

The last day to register to vote is October 9, 2007

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Subject: DNC list for cell phones

Dear editor,

Thank you for publishing any and all articles which may help the citizens of Golden better protect their homes and families from no good doers. In some cases, this may even include telemarketers. In Vol.7, No. 3 Golden, Colorado July 2007 of The Voice of Golden, you published an "advisory" on page six (6) titled "Subject: Cell Phone No Call List!", which warned of cell phone numbers being released to telemarketing companies on [or about] July 23. This article included the National DO NOT CALL list phone number and suggested that readers protect themselves from unwanted calls and possibly billing charges by registering their cell phone numbers with this call list.

However, after reading the notice and instructions posted by this registry on the official website, it appears that cell numbers will not be released to telemarketers and it is not necessary to list our cell phone numbers with the DNC registry. Below is the actual webpage from the Federal Trade Commissions website.

I did register my cell number with the DNC list anyway.

Bill B.

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The Truth about Cell Phones and the Do Not Call Registry

Despite Re-Circulating E-mail, It is Still Not Necessary to Register Cell Phone Numbers

As the number of phone numbers on the National Do Not Call (DNC) Registry surpassed 139 million, the Federal Trade Commission today reiterated that despite the claims made in e-mails circulating on the Internet, consumers should not be concerned that their cell phone numbers will be released to telemarketers at any time in the near future. In addition, according to the agency, it is not necessary to register cell phone numbers on the DNC Registry to be protected from most telemarketing calls to cell phones.

The truth about cell phones and the DNC Registry is: Contrary to the e-mail, cell phone numbers are NOT being released to telemarketers, and you will NOT soon be getting telemarketing calls on your cell phone.

There is NO deadline by which you must register your cell phone number on the Registry.

Federal Communications Commission (FCC) regulations prohibit telemarketers from using automated dialers to call cell phone numbers. Automated dialers are standard in the industry, so most telemarketers are barred from calling consumers on their cell phones without their consent.

The national associations representing telemarketers have stated that their clients do not intend to start calling consumers' cell phones.

There is only ONE DNC Registry. There is no separate registry for cell phones. The DNC Registry accepts registrations from both cell phones and land lines. You must call from the phone number that you want to register. If you register online, you must respond to a confirmation e-mail.

While the telecommunications industry has been discussing the possibility of creating a wireless 411 directory, according to the FCC, even if a wireless 411 directory is established, most telemarketing calls to cell phones would still be illegal, regardless of whether the number is listed on the federal government's National Do Not Call Registry.

For More Information

To learn more about the National DNC Registry and the rules that enforce it, visit the FTC at www.ftc.gov or the FCC at www.fcc.gov.

For more information about a planned "wireless 411" directory, visit <http://www.qsent.com/wireless411>.

The FTC works for the consumer to prevent fraudulent, deceptive, and unfair business practices in the marketplace and to provide information to help consumers spot, stop, and avoid them. To file a complaint in English or Spanish (bilingual counselors are available to take complaints), or to get free information on any of 150 consumer topics, call toll-free, 1-877-FTC-HELP (1-877-382-4357), or use the complaint form at <http://www.ftc.gov>. The FTC enters Internet, telemarketing, identity theft, and other fraud-related complaints into Consumer Sentinel, a secure, online database available to hundreds of civil and criminal law enforcement agencies in the U.S. and abroad.

Do you own a small business and live in Golden? Do you feel that the City Council spends a lot of money for the benefit of downtown and really ignores you and the issues you face? If you would be interested in organizing a group to make your voice heard, contact Marian Olson, a small business owner, to start a Yahoo Group so you can communicate on the internet without taking up time for meetings and such. E-mail her at moaa@ix.netcom.com

Weed rules are not applied evenly. Have you noticed any houses where the weeds are tall? The city council has not directed the city manager to assure that the weed ordinance is applied evenly. There are some situations where code enforcement seems to zoom in on a property owner and then there are others where they ignore the weeds. Do you think the ordinances should be applied evenly to all?

Golden - A walkable community? What a BAD JOKE!

Did you see the Informer ?- "Golden is America's Newest Walkable Community" - Good Grief! The "expert" cites things close to downtown to support this. He certainly did not subtract from this rating the places where couples or mothers and children are walking - one on the sidewalk and one in the street because there is not room for two on the sidewalk. He certainly did not subtract from this rating the places where there is no sidewalk. All this proves is that, for years, the city council has approved and supported projects that are intended to benefit the downtown merchants rather than the citizens.

He said, "NO" to a pedestrian bridge Highway 6 and 19th Street. Did you notice that he didn't mention a pedestrian bridge at Highway 6 and Heritage Road to support development for FasTracks. Do you suppose nobody mentioned it to him? He made mention of the parks. He did not subtract for the lack of parks on the south end of Golden. Nobody told him we could have had a park at the old Mitchell School site that is now densely filled with buildings. Recall that those five acres were given for free to the developer

The expert described Golden as "one of America's most quintessential small towns at the very heart of the Rocky Mountain experience, and only a short drive to Denver." Is Golden REALLY still a small town or has it become an "everywhere USA" city? He commented that Golden attracts visitors and residents alike. If Golden continues to attract residents and the city council continues to support exceptions to the 1% growth ordinance, the 40,000 population goal of the City Council's Vision 2010 document will be met before we know it.

GOLDEN URBAN RENEWAL AUTHORITY (GURA) is reportedly about \$8 million in debt.

Yet they are funding a web site pilot program for downtown businesses. Reports show its office is running up utility bills in the hundreds of dollars a month. The office is run by Mark Heller who is VERY involved in the sustainability activity of the city. Rumor has it that he aspires to be city manager when Bestor leaves the position. Have we had enough yet?

Editorial by Alex Propine

Yesterday an extraordinary woman said to me, "In order for me to move forward in my life, I had to understand first that I am not a human being seeking to have a spiritual experience but rather I am a spirit having a human experience." Perhaps this is a lesson each one of us could benefit by learning. We are born onto this planet a complete success. In the grand drama of alpha to omega success happens when we take that first breath and life begins. What we make of that experience - first breath until the last, what is dumped upon us, what we dump upon others and our tiny blue marble Earth, that is what counts.

How can we manage if we are abused and beaten, if all around us is hatred and jealousy? How can it possibly be that, in our country, abundance overflows yet we starve for simplicity? If we were to keep in touch with the beauty of our own tiny little piece of spirit having a human experience maybe our actions, inactions, our decisions and indecisions would be more respectful of existence. From that simple understanding maybe we could overcome the wars without and the wars within.

How different the planet would be right now if we had respect for what we are that is breathing. Would we fight? Would we toss our trash out the windows, lit cigarette butts igniting the brush? If we understood that no one is any better than anyone else,

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