you have grown to love. Some of the things we've been responsible for include all community holiday celebrations at the pool, neighborhood CPR training classes, AED placement at the amenities center, and social media networking. I have enjoyed the time I've spent working on these projects and events to help create a community that I'm proud to belong to. In my spare time within Rocky Creek I enjoy using our access to open land for mountain biking and hiking. I look forward to more formally supporting Rocky Creek by volunteering for the board.

**Have you ever served on an HOA board before? If so, please elaborate:** I have not.

**What goals do you have for the community if elected to the Board of Directors?** My priority will be to ensure efficient operation

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# IMPORTANT NUMBERS

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## OTHER NUMBERS

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Bee Cave Library.....	512-767-6620
Municipal Court .....	512-767-6630
Lake Travis Postal Office.....	512-263-2458
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# ARTICLE INFO

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The Rocky Creek Connection is mailed monthly to all Rocky Creek residents. Residents, community groups, churches, etc. are welcome to submit information about their organizations in the newsletter. Personal news for the Stork Report, Teenage Job Seekers, recipes, special celebrations, and birthday announcements are also welcome.

If you have an article of interest to the community please submit to [rockycreek@peelinc.com](mailto:rockycreek@peelinc.com) by the 15th of the month. The newsletter can also be viewed online at [www.PEELinc.com](http://www.PEELinc.com).

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of the HOA in accordance with standards established by the governing documents and to bring continuity to the community during the transition from a developer controlled board to a homeowner board. I will work to represent the entire community of homeowners, promote a sense of “community”, protect the neighborhood’s property values and Rocky Creek’s unique character, and put a plan in place for the future.

### **Robert Cloke**

**Bio:** I am a born again Christian and our family of six are all walking with the Lord. We serve at, and attend Lake Hills Church. I have seen God bless my life from the day I was saved at age 26. The Lord has helped me build a very large Corporation. Many answered prayers and miracles have put my wife and I in a position to focus full time on the Lord and our 4 daughters. Jesus called me to serve others as He has retired me at age 53. I pledge to always filter my voting through my faith in Jesus Christ. Also, if elected, I will make myself available to our community for prayer. Thank you for your consideration.

**Have you ever served on an HOA board before? If so, please elaborate:** Corporate board only.

**What goals do you have for the community if elected to the Board of Directors?** I plan to put together a pre-approved plan and projects list for quick approval. Renegotiate propane gas prices or change provider. Make sure all bylaws are within the will and spirit of the community. For example, the golf cart and fireworks ban should be put to a full community vote. There should be a full review of all bylaws. Improve communication between the home owner, management and the board. My own personal experience with the HOA and FirstService was poor at best. I would immediately repair every broken area of management communication. Finally, and most importantly, every person living in Rocky Creek should be treated with respect, kindness and grace. The Rocky Creek community is more than just an account to FirstService Residential. As a Christian man, I have been married for 26 years and we have raised our four daughters in Christ. If elected, I will be available to serve all neighbors for consultation and prayer when needed. Thank you and God Bless, Robert Cloke.

### **Todd Allen**

**Bio:** A native Austinite who has returned home after more than 30 years in Los Angeles working in the film industry.

**Have you ever served on an HOA board before? If so, please elaborate:** In a minor capacity only. I stepped in to cover for a Board Member's absence on the architectural / landscape committee of a previous HOA, for a three to five-month period.

**What goals do you have for the community if elected to the Board of Directors?** If elected to the HOA Board, my goals would be to try to ensure that the community made the full transition to a resident-filled Board in the best possible way. We are nearing the

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end of the major construction phase in the final section but, until that happens, I'd also like to help ensure the safety of the streets of Rocky Creek by making sure the work trucks follow the signs, and the rules, and the speed limits. Many of them don't. I think more broadly, I would like to help keep the neighborhood home values on the upswing rather than a decline. Community landscape and maintenance can have a large impact on this. We have a beautiful little community here. As a Board member, I'd work to keep it that way.

## **Hari Ramachandran**

**Bio:** We came to Rocky Creek on 2011 when the community has started growing. Have 2 children one middle and one high school. My wife is a homemaker. We came from Hillsboro Oregon in search of Sun to Austin. I work in ARM as Principal Engineer.

**Have you ever served on an HOA board before? If so, please elaborate:** Yes, have held board of director position in Oakhurst HOA in Hillsboro OR. And played role as President and Secretary, was involved in shaping the Architecture Review Committee. Got the opportunity from the Community to serve as BOD for a term of 3 years and elected twice.

**What goals do you have for the community if elected to the Board of Directors?**

1. To know and work with fellow board members to provide a relevant and necessary HOA which will strive to strengthen and create a harmonious community for all of us to live and share it for a long time.
2. Using my past experience as HOA board member, will work with the board and the community to constitute different committees and get the homeowners engaged for a collective responsibility for the community
3. Work with the fellow board members and the community to chart the priorities for short term and long term community targets that we would like to achieve
4. Listen to all of our home owners, plan and work to channel our energy and resources to provide the best experience for all of us.

## **William Linder**

**Bio:** Healthcare executive with extensive experience in operations, strategy, merger and acquisition initiatives.

**Have you ever served on an HOA board before? If so, please elaborate:** Yes, served on the board for a multi-unit building in Chicago for 6 years.

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## Israel Zuela

**Bio:** I am a husband, and a father to a 6th grader at Lake Travis Middle School. Our family moved to Rocky Creek three years ago because of its small, family oriented community, vast nature trails, and natural beauty. I am a business owner with experience in leadership, collaboration, and team work. These are the necessary skills to be an effective board member. Please show your support for me as your board member. I am dedicated, and I will work hard to maintain a safe and beautiful neighborhood for all of our families to enjoy. Sincerely, Israel Zuela

**Have you ever served on an HOA board before? If so, please elaborate:** No

**What goals do you have for the community if elected to the Board of Directors?** I am interested in the position as a Board Member at Rocky Creek. I would like the opportunity to give back to the community by volunteering to help our neighborhood. I am a small business owner and possess a broad range of skills in addition to an expertise in financial management. With this knowledge I believe I would serve as an excellent advisor and board member. I have the willingness to dig into the details which takes hard work and commitment. I will take the time to review and understand our governing documents. I will strive to listen and include the

interest of our homeowners so that they know they are part of the process. It would also be my goal to be transparent and share information so that the community understands the decisions the board is making. I believe that the Rocky Creek community is a wonderful neighborhood with great amenities. I am dedicated, and I will work hard to maintain a safe and beautiful neighborhood for all our families to enjoy. Please vote and show your support for me.

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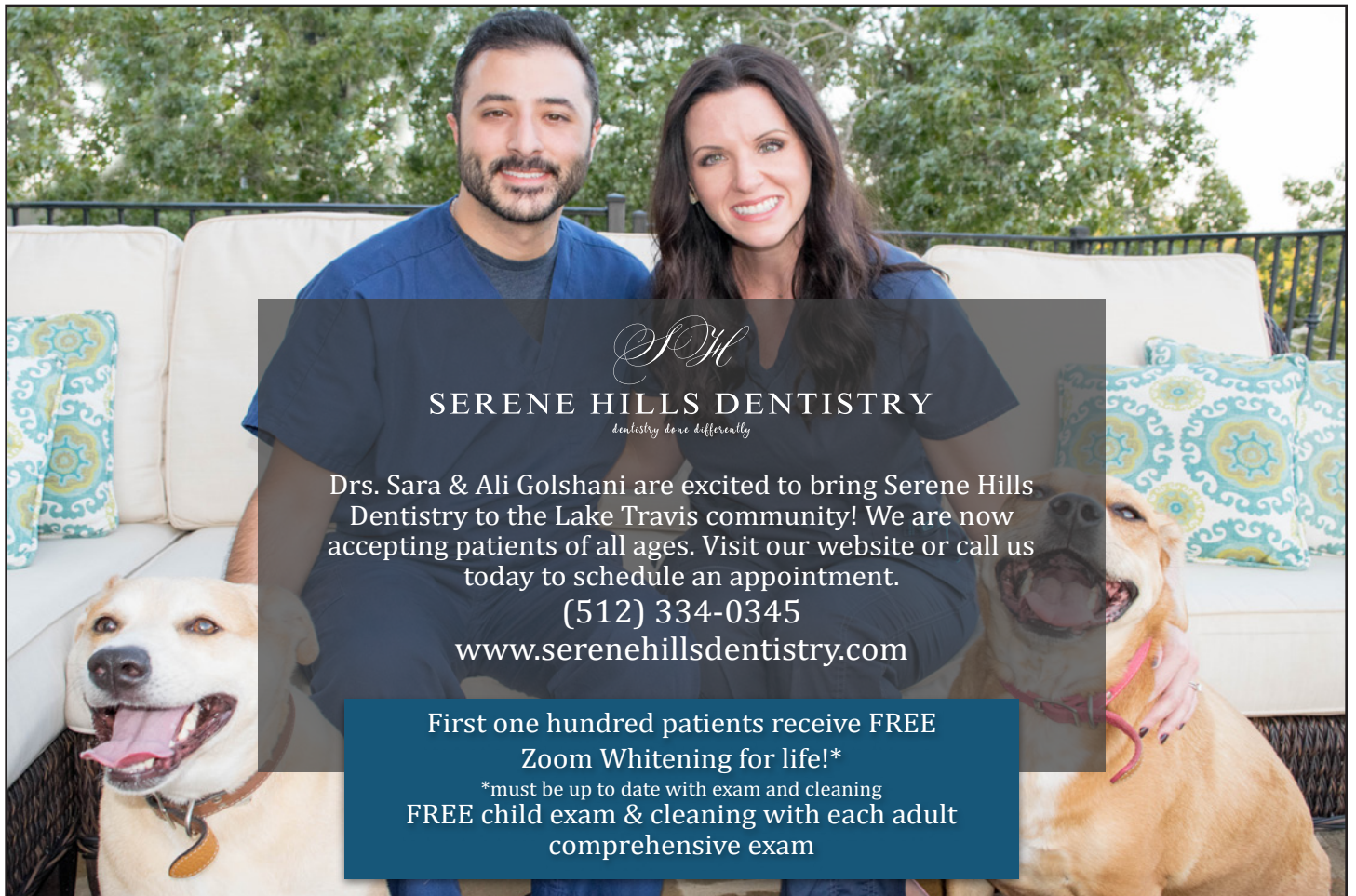
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Rocky Creek HOA

# TRASH DAY

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## HITTING THE SLOPES THIS SKI SEASON?

By Kelly Cunningham, MD, Sports Medicine specialist

As a former US Olympic Men's Ski Team physician and orthopedist, every year during the winter months I treat many ski & snowboard injuries in Austin recreational athletes of all ages and abilities.

For 15 years, as a traveling doctor for the team, I accompanied the athletes throughout the US, Canada and Europe on the World Cup tour and was responsible for the triage, stabilization, and treatment of injuries in these world-class skiers.

One of the most frequent questions I get this time of year from my patients who ski is

"How can I avoid hurting myself on the ski slopes?"

So what do I tell recreational skiers about staying healthy on the hill?

First and foremost, adjust to the altitude in your first few days. While there are medications that will improve your blood oxygen, they require a prescription and can have side effects. Perhaps the easiest to take along are low-dose aspirin or ginkgo biloba, as both are safe (unless allergic) and easy to take. Low-level exercise and lots of water (especially during the first night) are also key, as is

abstinence from alcohol during the first 24 hours at altitude. Early trip moderation equals a better mountain experience!

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Speaking of knees, in most solid, intermediate skiers, unlike beginners (learning to stop) and racers (ACL injury from shear forces), serious knee injuries are actually quite rare.

The best way to protect yourself from ski injury is:

- Get in good "ski-shape"
- 6 weeks of strength and some aerobic training will suffice
- Ski within your limits
- Stay relaxed, focused & well hydrated
- Watch out for that last, fatigued run of the afternoon
- If you fall, fall forward and throw your hands in front of you
- it's proven that less knee and shoulder injuries occur in the forward lean of a fall.

And always, always, wear a helmet!

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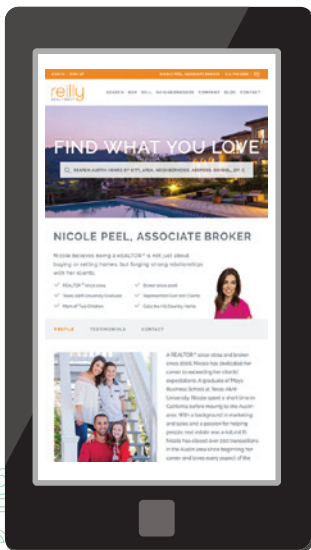
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