Welcome to the current issue of our newsletter that focuses on the landscape and garden. This newsletter is aimed at the home horticulture/master gardener audience. Mary Kay Malinoski and Dave Clement are coordinating it and please send any contributions to us.

**Insects and Other Pests by Mary Kay Malinoski, Diseases by David Clement, Extension Specialists, Home and Garden Information Center**

Here is our first spring issue of the landscape HortTips newsletter. Looks like an early spring and here are some galleries of what’s happening in the landscape.

The blizzard created huge piles of snow which caused collateral damage to plants and turf.

Bird’s nest spruce with a broken branch from being buried in snow.

This euonymus got in the way of a snow plow.

Turf scooped up and tossed by the snow removal equipment onto the parking island.

Large divets in the turf from a plow that went off course.
Things to scout for in the landscape:

Young Eastern tent caterpillars on their webbing on an ornamental cherry.

Mature female Kermes scale on a red oak.

Egg case from Eastern tent caterpillar.

Japanese maple scale on fothergilla.
Mantid egg mass on sage. If you find multiple egg masses near each other, move them around the landscape. The young mantids are cannibalistic and will eat each other if no prey are around.

A male carpenter bee peeking out of his hole. Note the white spot on his head.

A brown marmorated stink bug that just ventured out from its overwintering site.
Sure signs of spring: mulch volcanoes and those pretty white flowered trees that seem to be everywhere!

Fresh mulch volcano

The very invasive Bradford pear in an industrial area (but they are all over the place).

Bloodroot, a sign of spring that is welcome and not invasive!

Please send all submissions, including photos to Mary Kay Malinoski, mkmal@umd.edu or to David L. Clement, clement@umd.edu. Thanks and please contribute!

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