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Dear Friends and Neighbors:

I thought that we might be able to get away with it!....Let February just sort of go quietly into the night without any notice at all. We were doing so well with the warm temperatures, I don't think any of us minded, but we sure got caught in our short sleeves this week! February reminding us, "Hey, I'm still here, I may be short, but I'm Winter!"

On to a more promising month. March is usually when we start thinking about the fact that Spring is coming. Daylight savings time starts on the 11th, St. Patrick's Day is the 17th, and Spring begins on the 20th. It's a time when we begin to get outside more, because it's comfortable and also we have business to do with our lawns, gardens, and assorted outdoor pests that we have to do battle with every year. I guess it's a good time to remind everyone that we live very closely to one another. Hey, please be a good and considerate neighbor when you are outside this coming season and into the Summer and Fall, when you are outside having a party with your guests. Approximately 10pm should be about the time that the festivities go indoors.

I have some sad news to report. Our white Peking ducks in pond 2 as well as several other Cayuga ducks from pond 4 have recently gone missing or turned up dead. We believe that they were the victims of a predator such as a coyote or bobcat. In discussing this issue with our landscape provider, he suggested that because our water levels have decreased due to lack of rain, these types of predators move out of their normal hunting areas. Please be mindful of the potential for harm to your domestic pets and small children.

This month's issue of StoneHurst Plantation Living is full of great articles and information. There are reminders on the upcoming Easter Egg Hunt and to get your reservations in for the Kentucky Derby adult event coming up in May. Be sure to read the article on a free JEA sprinkler checkup, as valuable information for your lawn and garden. As always, Kathy's Kitchen has a recipe you might want to consider for your next meal. Our StoneHurst Spotlight will introduce you to another family here in our community. The DiRT Committee is hard at work, continuing to clean up our neighborhood. Please do your part. Some of the items that are being picked up by the team are disturbing to say the least.

For parents who have children entering Pre-K and Kindergarten this fall, your registration dates are rapidly approaching. Don't miss them!

Regards,  
Jeff Adams