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4 TIPS TO MAKING YOUR BUSINESS MORE LIKEABLE

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The Lafayette Chamber is working for Y !!

We've created a **Local** campaign and November is **Local** month.

If your business wants to participate click the link to register for one week or more!



November 1st-7th -Chamber Buck/Gift Card Week - Click to register!



November 8th-14th -Specialty Services Week - Click to register!



November 15th-21st -Dine In/Take Out Week - Click to register!_



November 22nd-30th -Gifts Galore Week - Click to register!

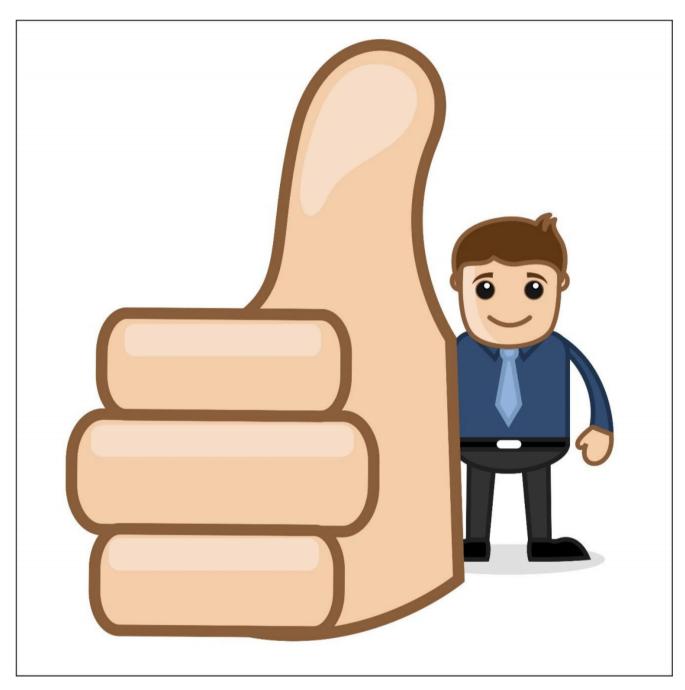


November 28th -Small Business Saturday
Are you participating? We will have a special list!

Click to register!

Remember to sign up with the City as well, instructions on pg.9

4 Tips to Make Your Business More Likeable



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People buy from people they *know*, *like*, and *trust*. While you might be in the right place at the right time when someone is up against it, and they may buy from you once without *knowing*, *liking*, or *trusting* you, for them to return, you'll need more than luck.

Know and **trust** generally come along when you establish yourself as a likeable business with a human behind it. It's difficult for people to like you if they don't trust you, unless you're a villain and then being untrustworthy is your business. For most of us, that is not the case. You can't like someone you don't remember, so let's get to work on establishing the like part of the sales equation.

Share Your Reason

Think of how filmmakers or storytellers get us to like the main character. One of the ways is that they place him on a quest, or up against a challenge, that we want him to succeed in. Often it's one we identify with. Share your reason for doing what you do. There's probably someone in your audience or potential audience who can identify with your convictions and story. Passion is contagious.

Find Commonalities

In order to find commonalities, you need to share things about yourself outside of your business and how it came to be. Share your likes, be positive. Share what you love about your community or your love for bacon. Be genuine and people who see your social media posts or read your content, will begin to identify with what you're sharing. They'll jump in and say "me too" and you're one step closer to getting them to like you.

Ask Questions

If they're in your store or business ask them their opinion on something and really listen to their answer. On social media ask what they think or what their preferences are. Involve them in your rebranding by crowdsourcing some of your marketing decisions. People like being involved and if you really listen to, and then act on, their advice, they'll remember it and like you more because they see you as someone who values what they think. That's all a lot of us are looking for.

Anticipate Your Customers' Needs

As a business you are in a position to help, whether it's helping someone look better, feel better, be entertained, or whatever it is you do for your customers. But you are also in a position to solve problems or answer questions. Use your content and social media to help customers with problems they face in their lives. If you run a boutique, you can

create posts about *unique gifts for the women in your life*. If you are a CPA create helpful checklists of *things people should track throughout the year for effortless taxes*. Be helpful. Anticipate what your customers need and then give it to them. If they know they can count on you, they will return again and again.

In today's competitive market place it's hard for your product alone to set you apart. Often it's the things behind your product that will help you make a name for yourself. It's the service, personality, and assistance you provide. These are the things that make people like you and they are also what keeps people coming back.

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Simply fill out the online form and tell us what your Lafayette business will be doing on November 28 - a sale, a special offer, refreshments, a new product promo...

We will list your business info/links on the City website, promote you on the Invest in Lafayette and Chamber's social media platforms, and MORE!

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