

## Stonegate E-Mail News of 2-24-06

**The bad news: the spa is down!** The worse news: we don't know when it will be back up. The heater failed and a warranty issue with the manufacturer is still unsettled. The manufacturer's rep will be here next week, and we hope that visit will resolve the issue so the repairs can begin. But we'll keep you posted.

**Call the cops!** Sure, you hate to do it. But there are times when it's not the Community Association's problem, or even the gate's problem, and the only sensible choice is to call the Scottsdale PD. The issue here is the difference between a deed violation and a crime. Yes, you do live in Stonegate. But you also live in the City of Scottsdale. So when you see a suspicious person or vehicle lurking nearby, call the cops. For domestic disturbances, domestic violence, or curfew violations, call the cops. When something happens which requires an immediate, professional response, the first call goes to the cops. For a crime in progress, call 9-1-1. For all other police matters, call (480) 312-5000. And if you think the Association should know about it, call (480) 391-9760. After hours, leave a voice mail on Executive Director Larry Paprocki's line, ext. 13.

**How to get a vendor in the gate.** Adding that vendor to your list by using QuickPass is a good choice. Even better, tell the vendor to go to the gate and apply for a vendor pass. That gets your vendor in the absolute minimum time.

**How not to get a vendor in the gate.** Probably the worst thing you can do is to give your painter, pool guy or pizza delivery kid a Stonegate gate card or clicker. That's such a bad idea that if we catch the vendor using a card, we'll take it away. Other bad ideas for admitting guests and vendors include going out to East Gate (or Retreat Gate or Regal Gate) and clicking them in. Anything that circumvents the proper admission of a vendor or guest through the main gate can end up costing you a fine. Our gate can do its best job if the residents do their best to work within the system. And QuickPass makes it so easy. If you don't know how to use QuickPass, we're happy to "walk you in" for your first visit. Just call the Community Center during office hours. (480) 391-9760.

**Lions and tigers and bears, oh my!** No, not really. But we sure do have bobcats, coyotes, and javalina. With the drought, we're getting more calls. These are wild animals and should be treated as such. Don't approach them. The bobcat is probably the least dangerous of the three, and the most frequently seen in Stonegate. The bobcats which hunt here are very savvy about humans, and often won't flee even if you cause a commotion. They may watch you. That's defensive behavior, not aggression. The bobcat is here for our rabbits – a good thing, since we have too many of them. And he knows a rabbit when he sees one. We do take bobcat reports. We'll ask when, where, what the cat was doing, and whether he looked healthy. As for coyotes and javalina, we want to know if they show aggressive behavior. Call (480) 391-9760, ext. 18. And as for the mountain lion which visited here, it has not been seen since October.