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Winter Projects

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A few tips from Maverick on outdoor – and a couple of indoor -- maintenance projects to put on your To-Do list, and then do them!

Clean out culverts and gutters.

Make sure your outdoor drainage system doesn't direct water over your neighbor's property.

Cut back dying branches.

After the good rain storms that are surely coming (aren't they?), get out there and pull up Scotch broom both on your property and on the trails as you hike them. Get the kids to help.

Prune blackberries.

How about adopting a section of a trail that your family takes responsibility for – cutting back blackberries, pulling broom, etc.? Contact Maverick (himaverick6@gmail.com) to tell him what section you've adopted.

Inside: check your smoke detectors and replace your furnace filter.

In case you haven't already done so, sign up at sparetheair.org, to receive alerts by phone, email, Facebook, Twitter, etc. etc. – maybe they'll even send a drone your way to drop you a message. It's in the middle column of the home page under "Check Before You Burn".

With tax time coming, when thoughts turn to tax shelters and estate planning, please give a thought to establishing an endowment for HVL. It is a 501c3 nonprofit and would use your endowment effectively and judiciously for the trail, park, and fire fuel reduction work we do.