



DuPont Friday Letter

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On New Year's Resolutions...

Welcome back and best wishes for a wonderful 2014! Did you make your New Year's resolutions? Lose this, find that, quit something, do the other, be nicer, study more, blah, blah, blah. The big ones I'll leave to you. Since I have around a couple hundred words or so, I'd like to use them to offer a few thoughts on making smaller changes in 2014. You'll probably feel better and DuPont will be even nicer than it is.

If you know what I look like today (besides having great pity for my wife and kids I imagine) it's absolutely tragic to learn that I have lost 90 lbs in the last 6 months. Meaning, if you look at me today, thin and fit are not YET words that spring to mind (but, by thunder, they better be when I lose those last 45). However, if you saw me in July, by now you'd notice the change. So it goes with significant change: hardly noticed at first but very apparent over time when a small effort is continuously applied. For you math nuts out there, the formula is thus: $C_{sig} = E_{small}/t$

I am the expert in Resolution Remorse as guilt overcomes me when I write that February check for the gym membership, treadmill, Insane Asylum workout program, or whatever else sounded great on January 1st. In case I'm not alone in the rickety USS *Woe is Me*, how about this year we change things up? I'll take some measure of solace in the fact that I also decided to apply that formula of a small effort over time to where I live.

In 2014, I'll make sure my dogs don't leave presents for my neighbors, I'll pick that piece of trash up even if I didn't drop it and I'll make it a point to get to know my neighbors and help them if they need it. Yours will be different, but you get the gist. By next July, I expect we'll all notice our little efforts are working. Good Luck!



Community Announcements & Reminders

<http://www.dupontwa.gov/events.php>

If the sky magically clears tonight, look low on the horizon : the Northern Lights are supposed to be out, though not as strong as last night.

-Jan 13 Planning Agency Mtg Canceled.

-Jan 13 Parks Agency Meeting. 6 p.m. City Hall

-Jan 14 City Council Meeting. First of the year and a big night: our new Council Members are being sworn in! 7 p.m. City Hall

-Jan 15 Lion's Club Mtg. 7:30 a.m. (they do get going early) at ACU.

-Jan 15 Steilacoom ACE Day.

-Jan 20 (Seattle), Jan 25 (DuPont) Urban Campfire: Girls Edition. Register here: <http://thecravecompany.com/urbancampfire/girlsedition/register/>

2014 Look Ahead:

2014 will bring exciting topics in 2014. Some of the major policies and issues the Mayor and Council will address include starting the Comp Plan Update, Marijuana Licensing (no snacks at those meetings, sorry), upkeep of Center Drive, the arrival of Amazon, most City Employment contracts and much more. Don't be upset if I missed your topic: stay tuned to the Friday Letters. You can always see the subject of the meetings in the Announcements & Reminders.