Sullivan Select Board
Meeting Minutes
September 08, 2026

Selectmen: Michael Hosking and Michael Pinkham I
Town Manager: Ray Weintraub, **Town Clerk:** Yvette Grindle
Audience: John Keenan, Cliff Salvamini, Gerald Erbes, Mary Hanna, Lisa Coombs, Alex Sousa, Logan Pung, Sean Jones, Wally Coombs, Derek Pinkham, Bonnie Sparks and Via Zoom, Julie Grindle, Kimberly Brooks, and Roger Grindle

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1. Call Meeting to Order/Pledge
   The Meeting was called to Order by Michael Hosking with the Pledge of Allegiance at 5:30pm.
2. Review of Selectboard Policy: Michael Hosking reminded everyone that the Selectboard policy was available on the table by the sign-in sheet also that the audience was to raise their hand and when addressed to please state their name for the record.
3. Adjustments to the Agenda, Michael Hosking noted that there is no payroll warrant just the A/P, also that due to the Code Enforcement Officer still working on a number of the complaints He would be moved to the September 21, 2026 meeting. This would also be the case for the Items 8-10 as the Road Commissioner and Selectboard Member Gregory Ring was absent there would be no reports on these items and they would be moved to the September 21, 2026 meeting.

4. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes (July 06, 2026)

Michael Hosking moved to accept the minutes from the August 17, 2026 meeting. Michael Pinkham seconded the motion, and the motion passed 2/0.

Michael Hosking moved to accept the minutes from the September 03, 2026 meeting. Michael Pinkham seconded the motion, and the motion passed 2/0.

5. Treasurers Warrant
   a) A/P Warrants ($230,982.84)

Michael Hosking moved to approve the Treasures A/P Warrant. Michael Pinkham seconded the motion, and the motion passed 2/0.

b)

<u>New Business:</u>

7. Property Tax Payment Schedule Adjustment

Michael Hoskings gave some background about how in the last few years the Town had adopted 2 payments for the annual taxes. He also observed that people are not remembering to pay the second payment. Michale Pinkham made a point for clarification that the cost for the certified mail is actually passed on to the tax payer. Michael Hosking noted that the Tax Club would still be in place but put on the table doing the 2 payment

options and keep just tax club and one payment options. It was also noted that the escrow companies are a little confused by the two payment options. After a short discussion it was decided to table and to revisit this on September 21, 2026 meeting to give the Selectboard time to talk with a few of the Tax payers with in the Town to get their feed back on these options. Also the Selectboard asked to have Lynn Dunbar in to address them about the advantages and disadvantages on September 21, 2026.

Old Business:

8. Update on approved paving project -Tabled until 09-21-26
9. Road Tree Trimming - Tabled until 09-21-26
10. Upper Tunk Roadwork update -Tabled until 09-21-26
11. Concerned Citizen Letter – CEO update - Tabled until 09-21-26
12. Fuel Oil Bid Data – No Data available at this time. The Town Manager has reached out to Sorrento and some other towns: to go in together to see if they went in together, to see if they could get a better price on the oil.

Reports:

13. Town Manager Report
    A. The Town Manager reported that the street signs off and on Harborview was replaced last week. He also expressed a desire to post more stop signs on Taunton, at each intersecting road in hopes to slow traffic down. Since the road was resurfaced last year the drivers on the road seem to be driving with increased speeds. He would like to get some public feed back on this issue. Michael Hosking noted that there was no formalized system to put up street signs and that there is a list of street signs needing to be put up and he would like to formalize the process on how those will be addressed. He asked to bring up the road sign issues on September 21, 2026 meeting. He noted he was not opposed contracting out someone to put up road signs.
    B. Michael Hosking also noted that the ME-DOT discussion of raising the speed limit along US Highway 1. Specifically, along the Long Cove section from the Bear House to just pass the RSU Building to 45 and from just after the RSU building to 55 to the Sorrento turn. It's in hopes to have ME-DOT come out and have a public hearing to address this with the citizens as to why they feel it's necessary and how it benefits the public by taking this action.
14. Fire/EMS- The Town Manager made reference to an article that was published in the Bangor Daily on September 8, 2026 on the state of EMS services here in the State of Maine and how it is not likely to improve.
15. Committee Reports
    a) Parks & Recreation

    Bonnie Sparks gave a review of her written report that she had submitted(see attached report). Making note of how well Sullivan Daze went this year. She

has submitted the report to Maine Tourism Department in regards to the grant that was received for promoting Sullivan Daze. She also gave an update on the granite garden repairs and ADA ramp that was placed as part of the repair. She covered the stipend for Sullivan residents to attend a class that is health and wellness or recreation-based classes through the RSU 24 Adult Education. Bonnie discussed a few decisions made by the committee made at the previous meeting.

b) Communications Committee
Yvette Grindle gave a general overview of the written report she had submitted(see attached). Noting that she had included the reports from all three of the Social Media accounts. She also touched upon the results from the school supply drive and that the Giving Tree would be started sometime in November.

16. Public Comment

A) John Keenan

1. Taxes he felt that the cost of postal fees should not be passed along to the citizen.
2. The Letter from the concerned Citizen should be included with the minutes(This is part of the attachments to the previous minutes).
3. He expressed concerns about the process being followed for stop signs going up on Taunton Drive.
4. Town Manager and that he should have separate legal representation from the Town's Legal services.
5. The legalities of actions taken by the Town Manager being legal as of this time.

17. Board Comment
18. Action Item List
19. Michael Hosking addressed the need for Public Notices for both the Tree Trimming and the Question that is going on the Ballot in November. Gerald Erbes voiced his dissention of the Selectboard actions.
20. Move to Executive Session

Michael Hoskins moved to enter into Executive Session pursuant to 1 MRSA § 405(6)(F) to discuss Confidential Records. Michael Pinkham seconded the motion, and the motion passed 2/0

Entered into Executive Session at 6:01PM

21. Move to Regular Meeting Session

Michael Hosking Moved to enter back into regular session. Michael Pinkham seconded the motion, and the motion passed 2/0.

Entered back into regular session 6:11PM

22.Executive Session Actions

Michael Hosking noted that no actions was taken during Executive Session.

23.Adjournment of Meeting

Michael Hosking moved to adjourn the meeting. Michael Pinkham seconded the motion, and the motion passed 2/0.

Meeting adjourned 6:15PM

Respectfully Submitted
Yvette M. Grindle
Town Clerk

Approval of the Minutes
from the September 08, 2026

Michael Hosking

Michael Pinkahm I

Gregory Ring

Attached:

- **Agenda of Selectboard 09-08-2026**
- **Parks and Recreation Report**
- **Communications Report**

Sullivan Select Board
1888 US Highway 1
Sullivan, Maine 04664
https://sullivanmaine.org/

Agenda – September 8, 2026 5:30pm
Sullivan Town Office
Community Room
Items that are in BOLD require motions and voted on by the Board

1. Call Meeting to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Review of Selectboard Policy
4. Adjustments to the Agenda
5. **Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes (August 17, 2026)**
6. **Treasurers Warrant**
   a) **Payroll Warrants**
   b) **A/P Warrants**

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20. **Move to Regular Meeting Session**
21. **Executive Session Actions**
22. **Adjournment of Meeting**

Zoom Link https://us06web.zoom.us/j/4766949799?omn=87423688522
Meeting ID: 476 694 9799

Parks and Recreation Committee

Selectboard report – Sept 8, 2026

1. Sullivan Daze – huge success. A close-out report will be completed after the Sulivan Daze committee meeting on September 15.
2. Marketing grant summary results have been submitted to the Maine Office of Tourism and final documents for reimbursement will be submitted on Thursday.
3. An additional granite slab was placed on the new ramp at Sumner Park to correct the pitch at the entrance. “No Parking - Handicap Drop Off” signs will being ordered.
4. At the Sept 3rd Parks and Rec meeting we voted to "support one $50 per fiscal year stipend to residents of Sullivan who want to take a Health/Wellness or Recreation course through RSU#24 Adult Education." The commitment will cover up to 50 stipends ($2500). If the 50 stipend limit is reached before the end of the fiscal year (6/30/27) the committee will review and consider an extension.
   The rational:

- It is much easier for our small committee to promote one "benefit" rather than creating promotions and ads for multiple courses throughout.
- Last year 71 Sullivan residents took courses through RSU#24 Adult Ed. Thirty-four of those registrants enrolled in health/wellness or recreational safety courses.
- Last year we covered the full cost of CPR courses for Sullivan residents. Seven residents enrolled in those courses.

5. The committee agreed that we need to have a policy or guideline for recruitment of event sponsors. The guideline will help volunteers use consistent messaging, avoid duplication of “asks”, and support selection of sponsors that are appropriate.
6. The new P&R website is ready for your feedback:
   https://www.parks-rec-sullivan.me/
   Our next step is to create the sub-domain, Parks-Rec.Sullivanmaine.org
7. The committee agreed to host another Bike Rodeo in May.

Communication Committee Report

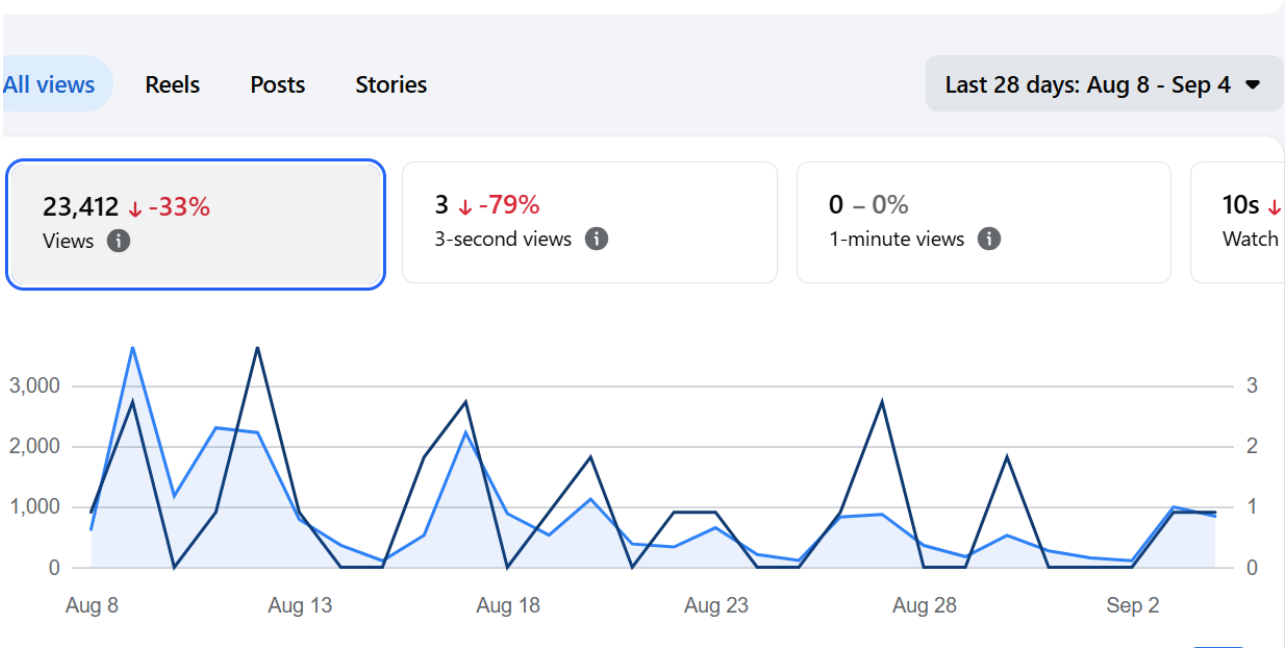
September 08, 2026

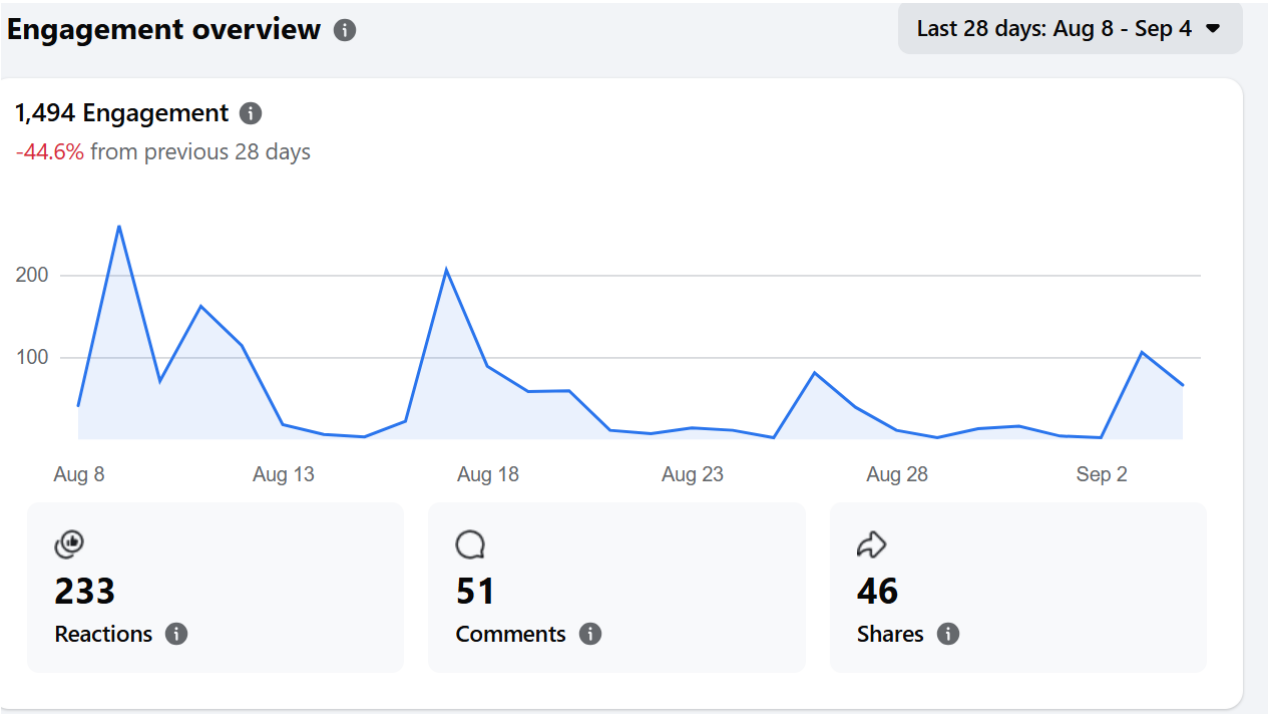
The Town Crier went out on August 31, 2026, Work on the October Crier has started. Attached is the reports for the 3 Social Media accounts that are associated with this Town. The Official Town Page, Sullivan Daze Page and the new Parks and Recreation page. One of the focuses is the upcoming Fall Festival and getting the word out on this year's event. Posters have been printed and are going up via members of the Festival Committee members. This years school supply drive went well this has been growing with more individuals from the community donating to this event. Supplies are picked up by Daron McGowan for the Mountain View School Students. Starting in November will be the Giving Tree.

Respectfully Submitted

Yvette M. Grindle

Town of Sullivan Facebook Page





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Engagement

Tue Aug 11, 8:56am
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Engagement

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Mon Aug 17, 11:50am
171
Engagement

Thu Sep 3, 4:43pm
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Engagement

Wed Aug 26, 1:00pm
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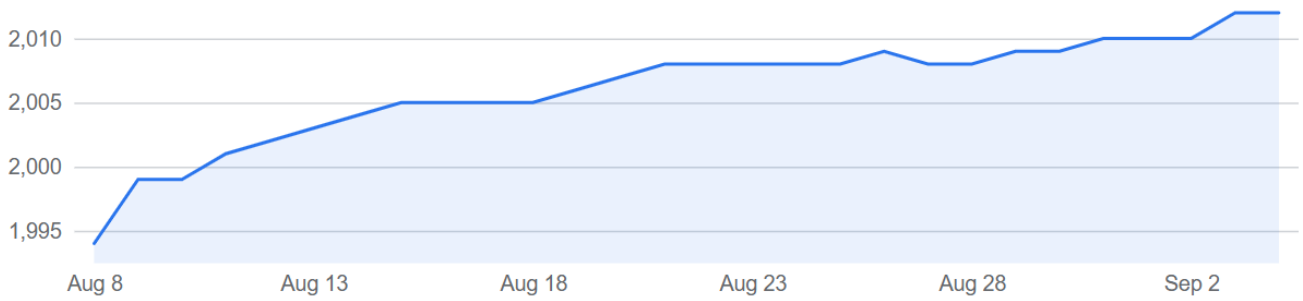
Engagement

Audience overview

Last 28 days: Aug 8 - Sep 4

2,012 Total followers

+0.9% from previous 28 days



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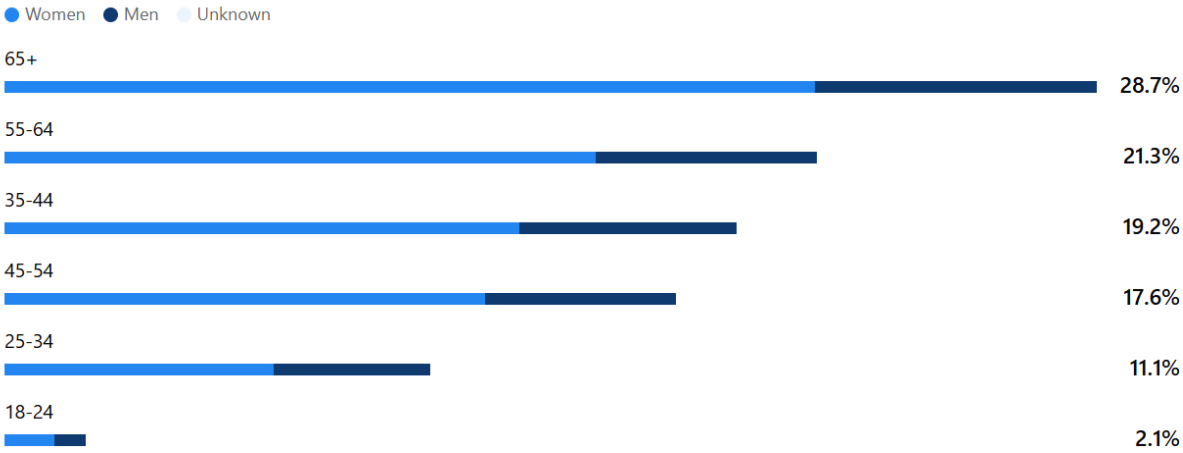

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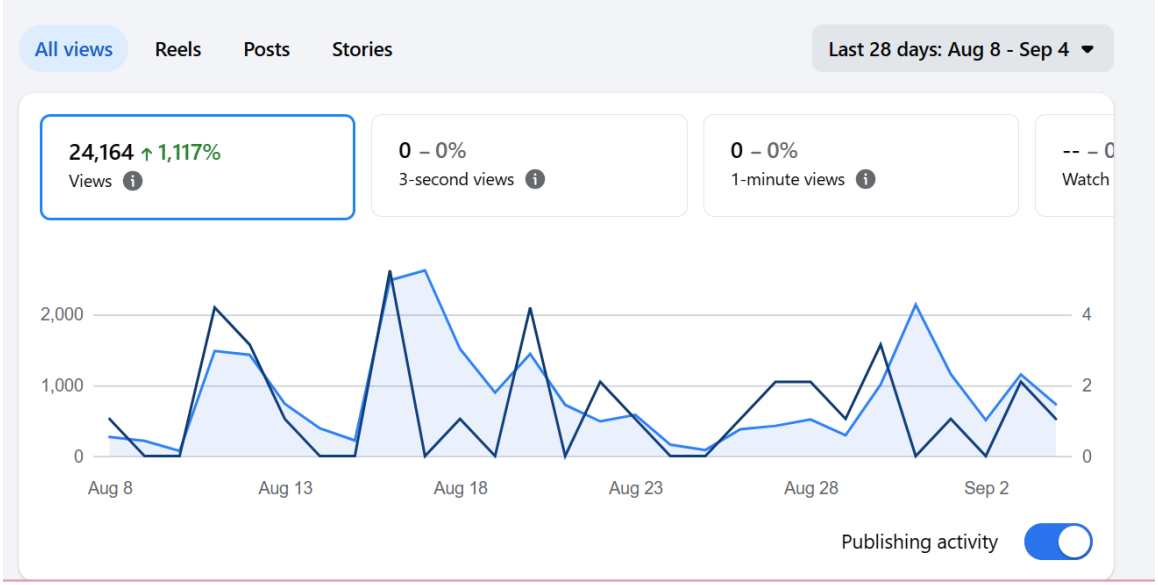
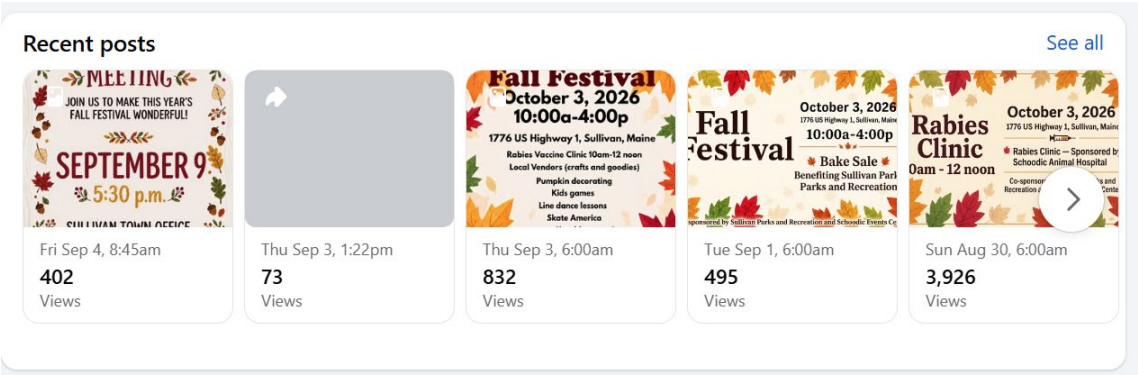
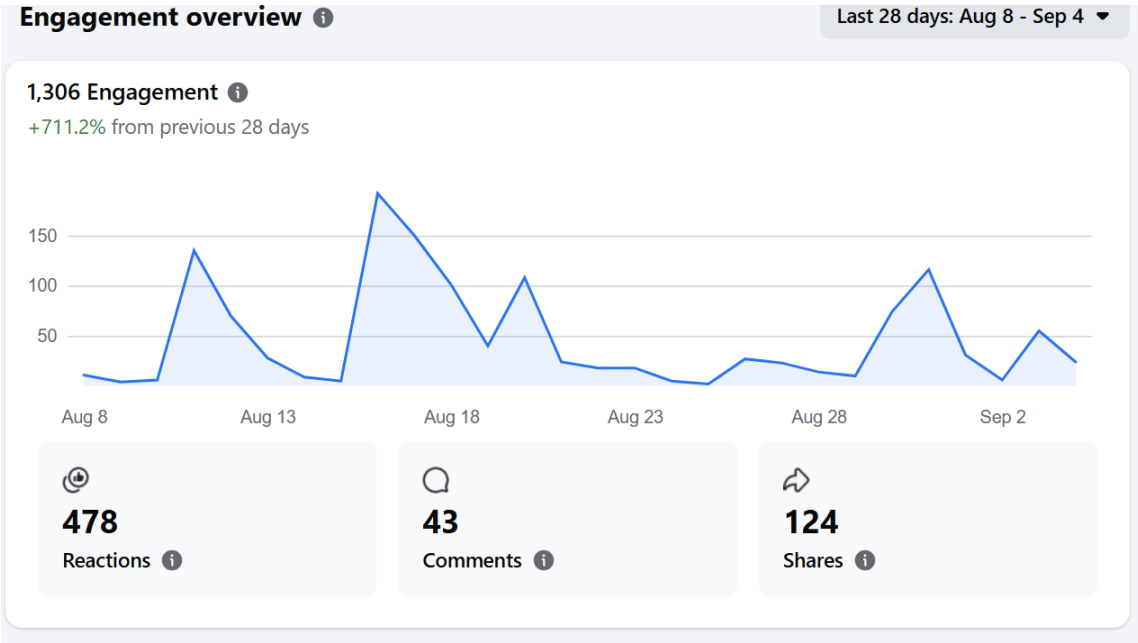
-37.6% from previous 28 days

Parks and Recreation Facebook Page





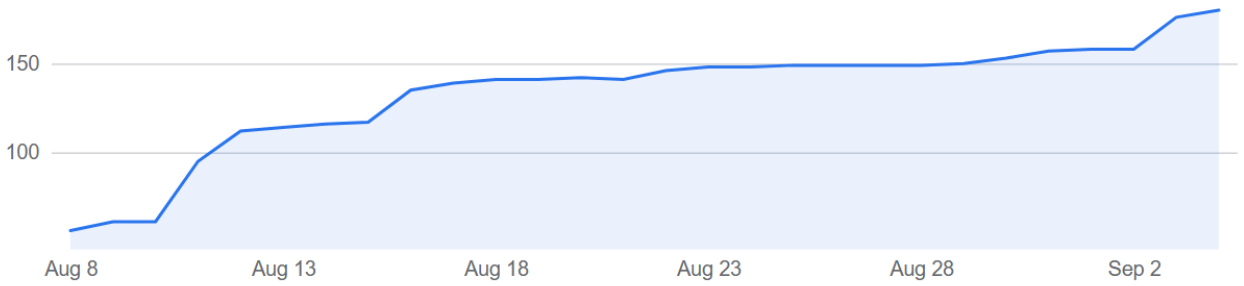


Audience overview

Last 28 days: Aug 8 - Sep 4

182 Total followers

+221.4% from previous 28 days



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770 Visits

+292.9% from previous 28 days

Insights

Learn how your Page is performing.

Last 28 days: Aug 8 - Sep 4 | See all

4 ↑ 100%
Messaging conversations started

1,306 ↑ 711%
Engagement

121 ↑ 133%
Net follows

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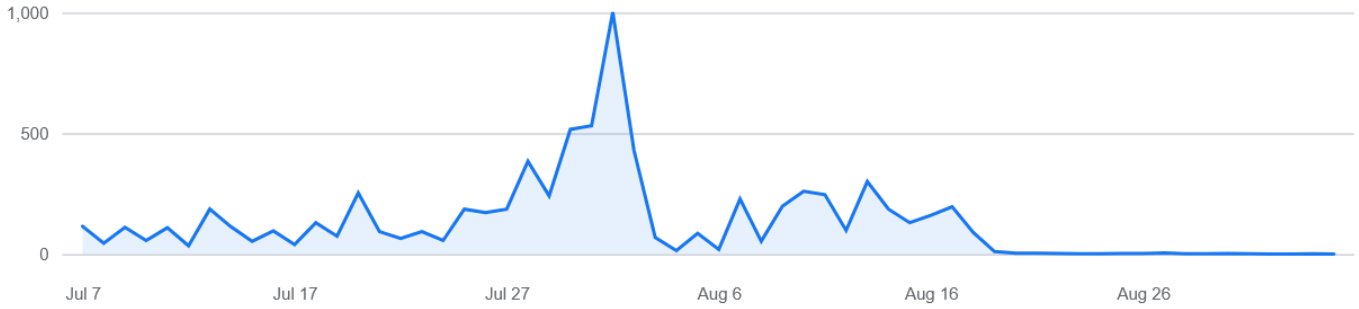
Sullivan Daze Facebook Page

Engagement overview

Last 60 days: Jul 7 - Sep 4

7,734 Engagement

+425.8% from previous 60 days



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Reactions	Comments	Shares

Top content

Sat Aug 1, 4:00am
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Fri Jul 24, 8:13pm
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Sun Aug 9, 6:00pm
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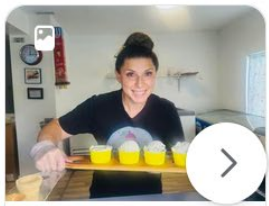
Engagement



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Engagement

Top content

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Sat Jul 11, 5:00am
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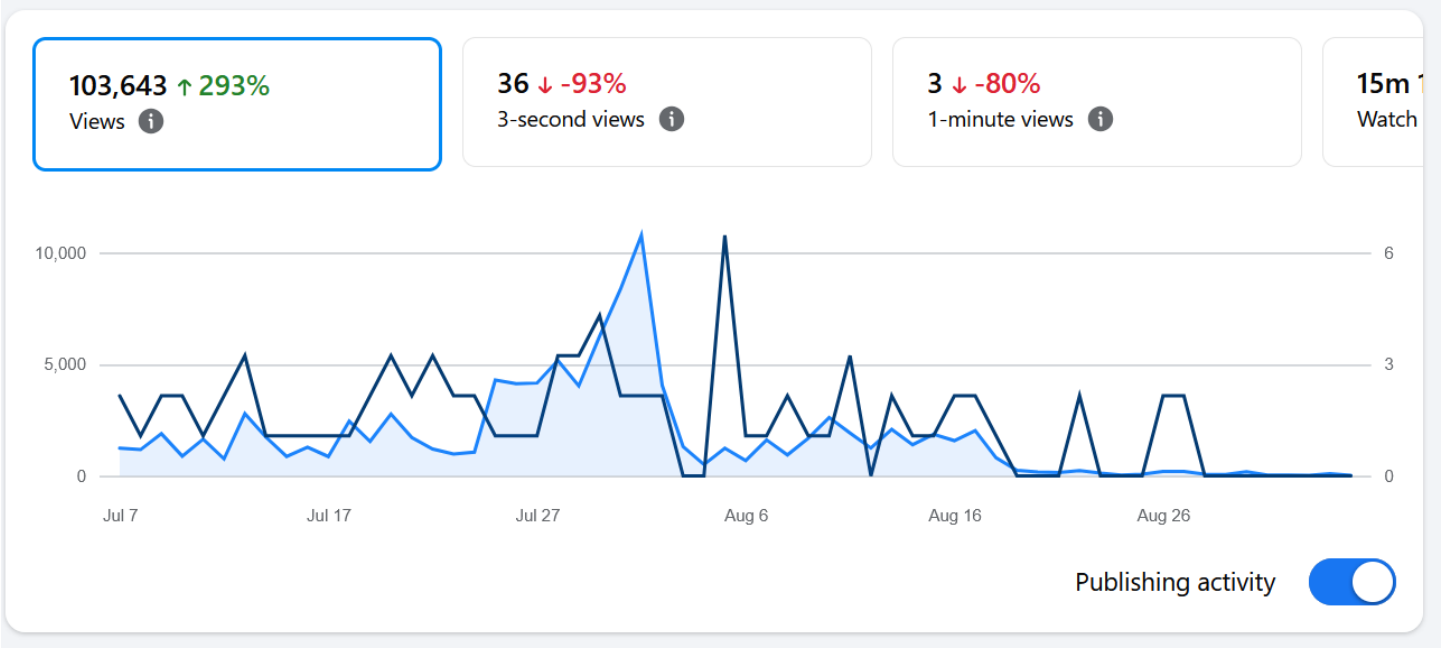
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3 ↓ -80%
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Publishing activity

103,643 Views
+293.4% from previous 60 days
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910 Total followers

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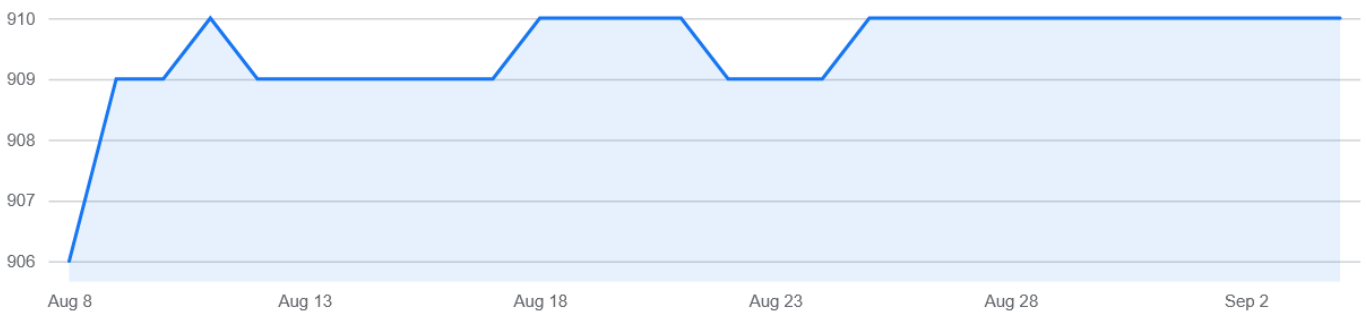

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