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#### Digital Marketing Trends and Best Practices

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Tourism & Hospitality Industry since 2003

Director of Education & Strategy at TwoSix Digital

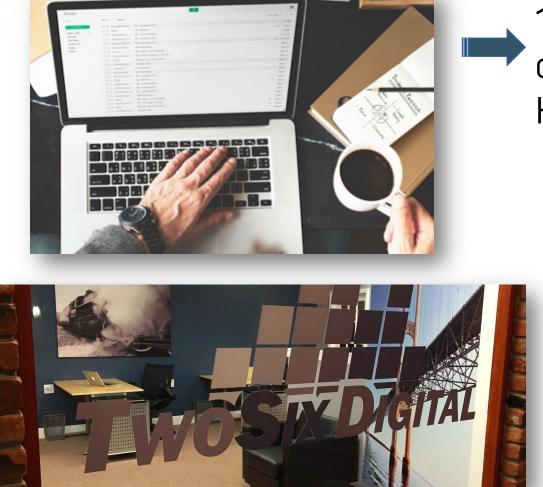
Consultant & Social Media Coach

Speaker at National, Regional & State Conferences





#### Who We Are



100% Digital Agency Focused on the Travel, Tourism & Hospitality Industry

> 50+ Years of combined tourism & hospitality industry experience

Headquartered right here in Brighton, Michigan



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#### THE TEAM AT TWOSIX DIGITAL



Dave Serino Founder & Chief Strategist



Scout Delicato Lead Digital Advertising Strategist



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Makenna Schmitz Digital & Social Media Director





#### More courses COMING SOON!





## Social Media





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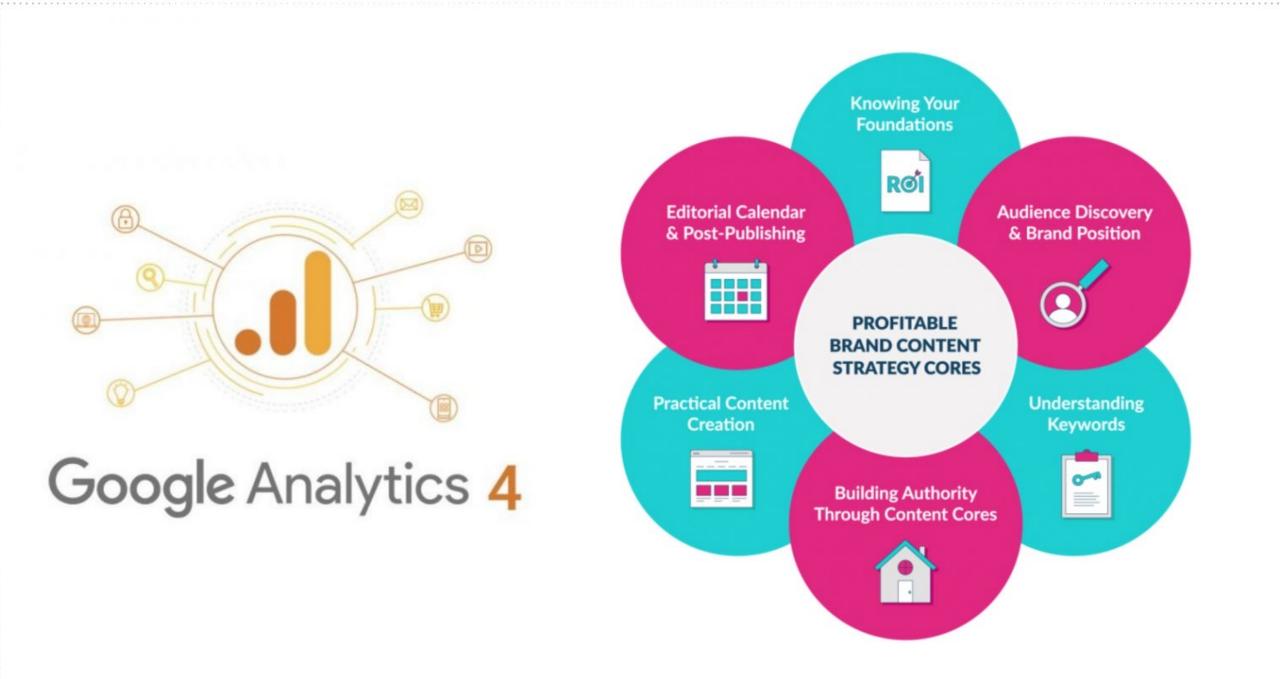
#### When is the last time you looked at your Google Analytics?





## "For the times they are a-changin'."

luisdias.wordpress.com



If you want your Universal Analytics audiences to be 100% ready to go in GA4, <u>the sooner those audiences</u> <u>can begin populating users, the better.</u>

*There is no way to simply migrate an audience from UA to GA4.* It has to be collected by the Google Analytics 4 tracking code.





## Install GA4 NOW!

#### July 1, 2023

Google Analytics 4 is our next-generation measurement solution, and it's replacing Universal Analytics. On **July 1, 2023**, standard Universal Analytics properties will stop processing new hits. Mar 16, 2022



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noun

a series of actions or steps taken in order to achieve a particular end.
 "military operations could jeopardize the peace process"
 synonyms: procedure, operation, action, activity, exercise, affair, business, job, task, undertaking, proceeding
 "faxing a seventy page document is an expensive process"





#### **Best Practices: Post Length**

How long are your Facebook posts?



Downtown Brighton, Michigan

This is what forty characters looks like

Ideal length for a post is 40 characters. Less is more.



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#### Avoid the dreaded "Big Box O' Text"



#### Visit Michigan City LaPorte Published by VisitMichiganCityLaPorte [?] Like This Page · September 5 · 🚱

Michigan City Grand Prix Sets All-time Record For Earnings and Attendance MICHIGAN CITY, INDIANA – The Big Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram Great Lakes Grand Prix powerboat race celebrated its milestone 10th anniversary last month with yet another milestone – visitors to the event pumped more than \$12.4 million into LaPorte County's economy, the highest amount ever and \$2 million more than last year's event. In addition, a report summarizing the figures, released by the Visit Michigan City LaPorte, shows an all-time high attendance of more than 190,000 people for the three-day event, held Aug. 2-5.

"We couldn't be happier with the outcome," said Jack Arnett, executive director of Visit Michigan City/LaPorte. "This event has become our signature event – something our community can be proud of."

The Grand Prix benefits the community in many ways, according to the report which was compiled for the CVB by Certec Inc., a marketing analysis group based in Lexington, Kentucky. The group is

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impact studies on events relating to tourism. The report shows that visitors from out of town spent more than \$8 million on direct expenditures such as food and beverage, shopping and transportation, accounting for about 75 per cent of the total \$12.4 million.

Jobs directly related to the Grand Prix provided nearly \$2.8 million in wages to LaPorte County workers, and non-local visitor spending alone generated \$3.2 million in taxes, with \$642,600 of the total going into local government coffers, the report says.

The annual Grand Prix is part of the popular summer race circuit staged by Super Boat International, North America's top organization for the sport. The race, held in Lake Michigan just off the shore of Michigan City's Washington Park, features some of the world's fastest and most colorful powerboats zooming at speeds nearing 200 miles per hour.

Arnett said the Grand Prix was staged for the first time 10 years ago to showcase Michigan City and its lakefront. After much research of potential events, the LaPorte County Convention & Visitors Bureau decided that hosting a stop on the Super Boat International circuit would be the best fit. This year, the races alone, held as the grand finale on Sunday, drew some 80,000 spectators.

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Events leading up to the races also were a huge draw, with the Taste of Michigan City, sponsored by the Michigan City Mainstreet Association, drawing 15,000 people on Friday and 45,000 on Saturday. Other popular venues for the weekend, drawing anywhere from 5,000 to 45,000 depending on the day, included vendors and musical performances in Washington Park, a parade of the giant boats, and a huge block party on Saturday.

Two out of five out-of-town visitors were attending the Grand Prix for the first time, the report says, illustrating the growing visibility of the Grand Prix. Arnett agrees that more and more people are becoming aware of the event, adding "I would attribute the increase in the economic impact to the fact that the race has become one of the lead events of the summer throughout the region. "Having been named "Best Festival in Indiana" last year by Midwest Living magazine and the Indiana Tourism Association certainly didn't hurt our visibility," Arnett added. It appears that local residents love the Grand Prix as well, with the report showing they contributed an additional \$476,700 in expenditures, a figure not included in the \$12.4 million.

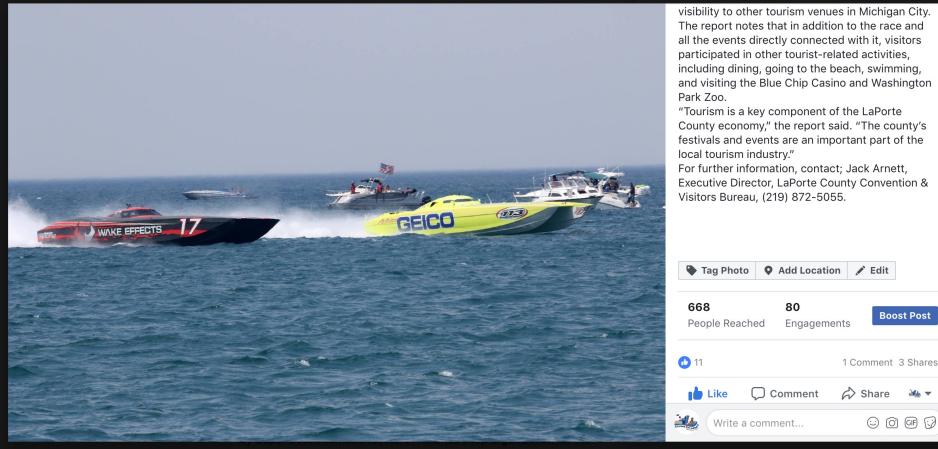
The report also concludes that the annual Grand Prix, which drew visitors from 10 states, gives

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The report notes that in addition to the race and all the events directly connected with it, visitors including dining, going to the beach, swimming, and visiting the Blue Chip Casino and Washington

County economy," the report said. "The county's festivals and events are an important part of the

Executive Director, LaPorte County Convention &

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## Use Directional Language In Your Posts



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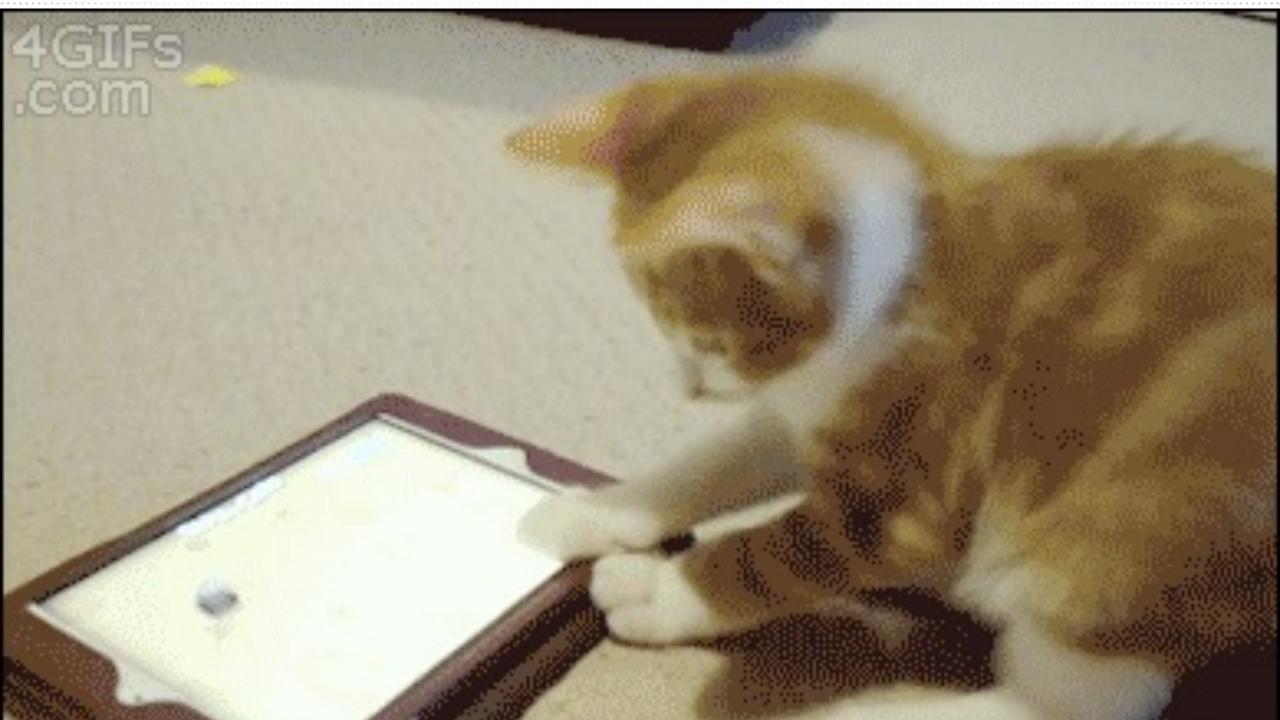


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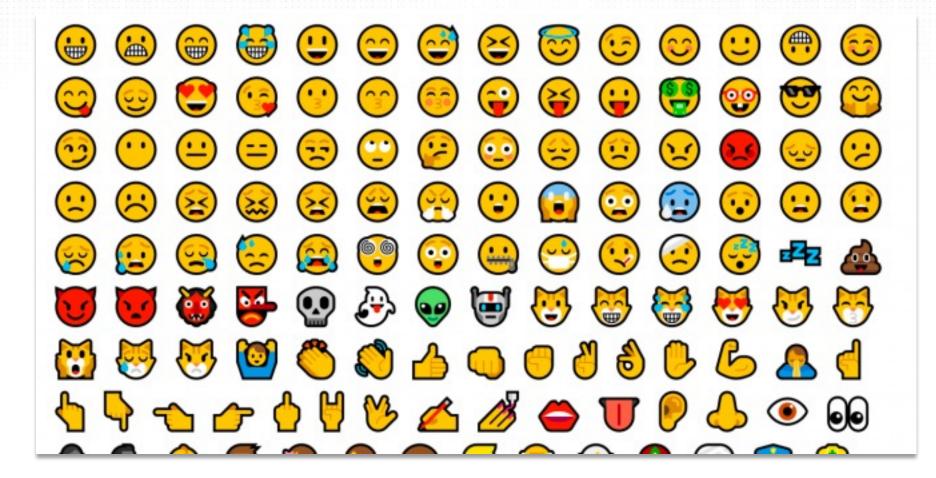
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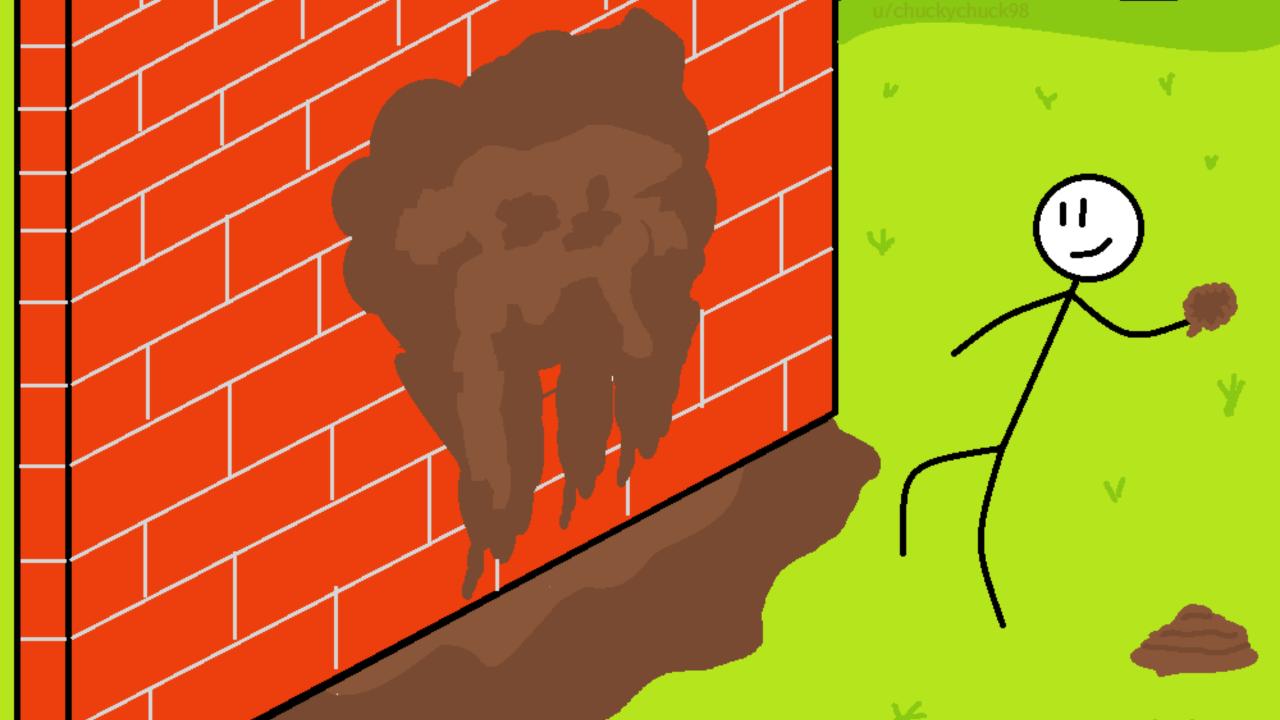
## Recommended Organic Frequency

- X1 Per Day Facebook
- X1 Per Day Instagram
- 3-10 Tweets Per Day on Twitter
- Weekly Activity on Pinterest
- Weekly Activity on Review Sites
- Weekly Activity on YouTube
- X1 Blog Per Week

Up to 26 Posts per week!



## DIGITAL MARKETERS



Actual footage of an employee trying to find enough photo assets.





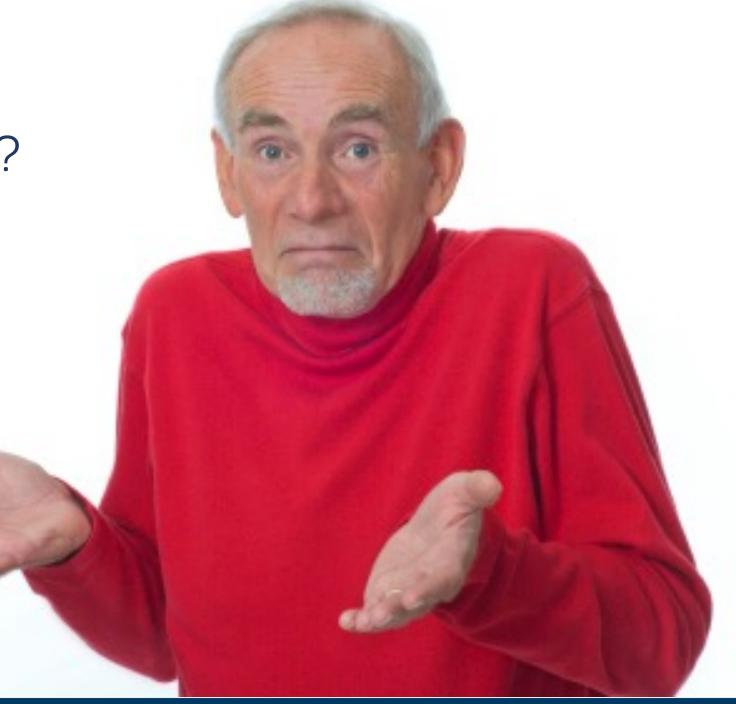


# BUILD AN ACTUAL CALENDAR



#### Where do I start?









# www.nationaldaycalendar.com



NATIONAL CHOPSTICKS DAY – February 6 NATIONAL FROZEN YOGURT DAY – February 6

NATIONAL LAME DUCK DAY – February 6





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Find out what National Days are on your Birthday by clicking here!

#### What's Your Birthday?

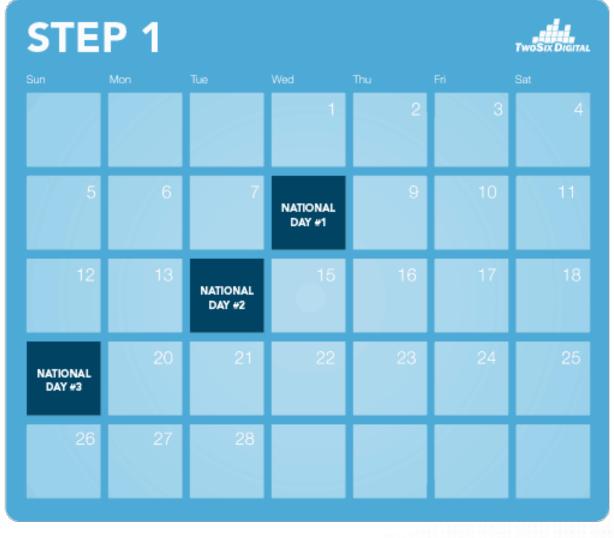
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- National Dadgum That's Good Day
- National Peanut Butter Lover's Day
- National Fruit Compote Day
- National Horse Protection Day
- National Pig Day
- National Minnesota Day
- Self-Injury Awareness Day
- National Read Across America Day (Dr. Seuss Day) – If on Weekend, Moves to Closest School Day
- National Employee Appreciation Day First Friday in March
- National Dress in Blue Day First Friday in March
- National Speech and Debate Education Day
  - First Friday in March
- National Day of Unplugging First Friday in March



#### The K.I.S.S. Content Calendar

The first step in creating your monthly content calendar is the identification of relevant national days. Look for days that "jump off the page" or ones that you can knock out of the park. National Days are typically home run posts and are a great way to seed your content calendar with some early wins!







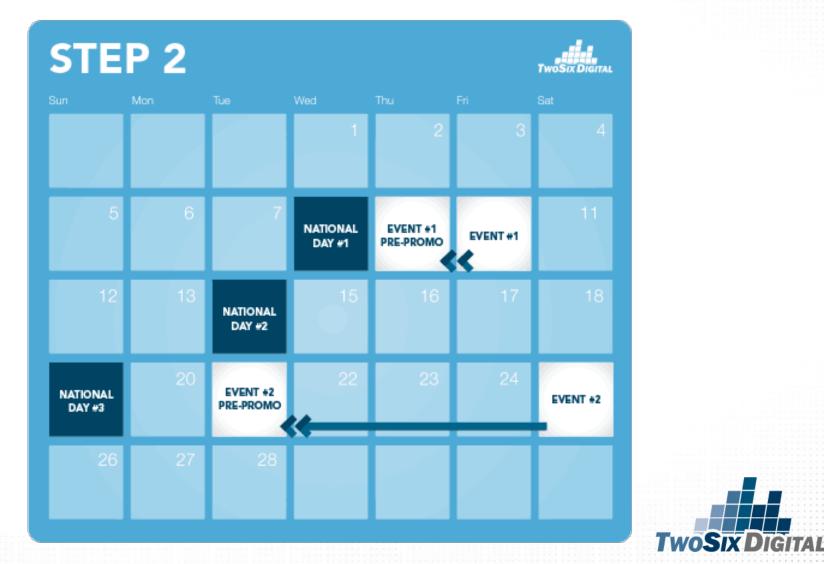


# ADD EVENTS



#### The K.I.S.S. Content Calendar

The second step is to place leisure events into the calendar. Be sure to look for events that are most likely to convert overnight stays. Be very selective with your choices. You want to promote the area as a destination for travelers, not give off the perception that you are a local community calendar. Pick solid events and you'll pique the attention of potential travelers!







#### **DAILY THEMES**

#### Focused Decision-Making

Well-Rounded Storytelling

#### Built-In Engagement





# Differentiators

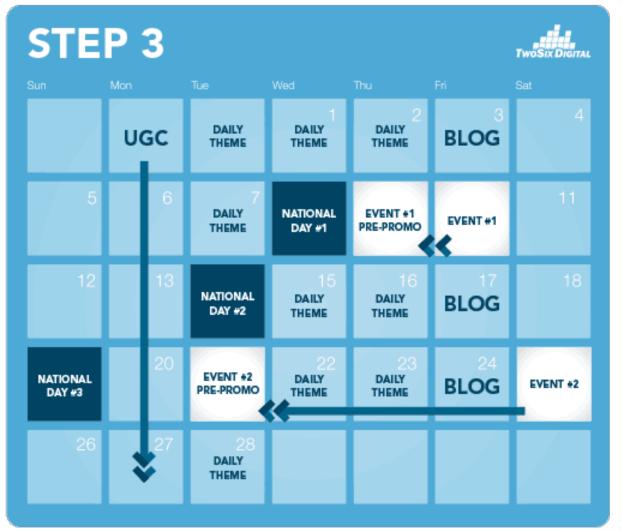


#### GIVE EACH DAY A THEME AND STICK TO IT

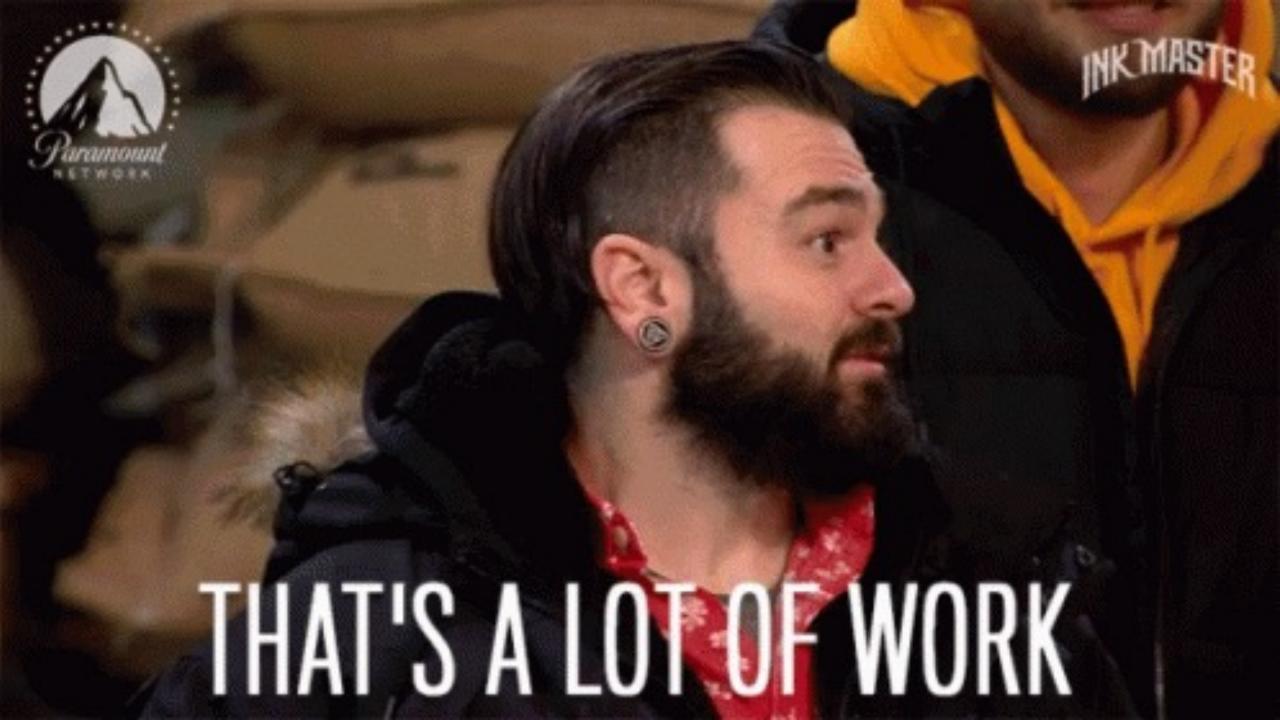


#### The K.I.S.S. Content Calendar

Step three is where you literally "fill in the blanks" with the established daily themes. Keep in mind that the daily themes should represent the overall topic for your posts for an entire day, across all of your channels. Establishing these daily themes will help give you clear direction to support your key niches throughout the month.









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# Brands seeing less organic engagement this year.

Declining engagement rates on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter reflect that social media is increasingly becoming a pay-to-play space.



#### Posting frequency on the rise.

Brands have increased their posting frequency on all three channels to increase bites at the engagement apple.



#### The <u>SOLUTION</u> to decreased engagement is more frequency.

Community Manager

> Social Media Feeds



## Old Marketing Strategy

### SHOULD I BE PAYING TO PROMOTE MY POSTS?

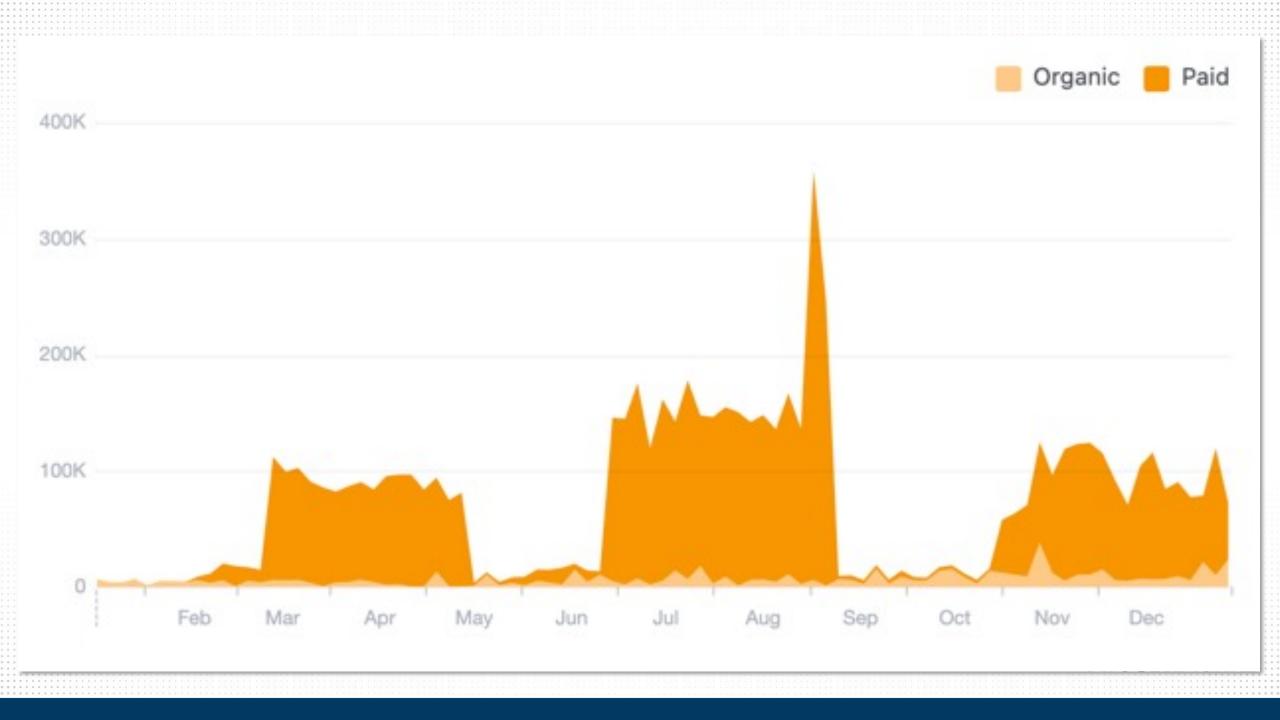
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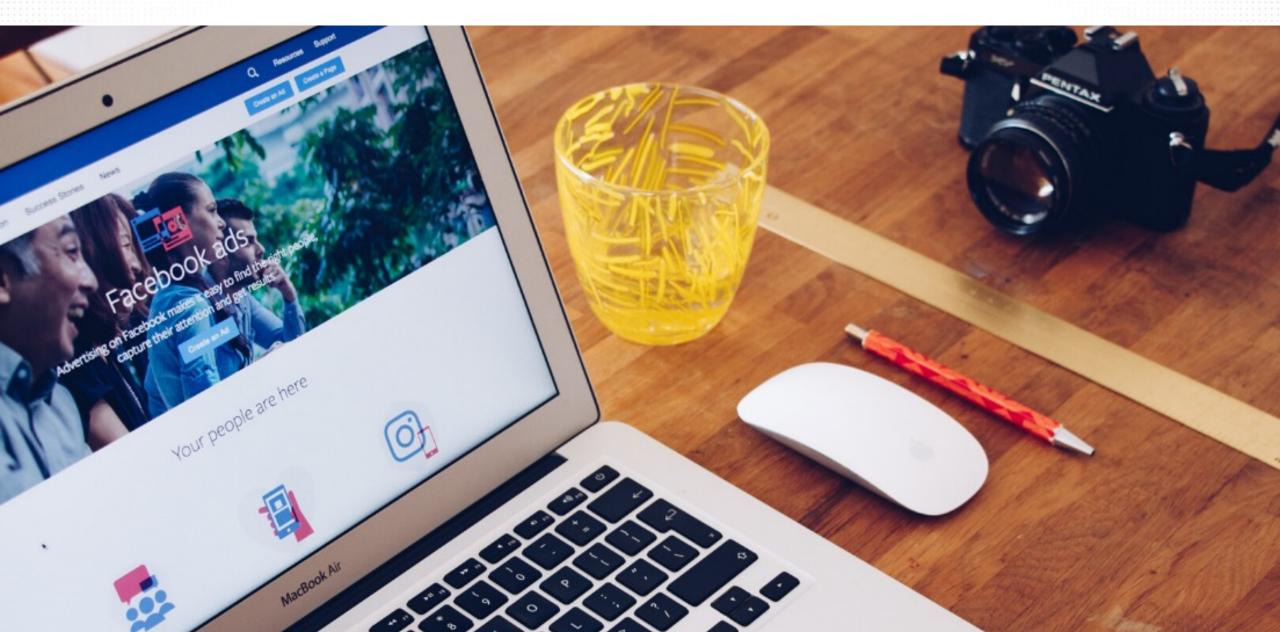
#### Boost your post to reach more people

### **Boost Post**





#### #1 SKILL ANY COMMUNITY MANAGER CAN HAVE





### A paid first strategy!

- 1-2 Per <u>Week</u> Facebook
  X3 Per <u>Week</u> Instagram -Reels
  - -Carousels

#### That's a <u>73% Reduction</u> in Posts!



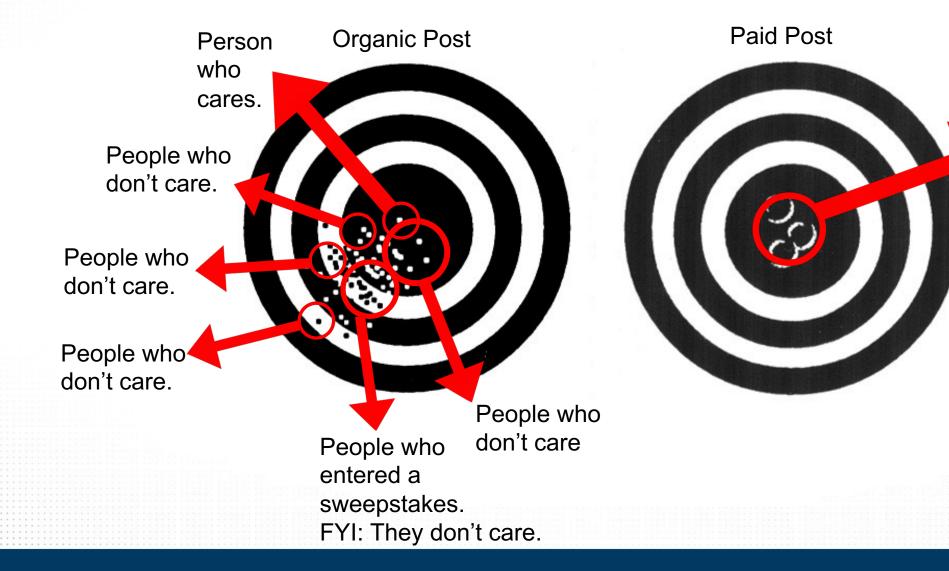
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Adjective: Done on purpose; deliberate.



# Elimination of Wasted Reach



Engaged users who who have indicated that they care about what you're talking about.



You Could Be Posting Once Per Week And Be Getting WAY **Better Results** 

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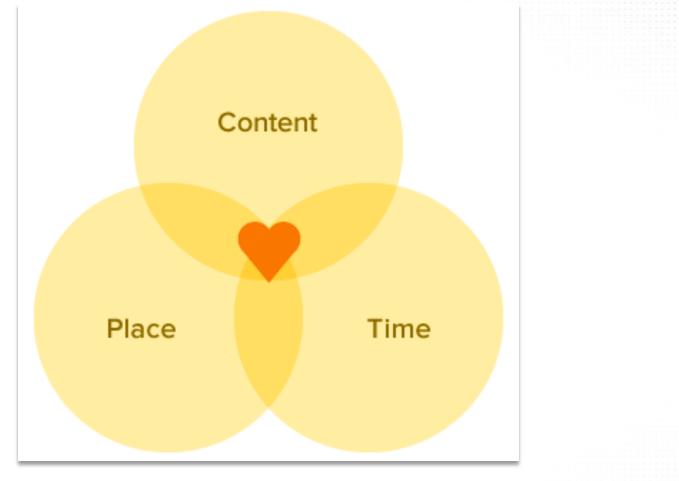




# PAID FIRST



Never before has it been easier to reach the right people at the right time with your brand message.





## **"THERE IS REALLY NO EXCUSE FOR SOMEONE TO SEE YOUR CONTENT WHO DOESN'T WANT YOUR PRODUCT"**

Dan Slagen, SVP, Nanigans



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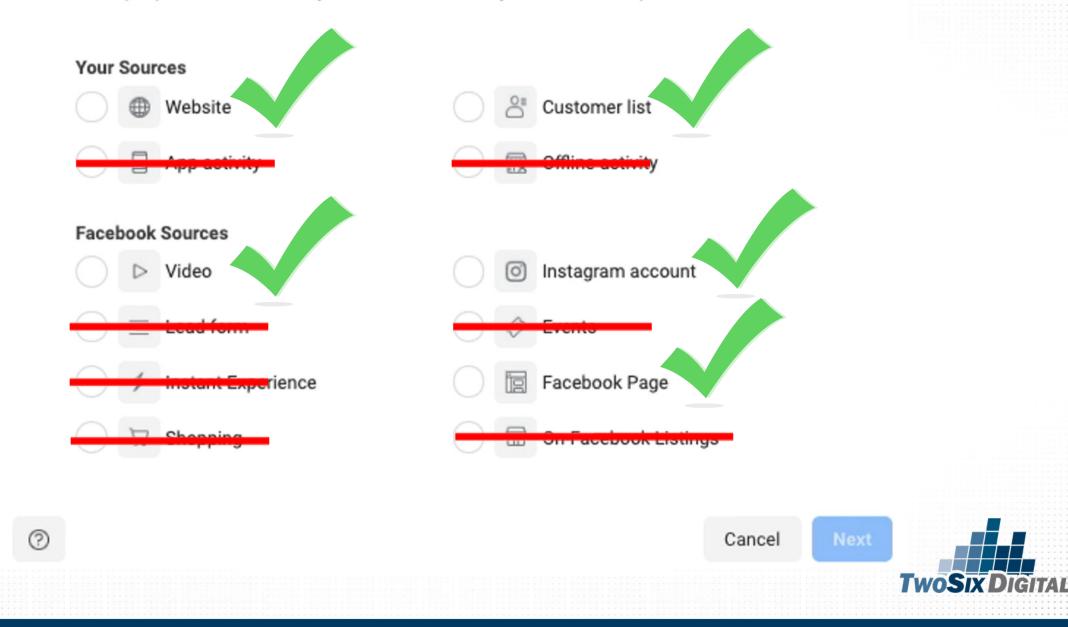
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### Facebook Custom Audiences



#### Choose a Custom Audience Source

Connect with people who have already shown an interest in your business or product.



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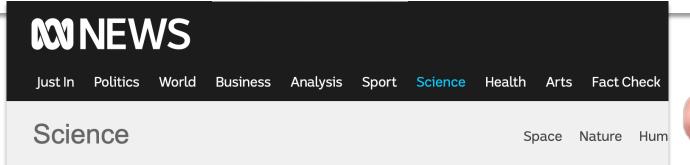


### APPLE \ GOOGLE \ WEB

# Google to 'phase out' third-party cookies in Chrome, but not for two years

The browser battles are about privacy more than marketshare

By Dieter Bohn | @backlon



### Google wants to kill third-party cookies. Here's why that could be messy

f Share on Facebook 🍼 Share on Twitter 🔒 🖂 🚥

ABC Science By technology reporter Ariel Bogle

Updated Tuesday at 00:30 First posted Monday at 14:30

# Google delays phaseout of third-party cookies from Chrome to 2024

The company said it would give organizations more time to test its Privacy Sandbox APIs.

#### Adweek

### Google Updates Cookie Crackdown Timeline

Explore what's next in cross-channel measurement, the new era of TV streaming, brand safety, privacy, first-party data and more with tech ... 3 days ago



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**Customer Match Audiences** 





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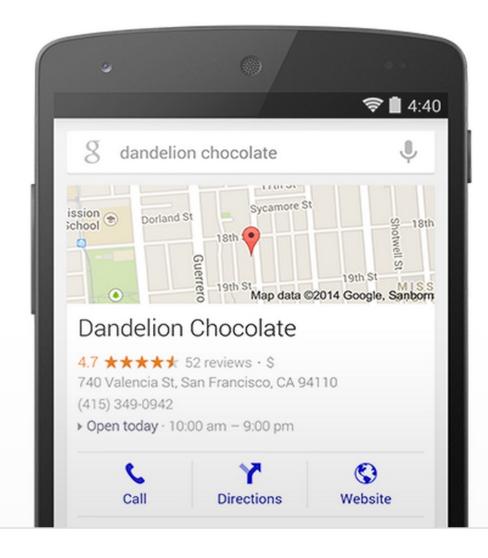




## The best 10 minutes you can spend on your business today

**New** - It only takes 3 steps to get your business on Google Search, Maps and Google+ for free.

Get on Google



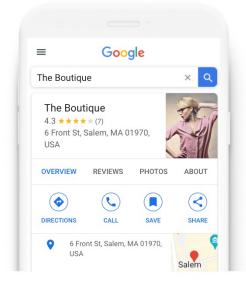
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Help customers get in touch

### **STEP ONE:** https://business.google.com/create/new

Google Business Profile Manager



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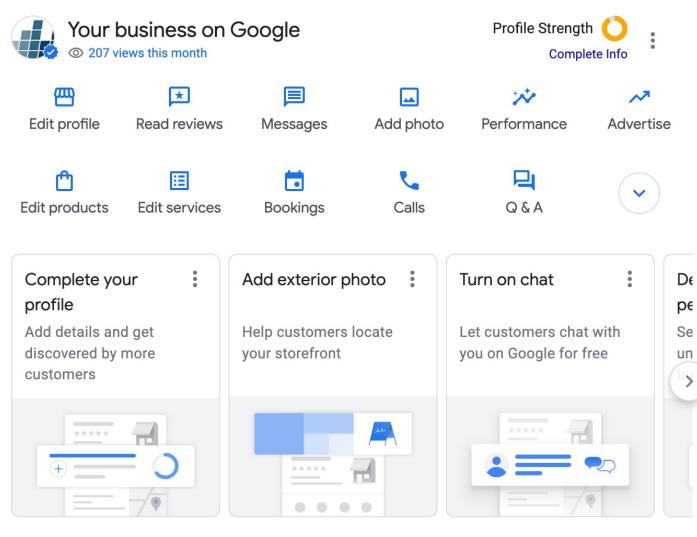
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**Tip:** If you would like to receive one-on-one guidance and tailored recommendations about your profile, consider booking an appointment with Small Business Advisors.

Check your verification status





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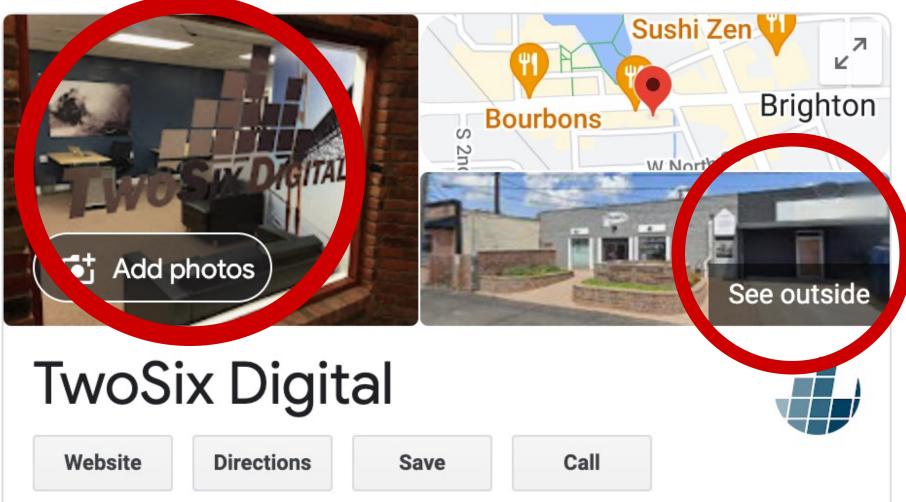
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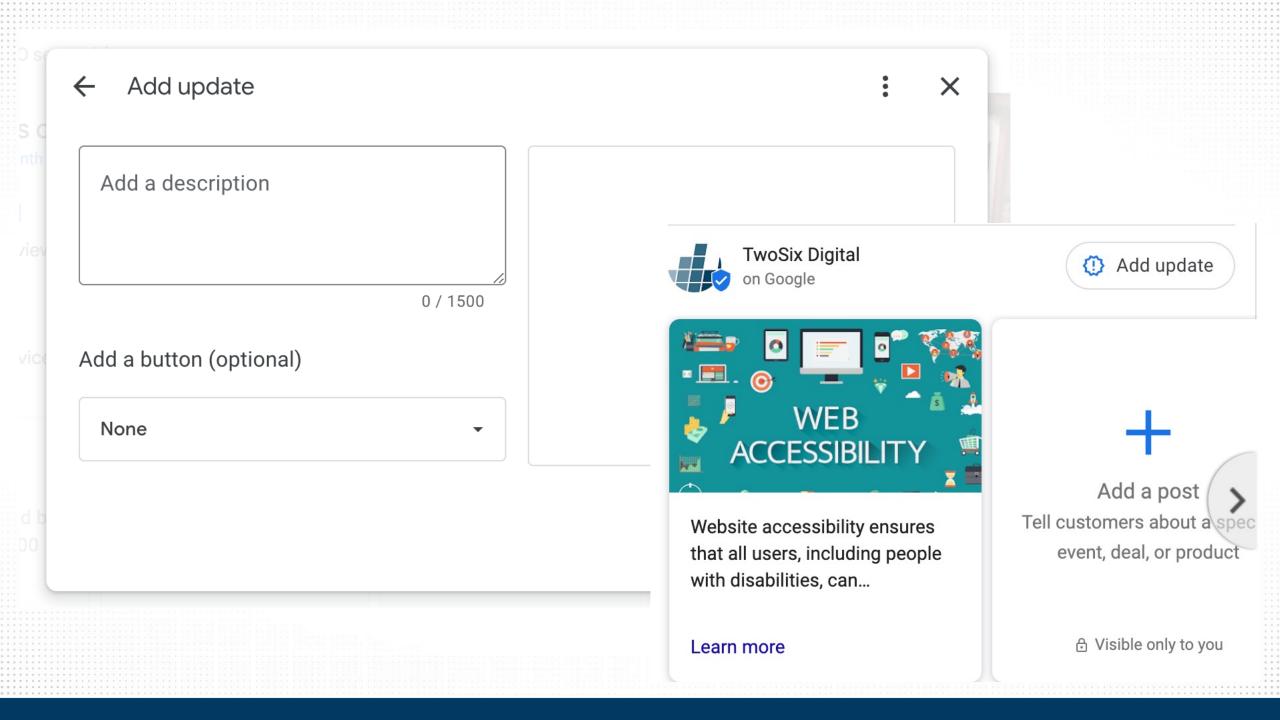
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- 1. Go to your Business Profile. Learn how to find your profile.
- 2. Select Edit profile > Business information.
  - Tip: On your desktop, with Google Search, select Edit profile.
- 3. Near the top, select the **Location** tab.
- 4. Next to "Business location," select the pencil icon  $\mathcal{N}$ .
- 5. To adjust your location, select Adjust.
- 6. Drag the pin to the correct business location.
- 7. Select **Done** > **Save**.

You can't preview the new Street View imagery from your Business Profile, but you can return to Google Maps to find how your change affected the imagery.



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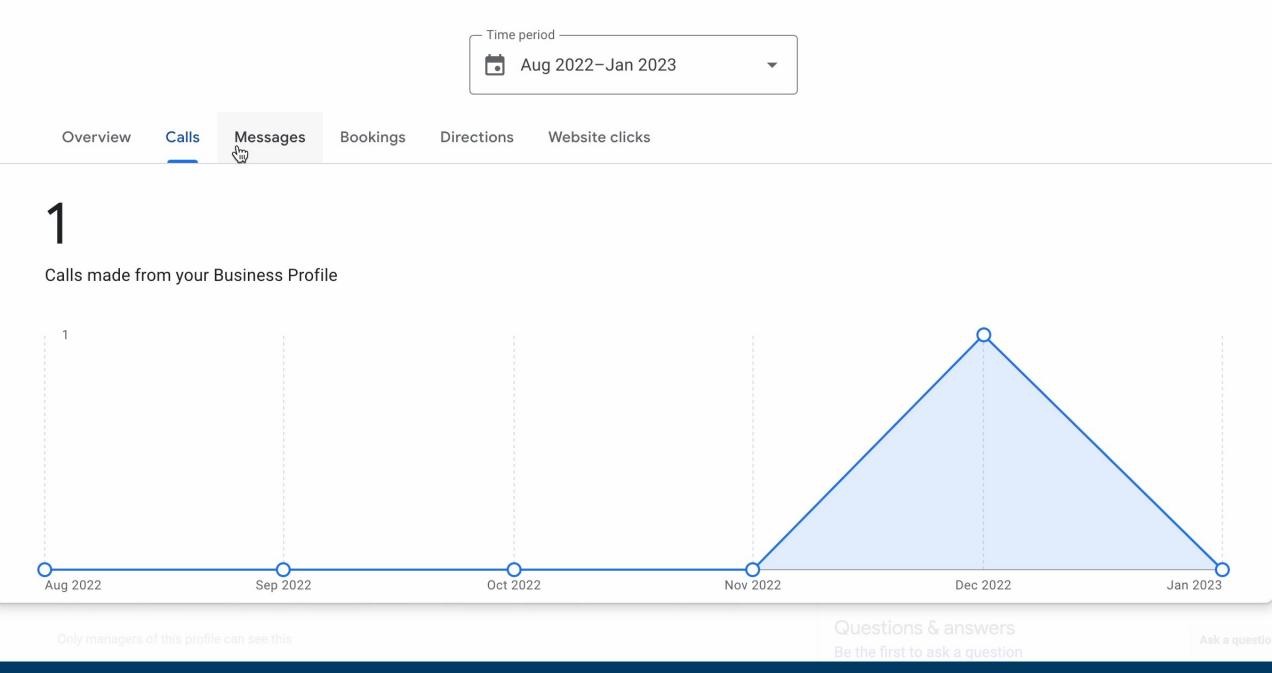




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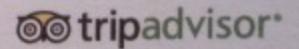


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## ALL OF THEM



#### **REVIEW & REPUTATION MANAGEMENT**

## "Great staff and Hotel"

Front desk staff Renee, Jose, and Enrique went out of their way to be very helpful and extended a corporate discount for an additional night. Rooms are clean, comfortable and some even have water views. I would highly recommend the Executive Inn. D. Kincaid

MHochstatter, General Manager at Executive Inn & Suites, responded to this review

Dear D. Kincaid,

Thank you for the nice comments about our team. While we are currently working hard to renovate the lobby and lounge of the hotel, it's really the staff that make or break your stay experience. Our guys work hard to make sure your needs are met and you have everything you need to enjoy Oakland.

Thank you and we look forward to your next stay.

#### **REVIEW & REPUTATION MANAGEMENT**

#### "What has happened? Will not be returning ... "

OCO Reviewed 4 weeks ago

Arrived at 18.00 to find nobody at 'home' and stood on the doorstep for an hour waiting for the manager to return... Then given a twin room instead of the double booked... The room in the basement did not have any windows, they were blocked by shutters which i could not open. The bathroom was unclean and the towel like sandpaper...The once

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georgianhouse1000, Owner at The Georgian House, responded to this rev

Honestly what do you expect. You pay little you get cheap. We are a Budget hotel. Get real. Report response as inappropriate

This response is the subjective opinion of the management representative and TripAdvisor LLC

## "Clean, friendly but lacks amenities"

By amenities I mean a blow dryer! The owners, who live on property, didn't even have a loaner blow dryer. I advise a trip to Wal-mart to pick up a couple cheap blow dryers. Otherwise nice. Rooms and bathroom especially are small. But was quite, very clean and well priced.

Scott B, Owner at Waters Inn, responded to this review

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Thanks for your kind words and suggestion about the hair dryer! We've had lots of

Now (thanks to your input) we've been to Walmart, bought a couple of blow dryers and we are ready for your next visit. If you let us know when...







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STRATEGY







# Billy Mays But wait there's more!

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1) What are custom audiences and how can I use them? 2) A guide to creating a tactical social media content plan 3) Best practices for email marketing 4) Lead generation tactics 5) An introduction to Google Analytics 4 6) Claim your spaces on Google, TripAdvisor, and Yelp 7) Online tools to help you be more efficient 8) Establishing a social media voice



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