Social Media Strategies for Start-ups & New Businesses



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You are Launching a new Business What is your Social Media Strategy?



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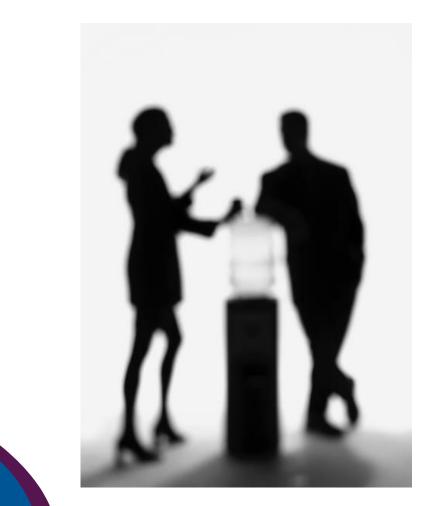
What Social Media is for your business....



NOT...what you had for breakfast this morning & every morning.



What Social Media is for your business....



NOT *that* Water Cooler conversation



What Social Media is for your business....



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A Great Social Media Campaign





A Great Social Media Campaign

- Timing
- Relevant Messaging
- Your Target Audience

Traditional marketing techniques apply to great social media campaigns



Set Measurable Social Media Goals

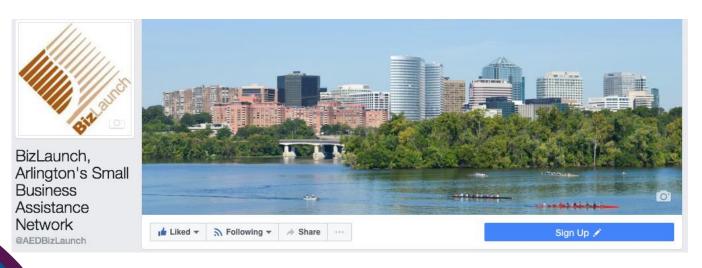
- Build Your Brand Awareness
- Gain New Customers
- Strengthen Customer Services
- Increase Engagement





Brand Your Social Media Profile Pages

- Logo & Tagline
- Imagery
- Company Description "About Us"
- Tone and Voice





Content vs Quantity

- Promotional
- Thought Leadership
- Active Engagement
- Frequently change content





Monitor Social Media Analytics



Twittercounter (http://twittercounter.com/) provides statistics of Twitter usage and tracks over 14 million users.

tweetreach

Tweetreach (http://tweetreach.com/) provides statistics on how many impressions a hashtag makes per 50 tweets

Chootsuite



- Hootsuite (http://hootsuite.com/) allows users to post across multiple platforms, schedule messages, and monitor statistics.
- MentionMapp(<u>http://mantionmapp.com</u>) provides users with a comprehensive view of who you are reaching based on your mentions.



Competition is Good!

- Imitation is the best form of flattery!
- Check out influencers in your industry sector

 get business intelligence
- Monitor: branding, popularity and frequency + timing of posts
- Frequently change content





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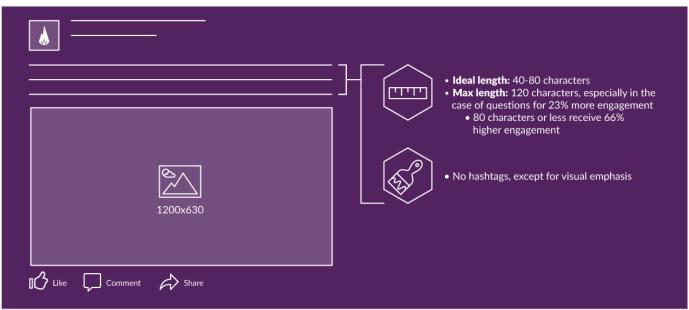






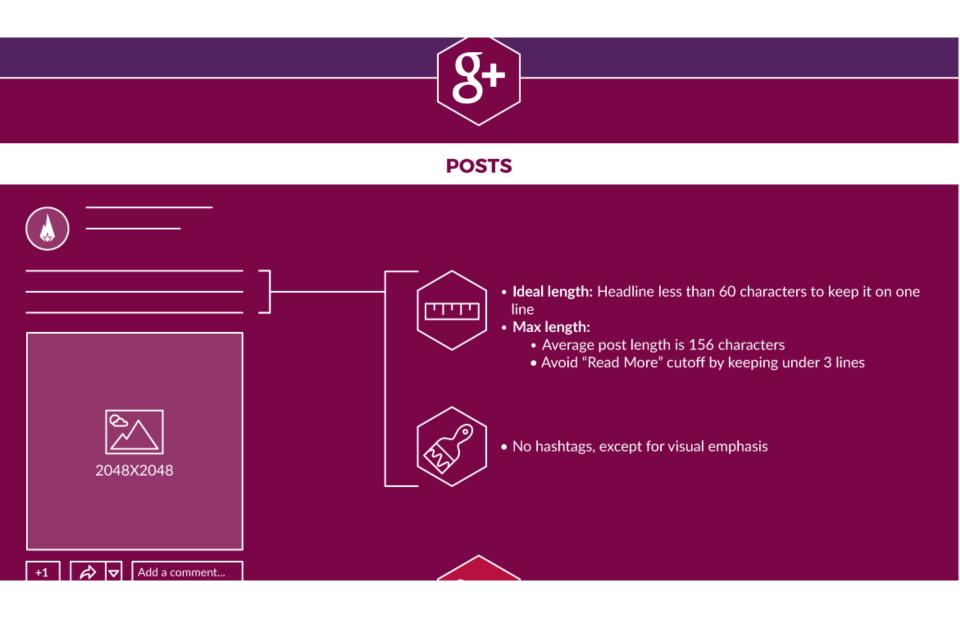


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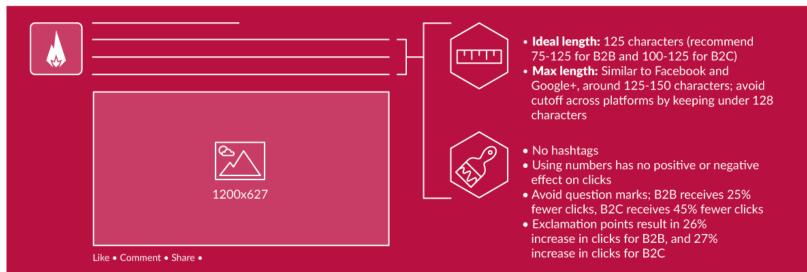
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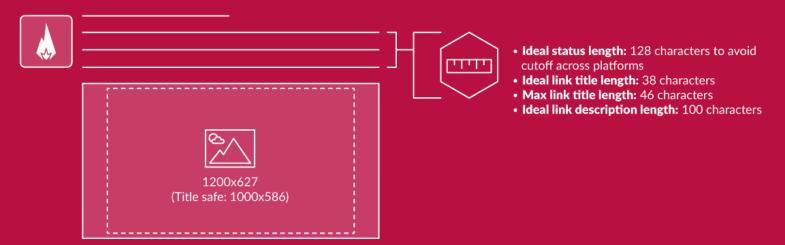


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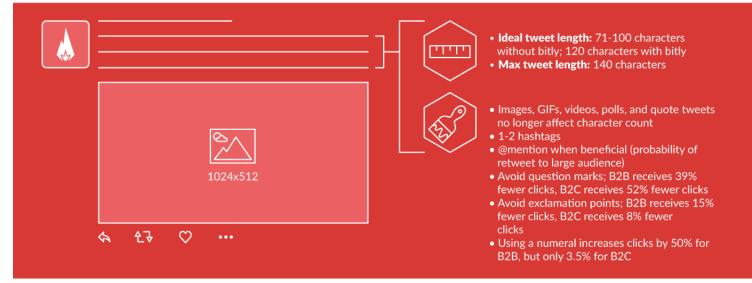
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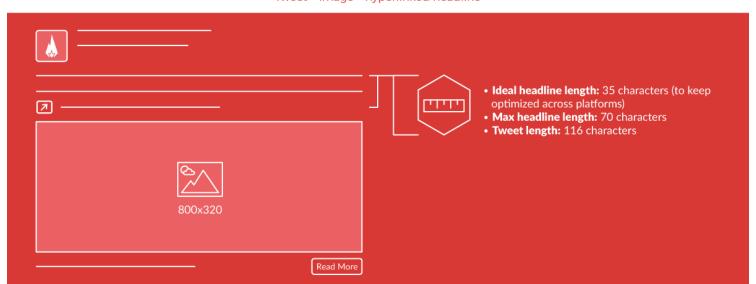
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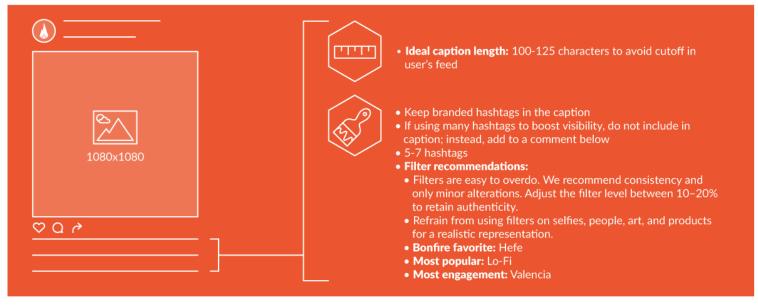


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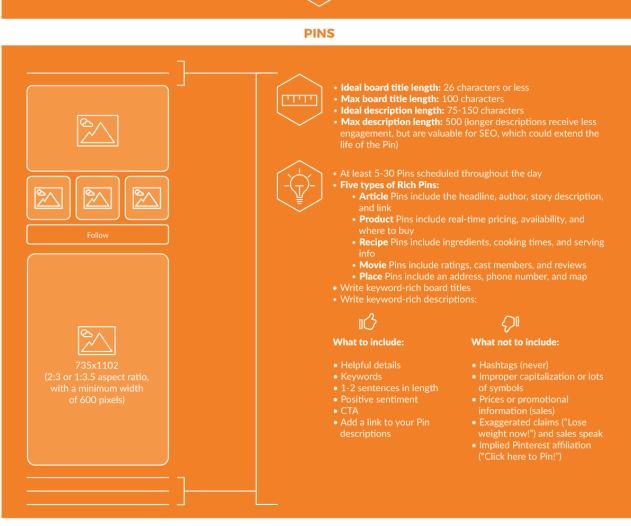


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PROMOTED PINS

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- Vertically-oriented images perform well
- Write keyword-rich descriptions (refer to guidelines under "Pins")
- Targeting Promoted Pins is limited to relevant interests and audiences (e.g., you can't promote a Pin about running to a cooking-oriented audience)
- Images can't feature commercial or functional CTAs: use soft

RESOURCES

AdEspresso "20 Instagram Ads Best Practices That Will Make You an Outstanding Marketer" http://bit.ly/1WEXkHe Brand Networks "Twitter Cards: A Marketer's Cheat Sheet" http://bit.ly/1t9or0v Buffer "We Tried All the Best Printerest Marketing Tips. Here's What Worked." http://bit.ly/1XEDXPw Buffer "We Tried All the Best Printerest Marketing Tips. Here's What Worked." http://bit.ly/1XaxB9s CMO Digital Forum "Character Counts in Paid Social Posts" http://bit.ly/1TYKh0p Fast Company "The Proven Ideal Length of Every Tweet, Facebook Past, and Headline Online" http://bit.ly/1YeEJ4l HubSpot "The Handy Character Count Guide for Blog Posts, Facebook Pages, and More" http://bit.ly/1YeEJ4l HubSpot "The Ultimate Cheat Sheet of Photo and Image Sizes on Facebook. Twitter, LinkedIn, and Other Social Networks [Infographic]" http://bit.ly/1YeFB98 LinkedIn "Advertising Specifications for Sponsored Content" http://bit.ly/2thQvrJ Social Media Today "The Ultimate Instagram Cheat Sheet" Intp://bit.ly/2thQvrJ Sprout Social "Always Up-to-Date Guide to Social Media Image Sizes" http://bit.ly/2thPQvrJ Sprout Social "Always Up-to-Date Guide to Social Media Image Sizes" http://bit.ly/2trPTH0 Twitter for Business "Advertiser Card Specifications" http://bit.ly/1t9kngR

JUST DO IT.

- Work on a 3-month Strategy
- Decide which platforms are best
- Brand each with logo and taglines
- Update information frequently
- Interact with influencers and customers



The Best Practices: Locally

- Pupatella (Food Business)
- JS and Associates (Government Contracting)
- ArlNow (Blog)
- IntelligentEthos, Dana Taylor
- Reston Limo, Kristina Bouweiri

Consistent, great customer service, personalized voice & quality Followers & Likes



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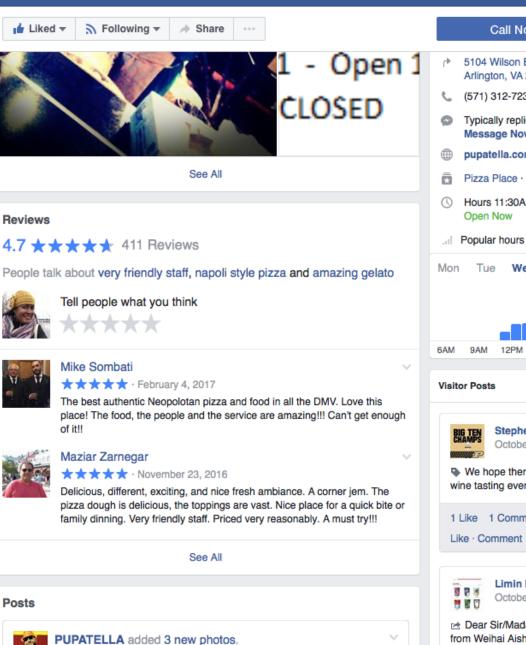
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PUPATELLA added 7 new photos. February 9 at 11:48am · @

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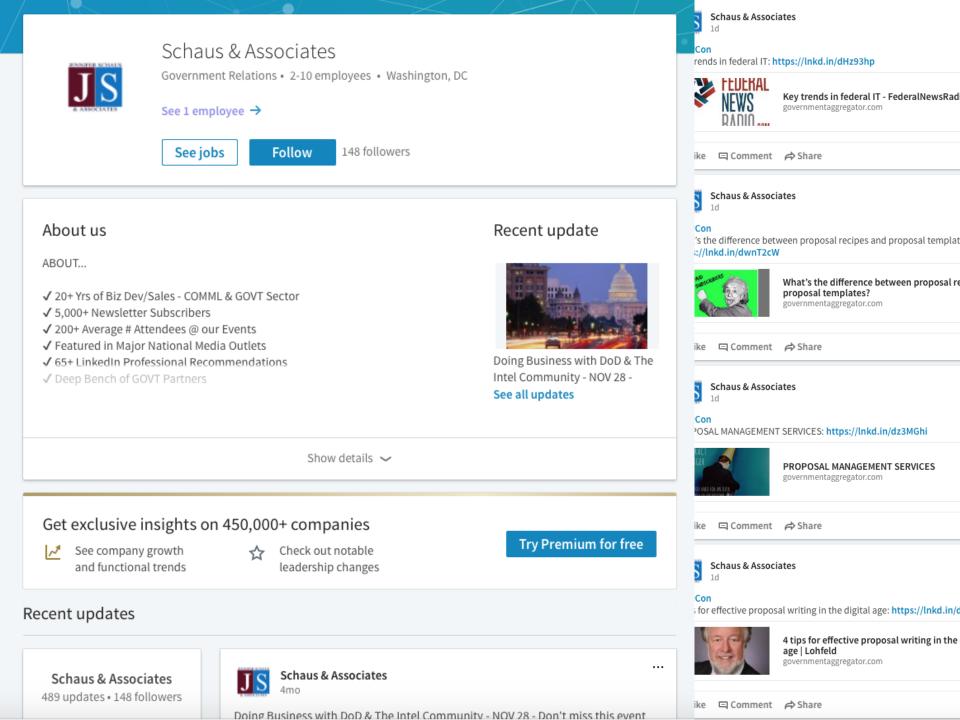




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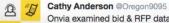
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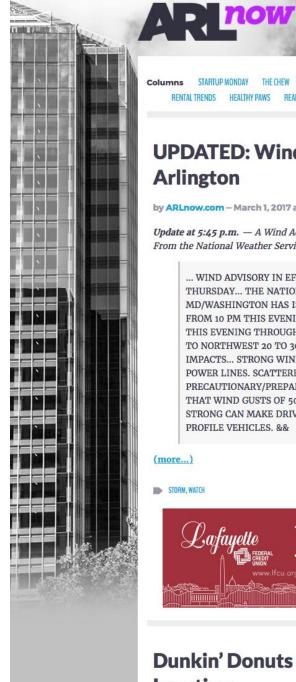
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UPDATED: Wind Advisory Issued for Arlington

by ARLnow.com - March 1, 2017 at 5:45 pm

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Update at 5:45 p.m. — A Wind Advisory has been issued for Arlington and the region. From the National Weather Service:

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Pete's New Haven Apizza is preparing to <u>downsize its space</u> in Clarendon, and Dunkin' Donuts is considering filling it.

Multiple sources tell ARLnow.com that Dunkin' reps have taken a close look at the space at the corner of Clarendon Blvd and N. Garfield Street. A <u>leasing chart</u> for the building, however, still lists the space as unfilled.

There are existing Dunkin' Donuts locations in <u>Ballston</u> and <u>Courthouse</u> but not in Clarendon.

Permits have been issued to alter the existing Pete's dining room and kitchen, reducing the overall size of the restaurant. Co-owner Joel Mehr says the pizzeria remain open during the process.

"We plan to stay open during construction," he said. "We may have to close for a lunch here and there."

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The Take-a-ways

- Use social media daily (5-10 minutes)
- Use Your Voice (or voice of business)
- Be Consistent
- Ensure customers go back to your Web site for more
- Quality versus quantity
- Do it & do it well (Have a strategy in place...proactive versus reactive)
- Be responsive to your customers





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