

### LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- O Understand Barriers in Social Media
- Learn Strategies to combat the barriers
- O Bridge the gap between no use and free use of Social Media





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# Breaking the Barriers in Social Media

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#### What is Social Media









Social media is an interactive computer-mediated technology that facilitates the creation and sharing of information, ideas, career interests and other forms of expression via virtual communities and networks.









# Marketing and Social Media

- Facebook and Twitter, frequent short engagements
- One is dominant with visual marketing through images and the other through literary marketing with the use of keywords to get attention
- Some uses for your organization

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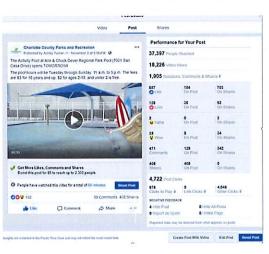
#### **Social Media Barriers**

- What if there is negative feedback
- What if an employee is misrepresenting something
- What if there is inappropriate content
- Generational differences

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#### Social Media Misconceptions



- Friends and followers are most important
- · Social media marketing is free
- You should be on all the social networks
- Social media doesn't work
- You always need to be promoting

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#### Benefits of Social Media in Government

- Crisis communication
- Citizen engagement

   building trust and
   humanizing your
   brand
- Foster a sense of Community
- Resident feedback





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## Importance of Original Content

- Increase credibility
- Increase engagement
- Engage community residents
- Creating a brand identity and positive brand association





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#### **Expanding Use**

- Newsletters (private or public)
- Groups (open or closed)
- Events and Invitations
- Surveys
- Blogging

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#### Policies & You

- Know your policies, change your policies
- Work within the accepted policies to embrace the social media world
- The public is using Social Media we need to be
- Doing it the right way is key



