

## Do Less Better: Using Social Media to Engage Constituents

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# Why Social Media Matters for Non-Profits

## WHY IS SOCIAL MEDIA IMPORTANT FOR NON-PROFITS?

- Reach, Engage & Connect
- 2. Drive Traffic
- Increased exposure through shareable content
- Create momentum & build community
- Marketing tools
- Extending PR reach





# Why Social Media Matters for Non-Profits

- Engage & connect
- Drive web traffic
- Increase exposure
- Inexpensive marketing
- Extend PR reach
- FUNDRAISING



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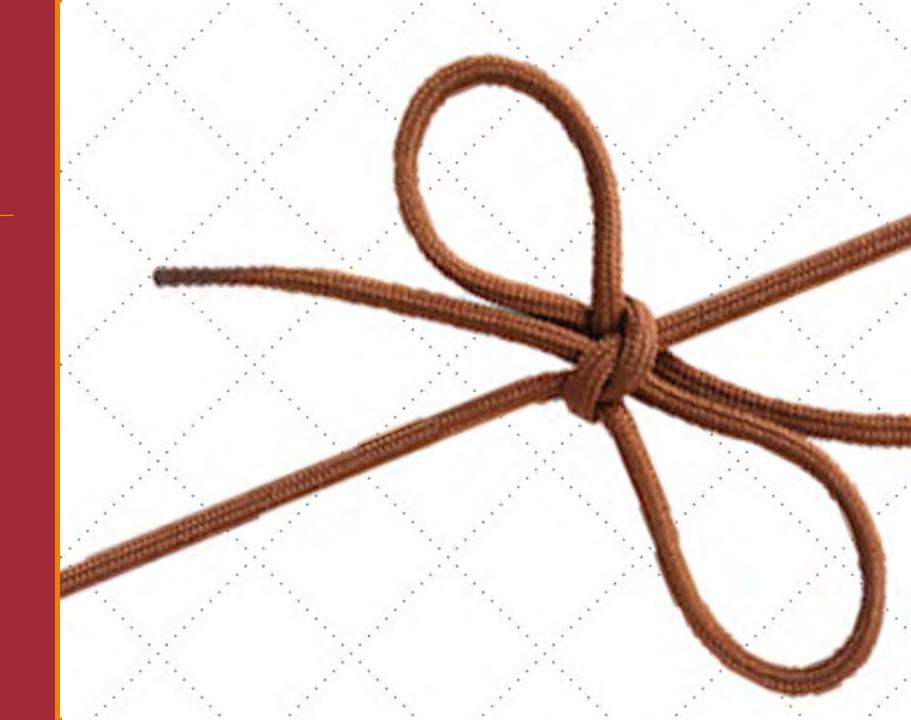
GENERATIONAL BREAKDOWN				
	MILLENNIALS 1981-1997	GEN Xers 1965-1980	BOOMERS 1946-1964	MATURES 1945 or earlier
Number of nonprofits supported (average)	3.7	3.4	4.1	5.5
Total \$ donations in past year (median)	\$238	\$465	\$478	\$683
Preferred donation method	Online	Online	Check in the mail	Check in the mail
Preferred communication frequency	2X MONTH OR MORE	MONTHLY OR MORE	MONTHLY OR MORE	QUARTERLY OR LESS
Preferred causes to support	36%	39%	C † ★ 42%	G <sup>†</sup>
	33%	31%	39%	39%

Source: Aliba

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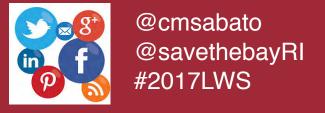
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### Audience Direction

- What do you want to know?
- What are your challenges?



- Choosing the Right Platform
- Brand Your Assets
- What to Post?
- About those Newsfeed Algorithms
- Encouraging Engagement
- Expanding Post Reach
- Post How Often?
- Social Media Calendaring
- Pre-Scheduling Posts
- Fundraising

### You can't do it all!

- Facebook
- Twitter
- Instagram
- Snapchat
- Pinterest
- LinkedIn
- Google+
- And more

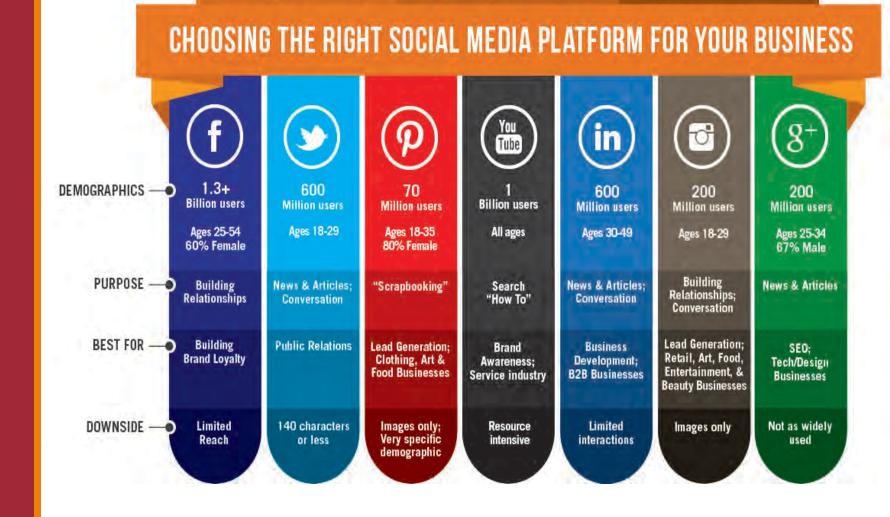




- Who is your target audience?
- What are your social media goals?
- Which platforms will enable you to reach both?



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How can you reach them?

What are your goals?

Who is your audience?





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### 79% of online adults (68% of all Americans) use Facebook

% of online adults who use Facebook

All online adults	79%
Men	75
Women	83
18-29	88
30-49	84
50-64	72
65+	62
High school degree or less	77
Some college	82
College+	79
Less than \$30K/year	84
\$30K-\$49,999	80
\$50K-\$74,999	75
\$75,000+	77
Urban	81
Suburban	77
Rural	81

Note: Race/ethnicity breaks not shown due to sample size.

Source: Survey conducted March 7-April4, 2016.

"Social Media Update 2016"

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## 24% of online adults (21% of all Americans) use Twitter

% of online adults who use Twitter

All online adults	24%
Men	24
Women	25
18-29	36
30-49	23
50-64	21
65+	10
High school degree or less	20
Some college	25
College+	29
Less than \$30K/year	23
\$30K-\$49,999	18
\$50K-\$74,999	28
\$75,000+	30
Urban	26
Suburban	24
Rural	24

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### 32% of online adults (28% of all Americans) use Instagram

% of online adults who use Instagram

All online adults	32%
Men	26
Women	38
18-29	59
30-49	33
50-64	18
65+	8
High school or less	27
Some college	37
College+	33
Less than \$30K/year	38
\$30K-\$49,999	32
\$50K-\$74,999	32
\$75,000+	31
Urban	39
Suburban	28
Rural	31

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### 29% of online adults (25% of all Americans) use LinkedIn

% of online adults who use LinkedIn

All online adults	29%
Men	31
Women	27
18-29	34
30-49	33
50-64	24
65+	20
High school degree or less	12
Some college	27
College+	50
Less than \$30K/year	21
\$30K-\$49,999	13
\$50K-\$74,999	32
\$75,000+	45
Urban	34
Suburban	30
Rural	18
Employed	35
Not employed*	17

Note: Race/ethnicity breaks not shown due to sample size.

\*Not employed includes those who are retired, not employed

for pay, disabled or students.

Source: Survey conducted March 7-April 4, 2016.

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### 31% of online adults (26% of all Americans) use Pinterest

% of online adults who use Pinterest

All online adults	31%
Men	17
Women	45
18-29	36
30-49	34
50-64	28
65+	16
High school or less	24
Some college	34
College+	34
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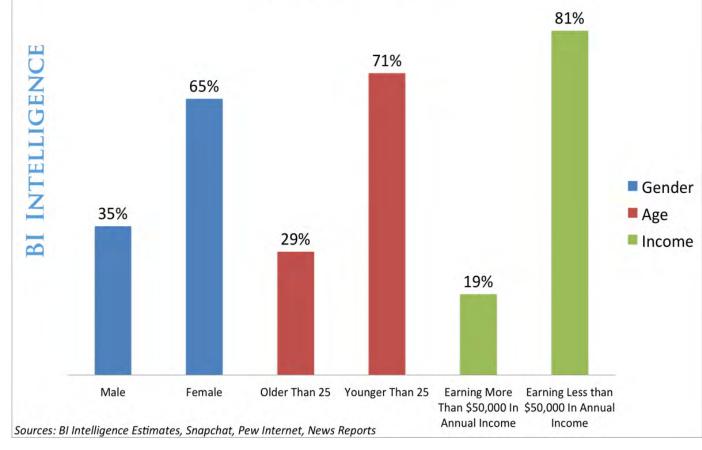


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## Snapchat Demographics In 2014: Users Are Mostly Girls/Women, And People Younger Than 25

% Of Snapchat Users Who Are ...







- Avatars
- Colors, Images
- Username
- About/Bio
- Voice







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Follow

109 posts

1,195 followers

15 following

Audubon Society of RI Connecting People With Nature www.asri.org

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improves the ecological health of the

Narragansett Bay region, including its watershed and adjacent coastal waters.



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Follow

440 posts

1.888 followers

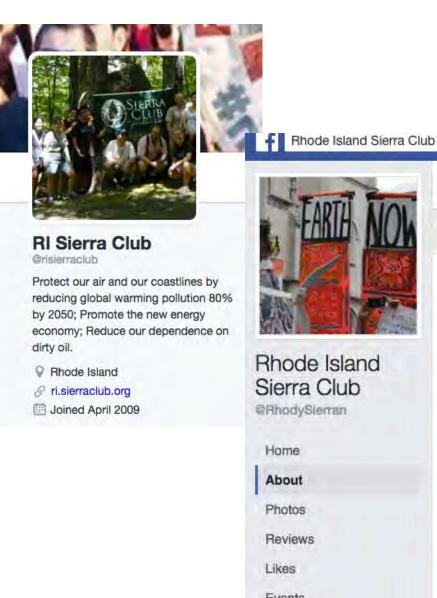
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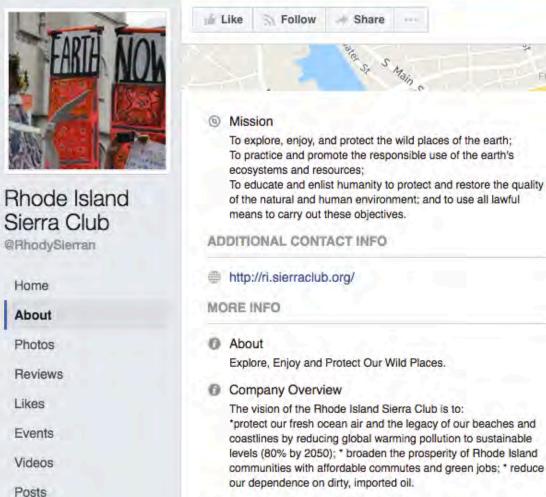
Save The Bay -Narragansett Bay To protect & restore Narragansett Bay. Tag us in your favorite Bay photos #savethebayri www.savebay.org/art

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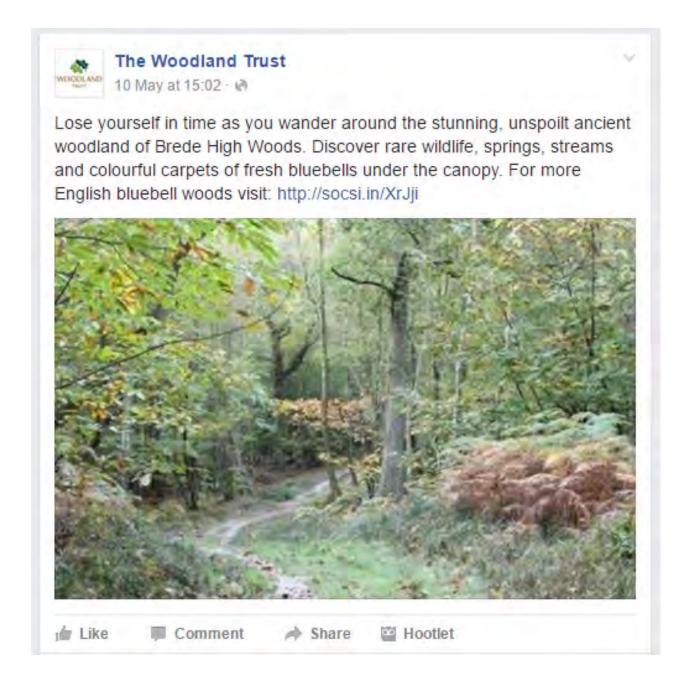


Environmental Conservation Organization

## Reinforce Your Brand

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## Establish some ground rules for your brand voice. For example:

- Never mention politics (or always mention politics)
- Don't be afraid to use humor
- Never use slang spelling
- Don't be overly scientific (or always be overly scientific)
- Don't acknowledge religious holidays.
- Etc...





- Repurposed Content
- NewsJacked Content
- Seasonal Programs
- Annual Events
- Fun Stuff



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### Save The Bay - Narragansett Bay

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Mr. Trigger; Our Saltiest Freshwater Friend. By Rebecca Proulx, communications intern. #Blog #Blogger



### Mr. Trigger; Our Saltiest Freshwater Friend

By Rebecca Proulx, Communications intern Our Narragansett Bay welcomes numerous travellers from distant waters, but few possess the strong p...

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577 people reached

**Boost Post** 

- Repurposed Content
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Save The Bay @SaveTheBayRI · Mar 3

Sarah Cody @ @SarahCodyMedia

like you had quite the time! #TGIF #Newport

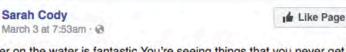
Thanks for coming out, @SarahCodyMedia and @FOX61News! Looks

A new side of #Newport: visit #seals that spend winters in the 'City by the

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Summer isn't the only time to enjoy Narragansett Bay! Thanks for coming out, Sarah Cody and FOX 61! #SealTours #Newport #TGIF



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A new side of Newport: visit the harbor seals that spend winters in the 'City by the Sea'

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- **NewsJacked Content**
- Seasonal Programs
- **Annual Events**



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Bay restoration has a long history of bipartisan support. Electeds have consistently pursued a legacy of clean H2O.



Opinion | Save the Bay: Slashes to EPA funding would reverse years o...

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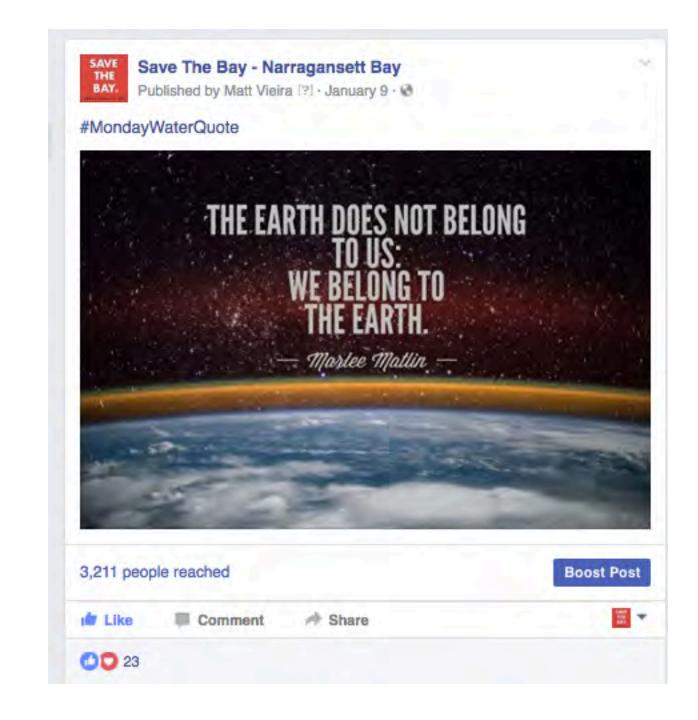


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### Some Tools:

Wordswag
Instaquote
A Beautiful Mess

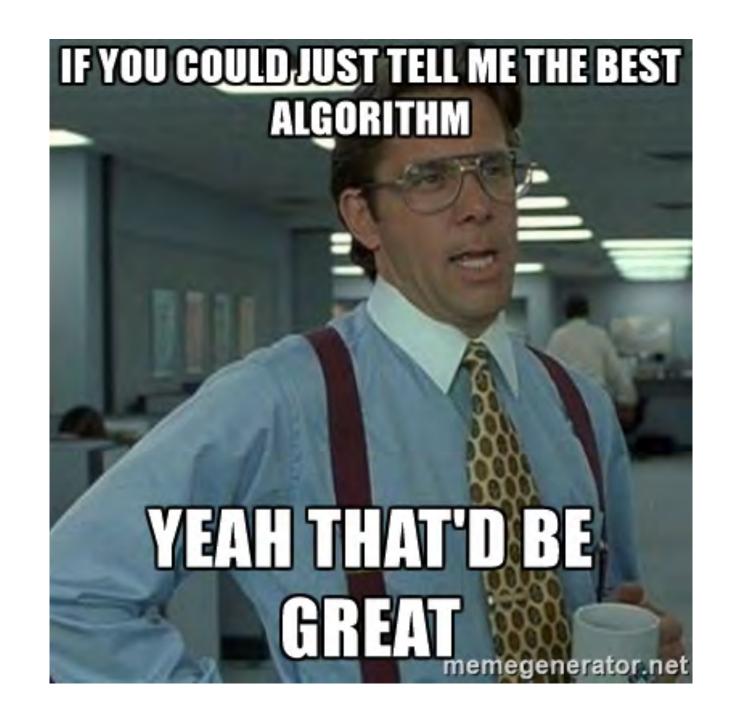




# Expand Your Post & Page Reach

- Calls to follow on everything
- Sharing
- FB's Suggested Pages
   Feature
- Boosted posts

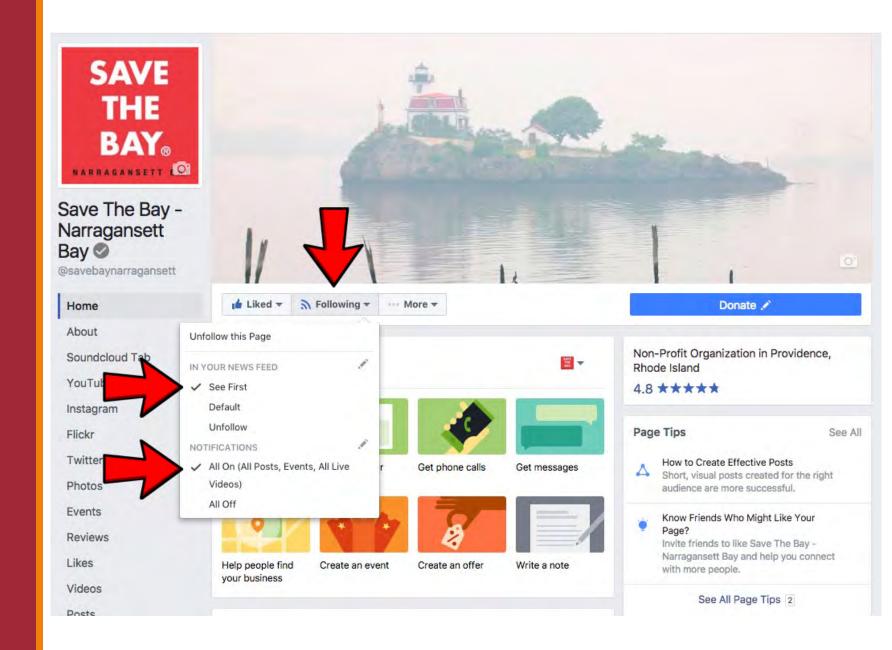




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Internal Ambassadors

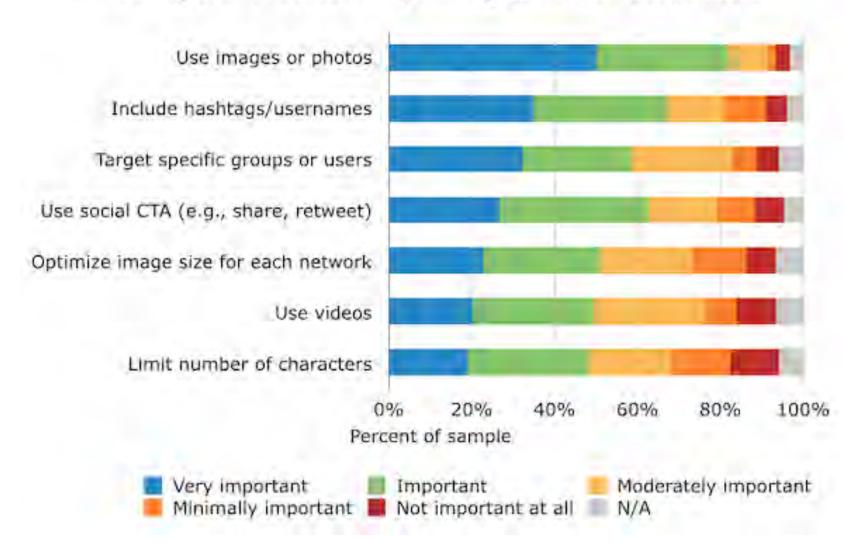




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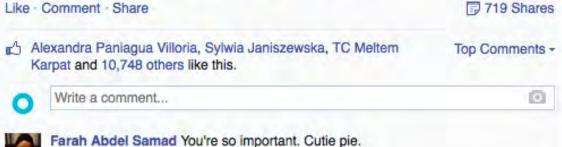
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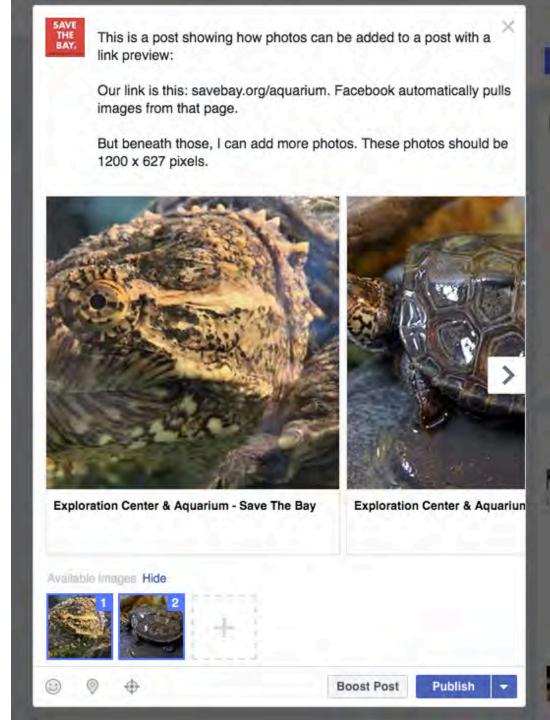
Hi! I'm a sniffer dog and I am part of the global effort to stop illegal wildlife trade. Find out more about my work: http://wwf.to/Zg4IOe





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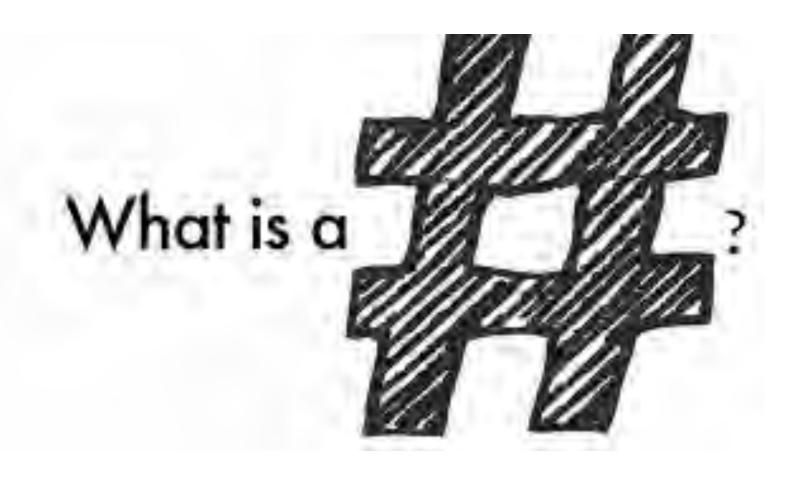
### **Post Image Optimization**

- Facebook:
  - With text: 1200 x 630 or 1200 x 717
  - Added to links: 1200 x 627
- Twitter:
  - 440 x 220 or 1024 x 512
- Instagram:
  - 1080 x 1080 (for photos with text)

https://makeawebsitehub.com/social-media-image-sizes-cheat-sheet/

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students, postdocs, & faculty - interested in attending the #MarchforScience on #EarthDay April22nd? Come with us! Support the facts!



### MARCH FOR SCIENCE

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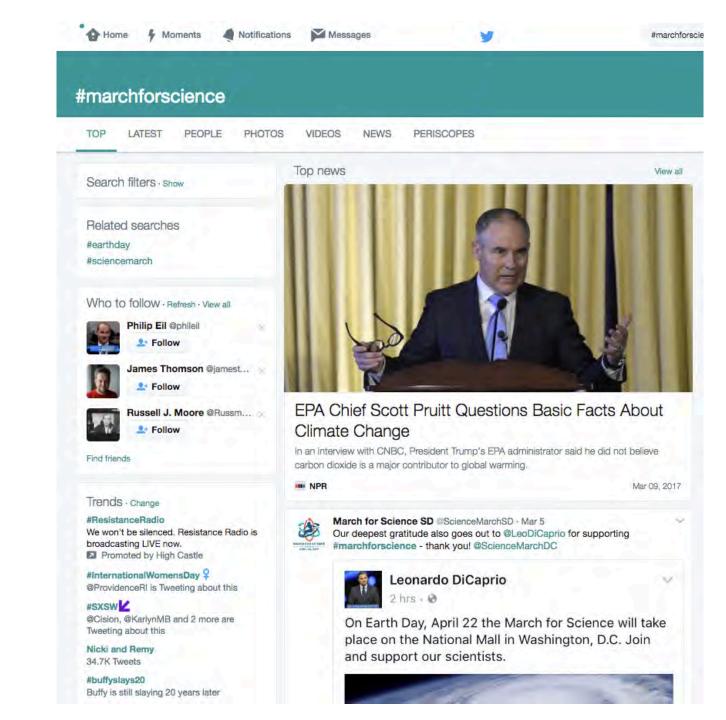
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RI Land Trust Days @RILandTrusts · 21 Nov 2016

@REI will be closed Black Friday to #OptOutside. Discover 13 guided walks at rilandtrusts.org #RILandTrusts!



RI Land Trust Days







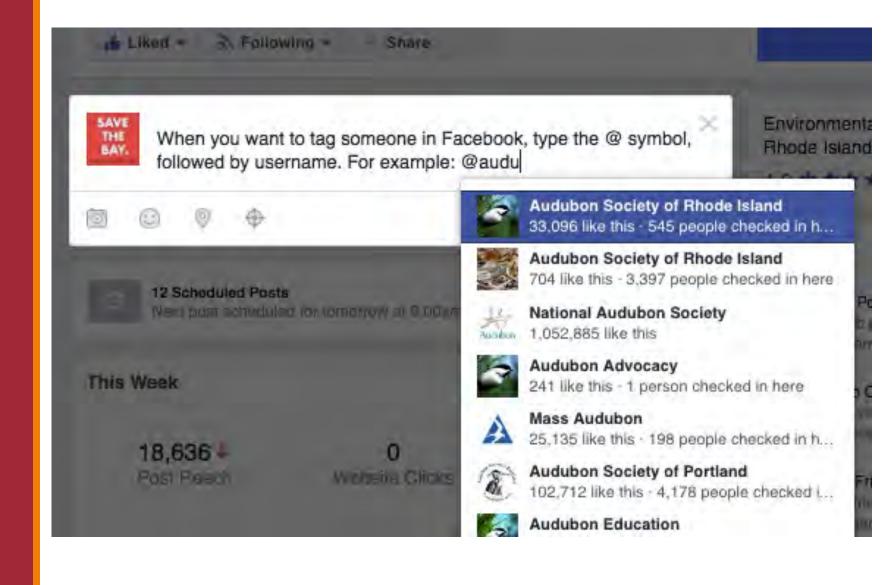
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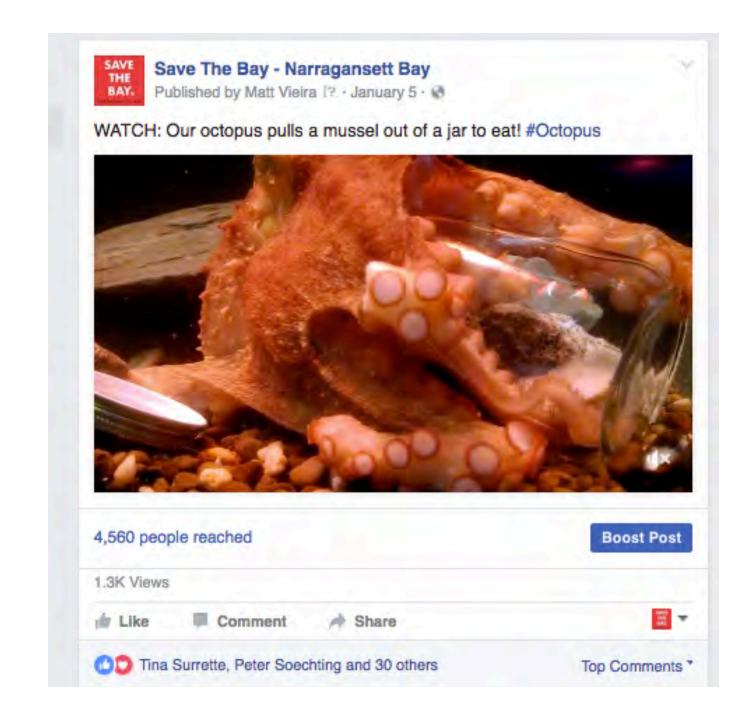
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What's your favorite local bike ride? Our friends at South Coast Almanac share 5 great routes (and ice cream spots!) from Westport to the Cape Cod Canal as they train for the Buzzards Bay Watershed Ride on October 2.



#### 5 Great South Coast Bike Rides

Our favorite 5 bike rides on the South Coast. Sea views, marshes, cranberry bogs, farms, lighthouses, and ice cream. We've got them all!

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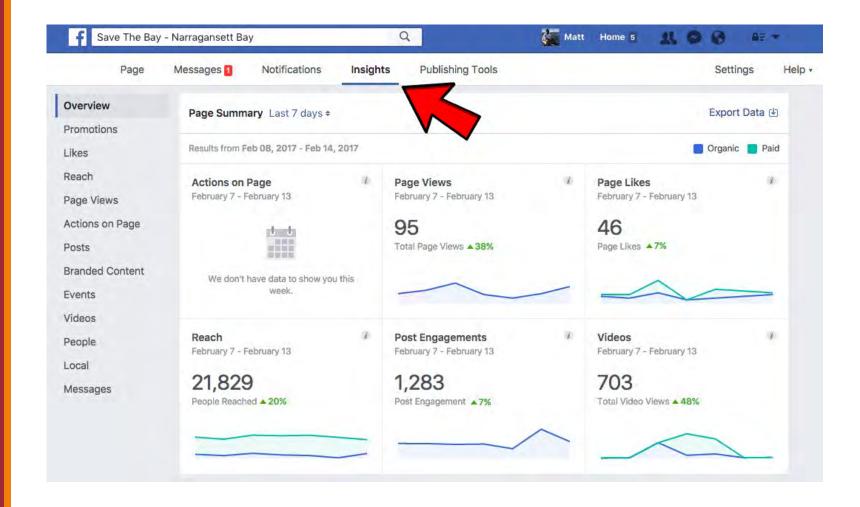






Use Insights and Analytics to see which posts are most engaging



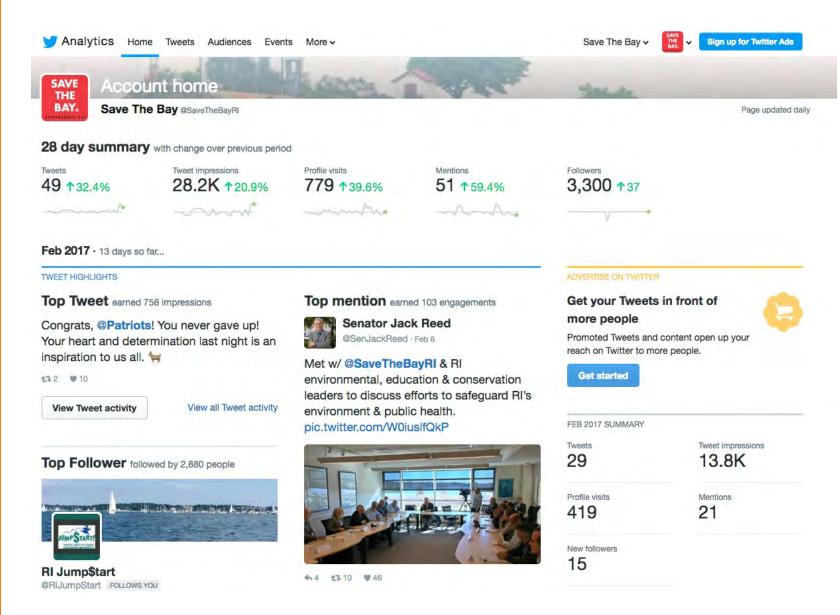


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#### Analytics.Twitter.com



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#### How A Social Sharing Schedule Will Double Your Traffic

	9	•	8+
First Message (Same day)	5 clicks	10 clicks	4 clicks
Second Mention (Next day)	4 clicks	8 clicks	3 clicks
Third Mention (Next week)	2 clicks	5 clicks	2 clicks
Total clicks:	11 clicks	23 clicks	9 clicks

19
24
43

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#### Follow the Children's Alliance





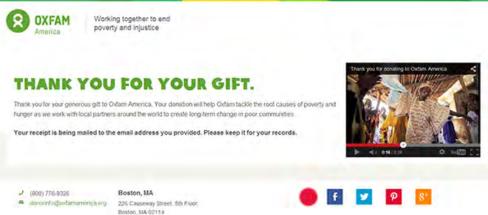








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Twitter



Instagram



ALT website











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## Free Seeds for RI Nonprofits

This seed-for-all comes courtesy of URI and Ocean State Job Lot.

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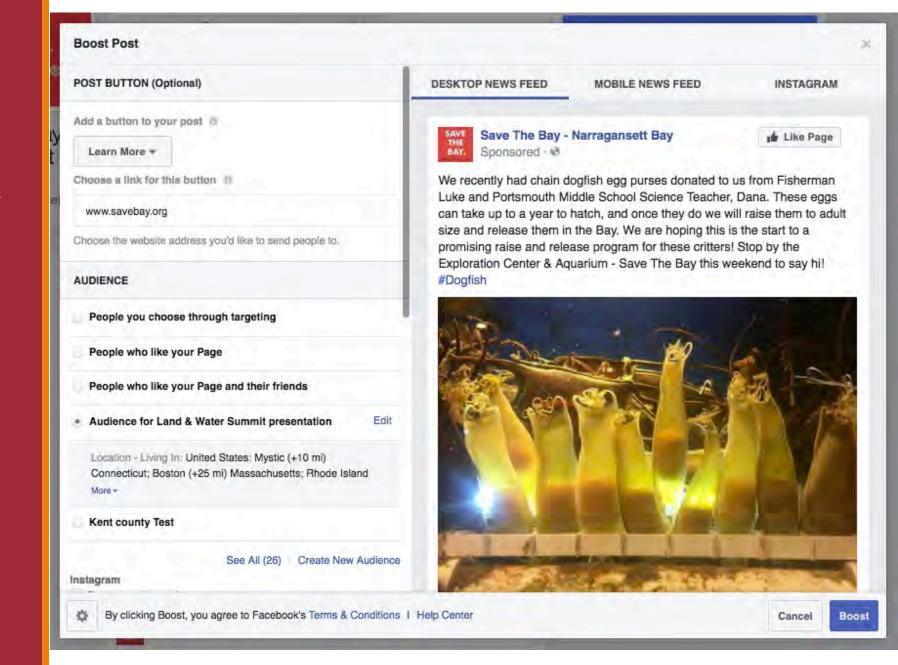
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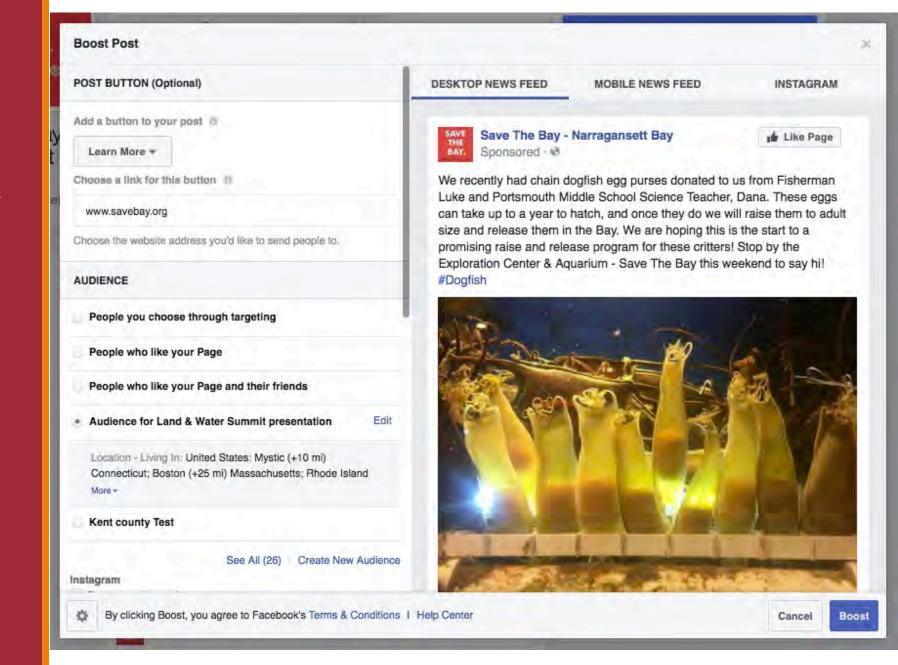
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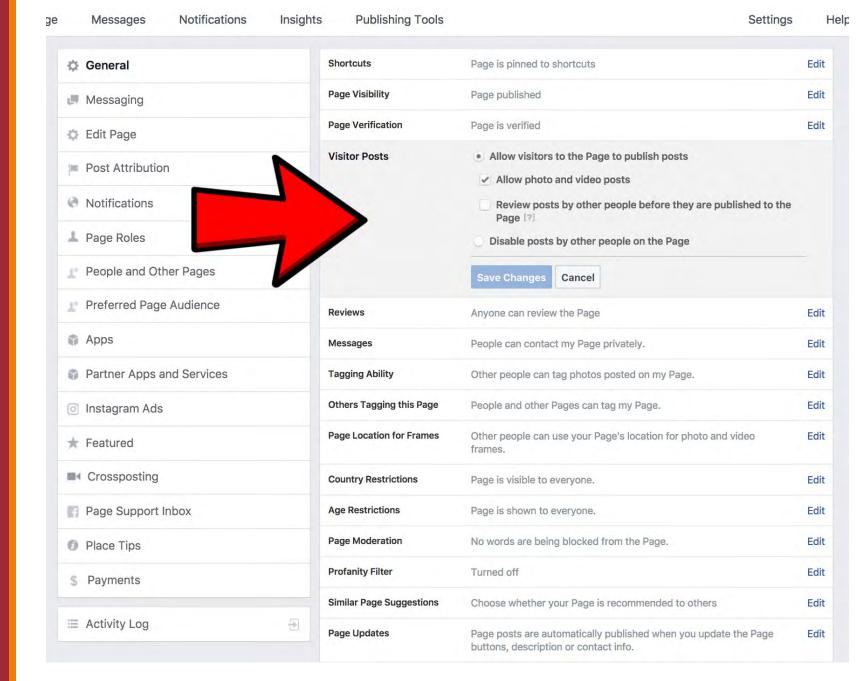




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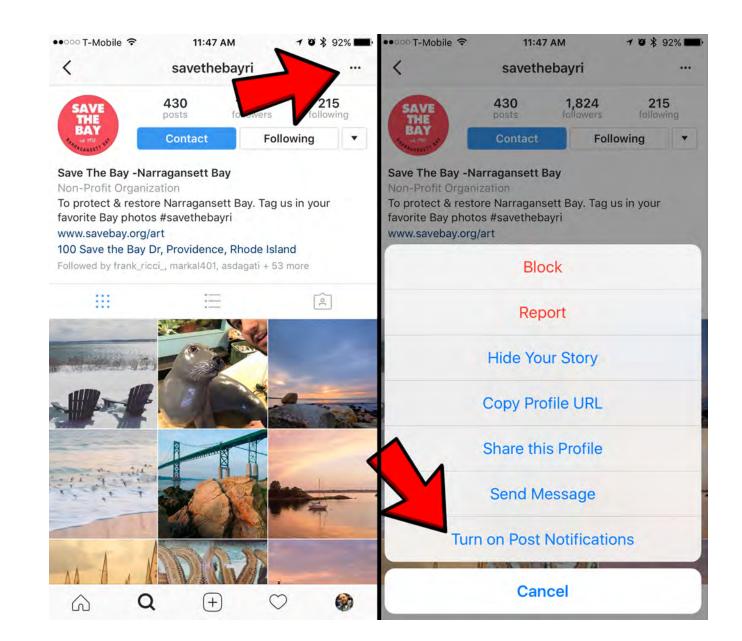




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Set notifications to alert you when someone has engaged.

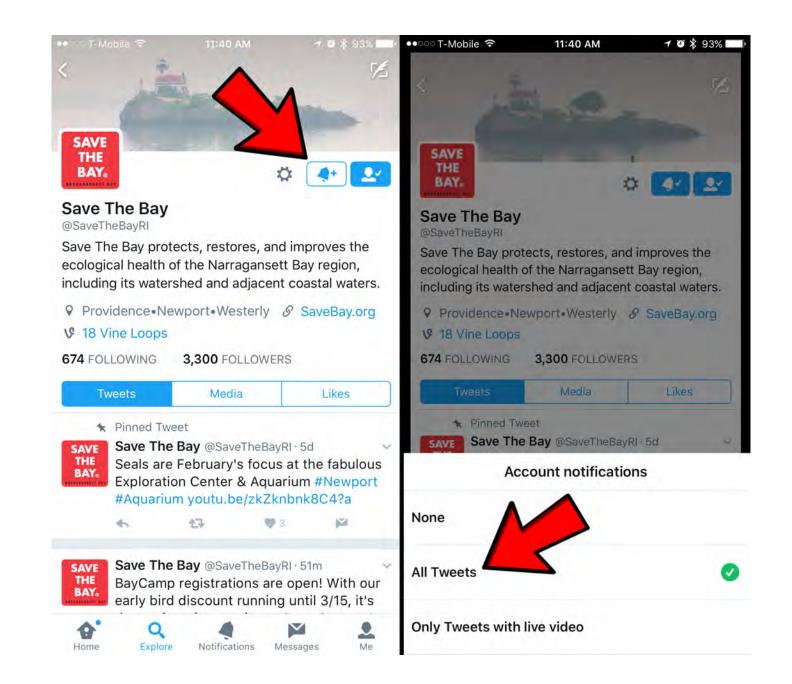




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- How often to post?
- What to post?
- When to post?



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# Social media is 24/7. But we don't have that kind of time.



1x/day - 3x/week



3x/day - 1x/day



Consistency



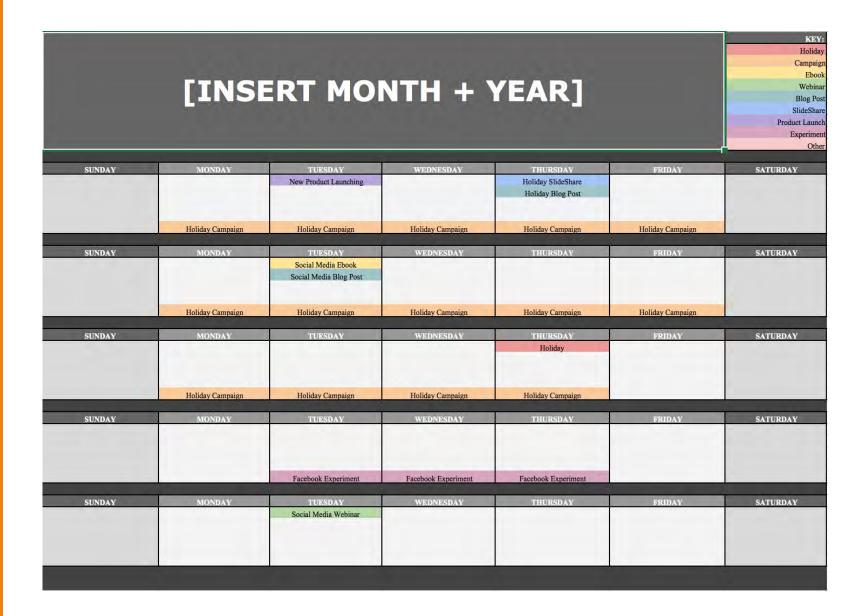
1x/month

**CONSISTENCY IS KEY** 

Once a year, or every 6 months – build out a long-term social media calendar



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Free Social Media Templates for Excel: https://www.smartsheet.com/social-media-templates

Monthly - add shortrange social media posts



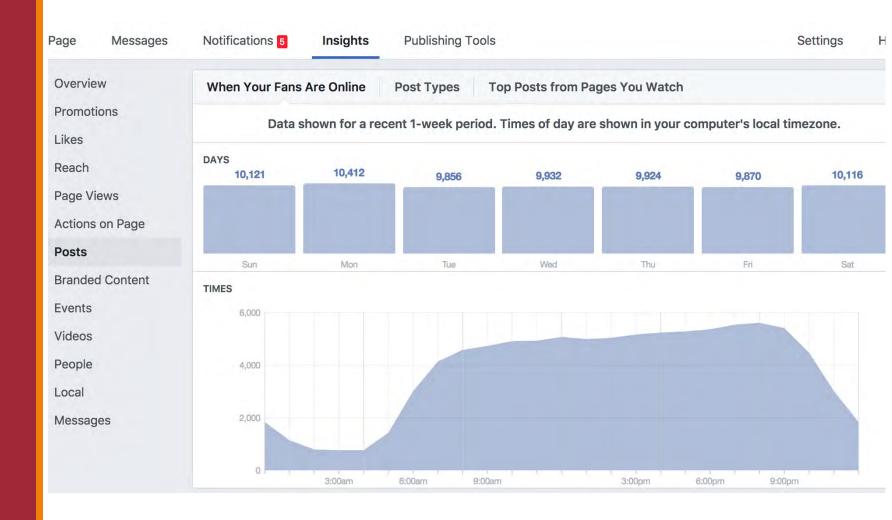
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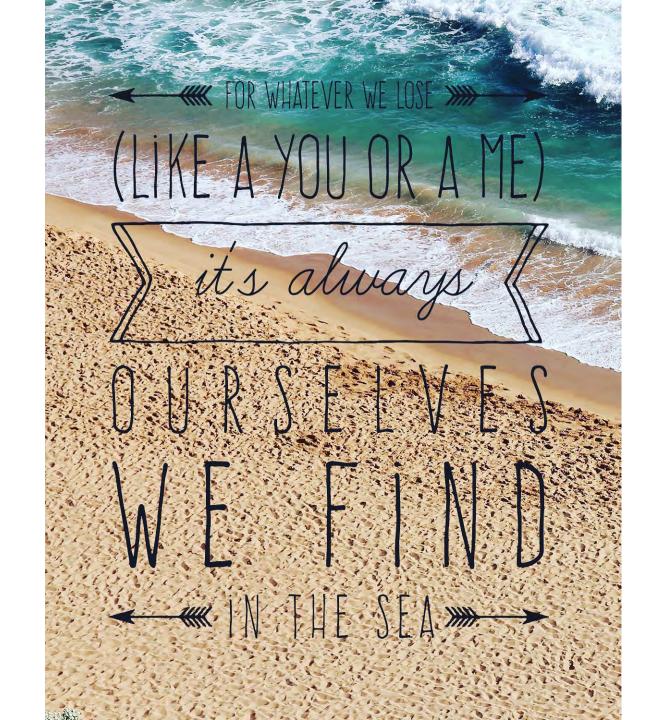
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# Use tools to schedule posts ahead of time.

- Facebook built-in scheduler
- Tweetdeck
- Hootsuite
- SproutSocial
- Buffer

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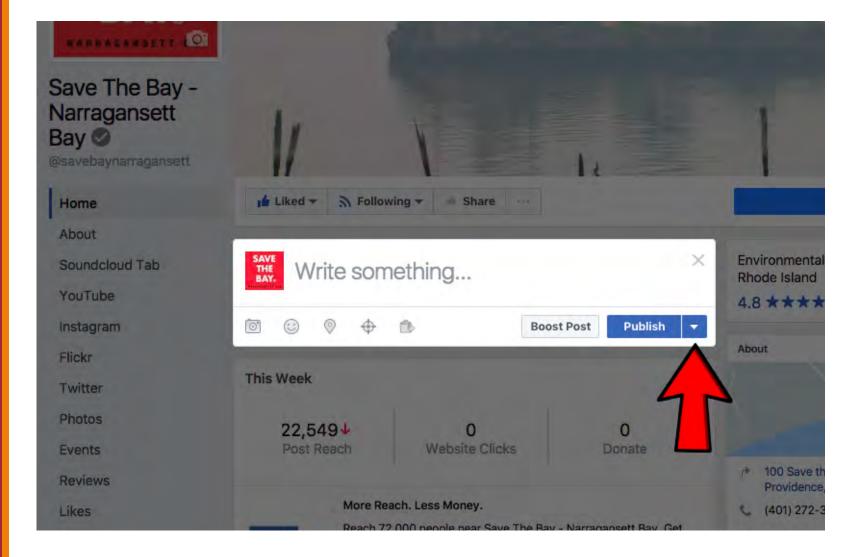


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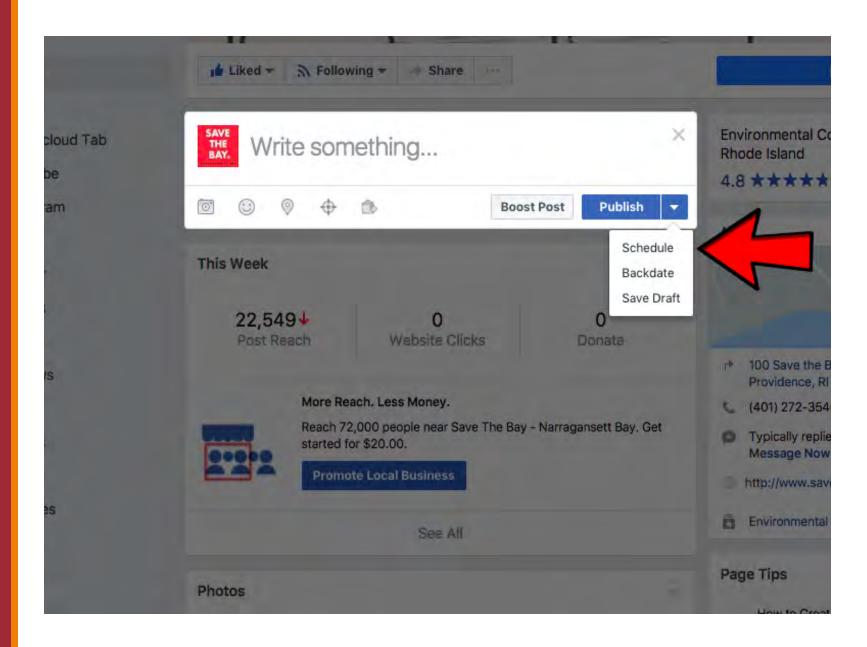
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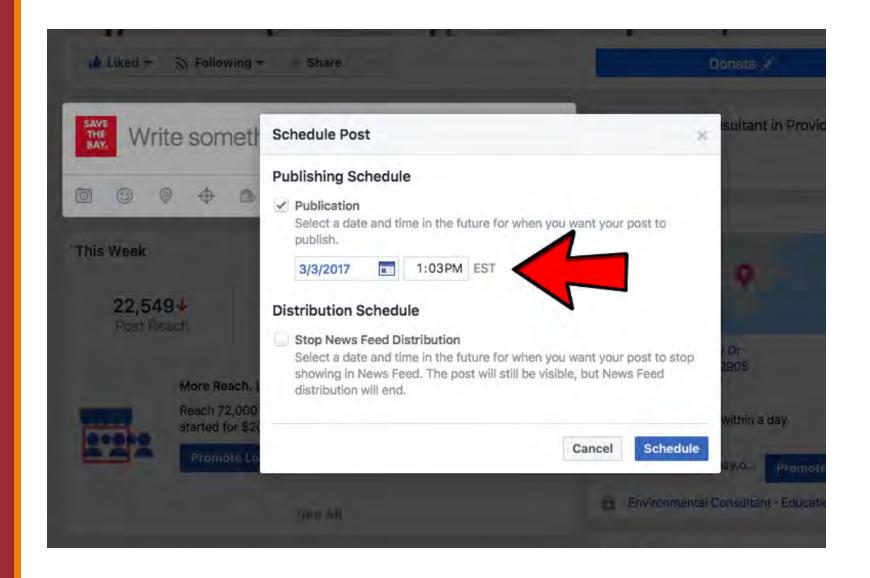
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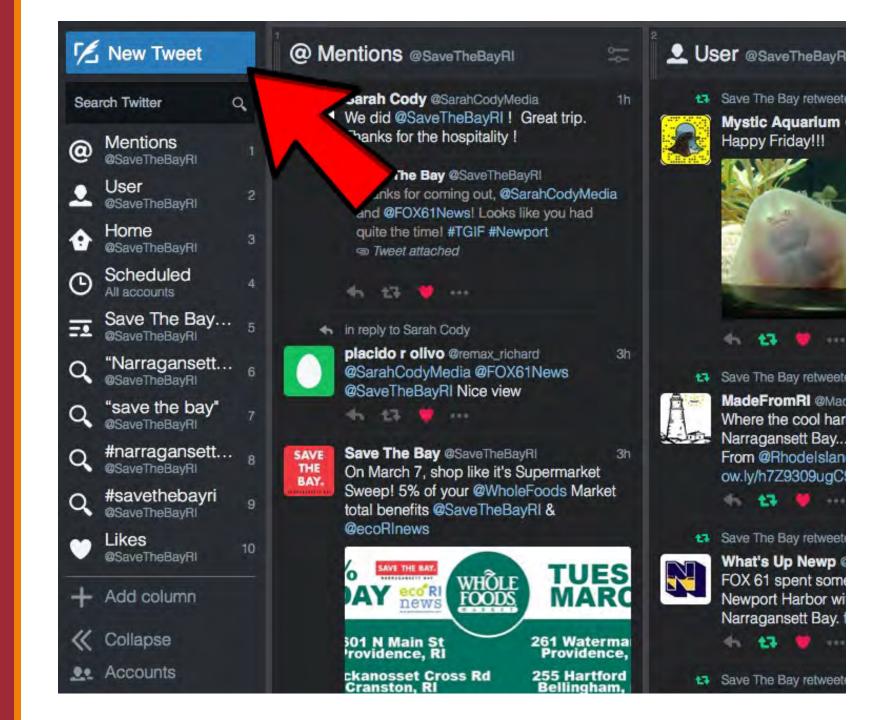
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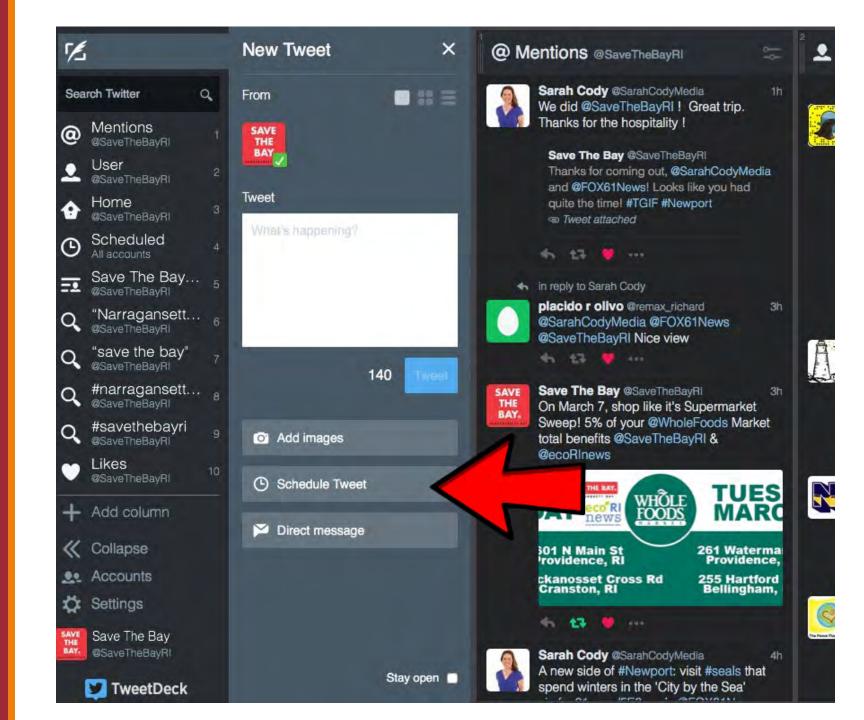
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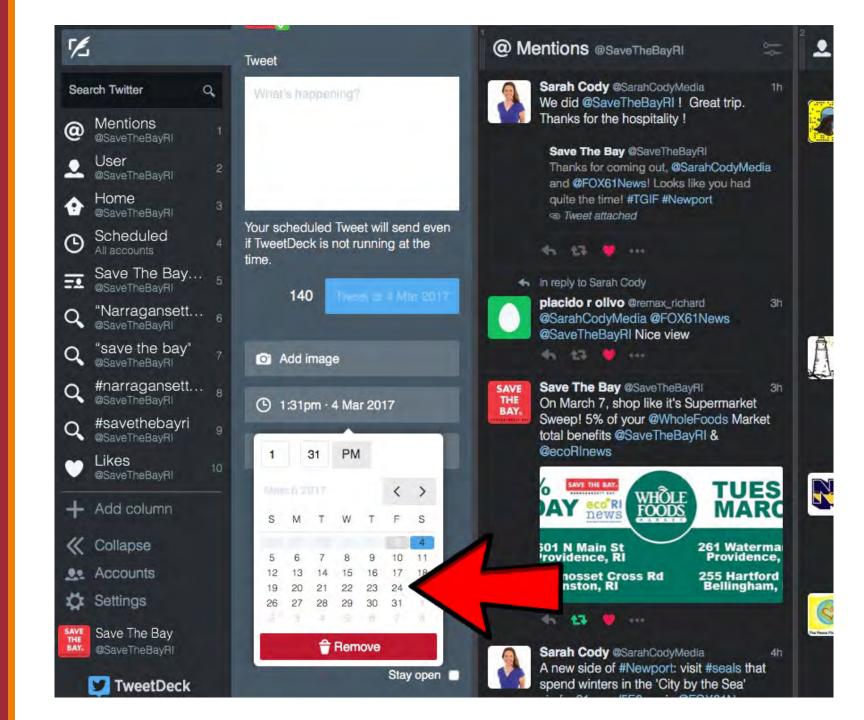
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