

Since Kathy got butt hurt and shut down the other site I guess everyone will be over here now.

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Sarah Surisook What are you talking about? The page is still there

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## Martin Mazur



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John Moran The site is up, but all commenting has been turned off by admin

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Diane Bishop Scully Gee, I don't look at Facebook for one day and all hell breaks lose.

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John Moran Diane Bishop Scully you can still view the threads... it's an mess to sort thru and probably not worth the time.

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· 8 hrs Remove Teri Collins What happened? Like Reply 5 hrs Christine Speros Mayer I think Kathy Mead is the administration of that site. Like · Reply · 9 hrs



Al Stern Go figure

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John Moran Go back to counting your gold Al Stern! 💆 😂



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Leila Cehic I don't always agree with Kathys approach or her opinions but I don't think she got "butt hurt" I think that the comments were getting out of hand. It started to become confrontational instead of continuing in the direction of having a productive debate. It's one thing to have a difference I opinions it's a whole other thing to attack someone personally. And YES it happened on both sides of the argument.

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Cindy McDonald Grau It started out confrontational actually if you happened to be on the park board.

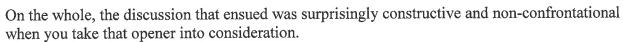
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Stephanie Maginot Thillens Cindy McDonald Grau When the opening salvo is Are you effing kidding me, multiple exclamation marks, and then concluding it with a gratuitous and inaccurate swipe at the assumed wealth of those Park Board members? It's difficult to not interpret that as anything other than an overtly hostile invitation to pugilistic-like follow ups.



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Lejla Cehic Stephanie Maginot Thillens I agree, the opener was definitely uncalled for!!! I hope she can adjust her approach because she does raise valid arguments often enough.

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Cindy McDonald Grau Stephanie Maginot Thillens - that was my point and I am on the board.

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Stephanie Maginot Thillens Cindy McDonald Grau Lol, I know, and I think your responses in that discussion were all incredibly reasonable and level headed.

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Martin Mazur Leave your feelings out of it. If you don't agree with something don't turn off the comments. Sounds like an overgrown toddler who doesn't get her way.

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Robin Johnson Virgilio I just sent her a message asking why. I thought it was a good, productive conversation, for the most part

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Sharon Knowles Admins turn off posting comments all the time. That's the point "to administer" something.

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Christopher Kueppers A while back she was all butt hurt on me. She'd make rude comments then delete them. I took a screenshot then posted her then deleted comment and she banned me. She definitely has a reputation in town.

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Cindy McDonald Grau Butt hurt is a crude phrase- what is the purpose of using that language?

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Bob Rinaldi I've had the same problems with her. Every debate eventually becomes an attempt by her to label me as a racist, sexist or elitist.

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Matthew Kralka Who was the bully and who was being bullied? I read through the thread a bit and I'm not entirely sure unless posts were deleted or there was another thread I missed. Like

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Lejla Cehic I think there were "bullies" on both side as it started getting personal both ways. I believe that a good administrator of any page will turn off commenting when things start getting out of hand. I belong to several other groups and most of the time when it gets personal those messages either get deleted or commenting gets turned off.

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John Moran But in this case, the administrator was one of the people getting personal towards others on the site.

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Lejla Cehic John Moran that is true! I'm glad she eventually recognized that the whole discussion was getting out of hand though.

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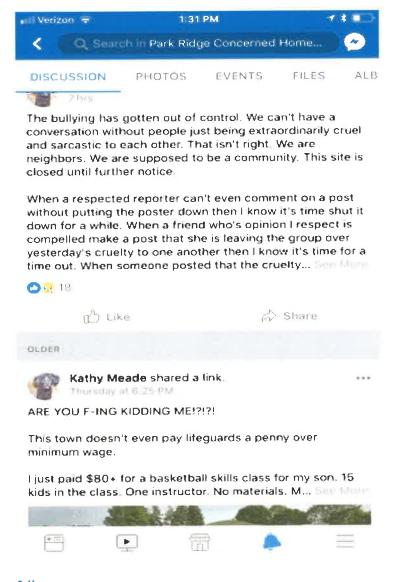
Kevin Collins Totally agree with John. The people who are the first to jump on other people for their "offensive" language got to look in the mirror for the first time.

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John Moran Screenshot of a newsfeed... seems ironic, right???



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Ginger Pennington I haven't had a chance to read the thread, so I don't know what was said on either side, but I do think that even "angry "posts with harsh words do not \*necessarily\* qualify as "bullying." Again, I can't really offer any comments about the specific thread, having not read it, but when you start calling on suppression of discontent, I get a little nervous. That's the road to fascism. People have a right to take issue with the tone of comments or the way Kathy or anyone else chooses to express themselves. I think most of us are guilty of being non-diplomatic at times. I know I am, and several of you are quick to point it out when you feel I've veered in that direction. That's fine. A calmer head Usually does prevail, and it can take away from your effectiveness when you get too hot under the collar. But still, Kathy provides a lot of incredibly useful information. There would not be some 2000 members of her site if they didn't find it useful.

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John Moran Find it useful or entertaining?
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Matthew Kralka John Moran both?
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Ginger Pennington Both
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Ginger Pennington I can speak for myself and many others I know, we don't just go there because it is entertaining. There are a lot better ways to entertain oneself Like

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John Moran Ginger Pennington like what, for example?

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Ginger Pennington Pulling out my fingernails? At times, that might be more entertaining than banging my head against a wall on that website Like Reply 1 · 2 hrs Ginger Pennington Most of the time, when I get involved in a thread there, it is because I feel strongly about an issue and think that it actually will make a difference to raise awareness and get other people involved thinking about the issues. Jury is still out on whe...See More Like Reply · 2 hrs Matthew Kralka It's interesting to see what decisions are being made on issues that affect the city. The various Facebook groups do help spread awareness, at least for me. As does that Watchdog blog for that matter. Seeing the various issues people raise and the perspectives that are offered is useful. Coming up with, presenting, and rationally discussing an opinion can even sometimes be fun. Unlike with federal or statewide politics, these local political discussions feel more weighty because they affect us more personally since they are much closer to home. I'm still not entirely clear on what exactly happened in that group, but it's sounds like things got over-heated. It's part of the dehumanizing nature of internet discussion that affect even on something like Facebook where our real names are used and pictures of our personal lives are just a few clicks away. Like · Reply · 2 · 1 hr Lisa Nashan John Moran holy smokes!! Like · Reply · 1 hr Lisa Nashan I don't always agree with you, but you're 100% right in my book with this one. Like Reply 1 · 1 hr

John Moran Thanks!

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Mel P. Thillens As the administrator she sets the tone on that page, and it isn't conducive to healthy debate. Someone who wants to foster civil discussion probably shouldn't start a post about a policy difference with "ARE YOU F-ING KIDDING ME!?!?!?".

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John Moran or join in on cyber bullying during a school board meeting?

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John Moran or accuse individuals of being "wealthy" because they own a small business or disagree that certain programs cost too much.

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Mel P. Thillens Or simply post 'f-ing Biagi'.

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Mel P. Thillens Or post so many untruths that a reporter who never mixes it up in FB comments calls her out.



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Diane Bishop Scully Mel P. Thillens Wow! I exited Facebook for a day and missed all this fun stuff. That is crazy.

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Arlene Levin Agreed. I think the administrator there sets the tone and then gets mad when others disagree. I was shocked to see her go after Jennifer Johnson.

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Lejla Cehic I also agree. For the sake of civility I'm glad the conversation was halted and inspired a new topic on this thread but I hope we can get back to the topic eventually and address some of the issues people have with Park Districts cost, funding, etc...

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John Moran I appreciate her efforts to bring attention to some important issues in town. There are many times that it has led to a positive outcome or helped educate the public.

However, Mel P. Thillens is 100% right about the tone.

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Mel P. Thillens I like a good debate, and I'm pretty thick skinned, but she's very hostile to some of us.

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Derek Cadmus Don't confuse hostile with spirited or enthusiastic. One thing Bs are never accused of is being doormats. Sometimes I wish others were as vocal rather than just watching with popcorn before they pick a side. Opinions can change once well thought out positions are presented. Congrats to her for getting others engaged and/or outraged about the status quo. We as a community can and should do better

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4 5 hrs Mel P. Thillens Derek, I know the difference. Like Reply • 5 hrs Martin Mazur For individuals like myself making a comment is a matter of opinion. What becomes a problem is when an alderman needs to address the community and cannot perform his duty. Like · Reply · 6 hrs Tom Giannopoulos Dirtyridge Like · Reply · · 6 hrs Mel P. Thillens The dirtiest. Like Reply · 6 hrs Tom Giannopoulos I totally missed it. Guess that's what happens when I am out doing good. Like Reply 6 hrs Martin Mazur Tom your comments are rude to me I'm going to go ahead and shut down all of Facebook. Like Reply 6 hrs Tom Giannopoulos Pull up those big boy panties Mazur. You can handle it. Like Reply

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Martin Mazur Are you F-ing kidding me! Don't tell me to pull up my panties.

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Matt Coyne Slightly off topic, but "bullying" is when one or more people attack a weaker/more vulnerable person. No one was being bullied in the posts in question because everyone involved was and is perfectly capable of defending themselves. Rude comments? Yes. Argumentative comments? Yes. Bullying? No. Just a word choice designed to inflame. Like

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John Moran If certain targets of those comments are in a public meeting and unable to respond, it seems like they are in a position of weakness, since they can't defend themselves.

I know for a fact that a few of the board members where monitoring the entire thread during the meeting and had to sit there and take it.

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Matt Coyne John Moran I guess you can make that case, but I don't like the use of the term in the context of arguments between intelligent adults. To me, its use here tends to diminish the significance of the real bullying that affects many of our children.

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John Moran Matt Coyne did you read through the thread from the D64 "live blog"??

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Lejla Cehic Matt Coyne very well said! I'm going to agree with you on this. Using that word certainly did inflame the situation and implied that one side was being "bullied" even though both sides were getting out of hand. Equal punches were certainly thrown in either direction.

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John Moran Lejla Cehic and Matt Coyne. My post above was not meant as a reference to yesterday's back and forth. It was a reference to last Monday evening. Sorry if that lead to some confusion.

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Lejla Cehic John Moran I didn't read that thread sorry. 😌:( I'll certainly look for it. 🐸:)

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John Moran Monday night some of the vocal opponents to the SRO program "live blogged" the meeting and it got pretty out of hand.

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Matt Coyne I was unaware of this. I was referring to Kathy's and others' use of the term in reference to the bickering that was happening on that other page

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Lejla Cehic John Moran I really think this needs to stop! We all live together in a pretty small community and it's healthier for all if we adjusted our approach and toned back our passion just a little bit. Yes, continue to raise awareness to issues that are close to our hearts but find a way to keep the peace. Can you imagine starting a conversation with your spouse or kids with the F word?!? I can tell you for a fact it wouldn't lead down any productive road. So yes, I think Kathy must adjust her approach if she is to be taken seriously. She's a brave, intelligent and outspoken woman. I'm confident she can tone it back a notch.

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Rick Biagi John Moran - yes, it's true that several of us saw the Facebook blogging as it was being posted. Dr. Heinz also saw everything live.

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Patricia Lynn Matt Coyne is it really that different? Isn't some, not all, of that cyberbullying? You have grown adults who say things on the internet that they wouldn't say to someones' face. Yet, we expect our kids to refrain from cyber bullying, as they should. It's too easy to get wrapped up in emotions and not use your best judgement - yes, intelligent adults too. I unfollowed the page. When mean overtakes healthy discussion, it's time to go.

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Matt Coyne Yes...it's really that different. I don't think that the comments these adults are OK, but there is no victim in them. No one is going to harm themselves or others because of the comments made. They don't even seem to be made to humiliate the other person. Adults should be setting examples, that is true, but to call their actions "bullying" is an overstatement at best and a crass attempt to prey on reader's emotions at worst Like

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John Moran The word was chosen in my post, based on what other, who were outraged in the tread on Monday night were calling it.

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Matt Coyne I was referring to Kathy's use of it as a rationale for turning off the comments on her page. I'm not even criticizing her decision, although I have my issues with it, I just think that it overstates what was happening there. But, I'm kind of beating a dead horse at this point, so I'll stifle myself on the matter.

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John Moran I see.

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Patricia Lynn Matt Coyne I'm sorry but I disagree. "Cyberbullying includes sending, posting, or sharing negative, harmful, false, or mean content about someone else", Stopbullying.gov. There is no difference, except that it is adults, not kids. Bulying is the "use superior strength or influence to intimidate (someone), typically to force him or her to do what one wants." Superior strengh is a stretch but "influence" is not Someone running a Facebook site has influence, albeit "limited" as do politicians, elected officials and board members. You do not have to "harm yourself or others" (your words) to have been bullied. The people being bullied

are the victims. Either way, the use of the word bully is semantics. The comments, on both sides were rude, and went past productive, well into ugly. It's great that people have discussions but when it goes too far it's not productive. No one likes to be called out for being rude or a bully, so then everyone gets wrapped up in the nuances of the word. It'd be nice if everyone could just play nice.

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Ginger Pennington Live blogs of political events happen all the time. I think it is going a little overboard to whine and cry about it being bullying. Most of those comments on that thread Monday night were fine. There were a few that got a little nasty and personal. That's not nice, obviously. All of us should be mature enough to watch ourselves and not get overly personal. But being irritated and and complaining about things being said in an open meeting is not "bullying." And I think that if Dr Heinz were truly watching a Facebook feed during the meeting; she perhaps would have been better served focusing on the meeting itself. There were some important points being made.

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Robin Johnson Virgilio How about this?: if you don't want to be "cyber bullied" don't start off your statement with an inflammatory message and start attacking those that disagree with you.

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Cindy McDonald Grau Why the choice of such crude words Martin Mazur?

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Christopher Kueppers Considering F-Bombs we being thrown around. Butt Hurt is child's

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# Christopher Kueppers



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I just paid \$80+ for a basketball skills class for my son. 15 kids in the class. One instructor. No materials. M... See More

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Cindy McDonald Grau She did NOT say she was offended how others talked to her. Like

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Cindy McDonald Grau Christopher Kueppers - you aimed it at HER!

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Martin Mazur Butt hurt are crude words?

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Roisin Holmes-Hamilton I've met a lot of women around this town, who are afraid to voice their opinions for fear of the way men speak to them, or about them. Honestly, I didn't really see it the same way until this post. Why is Tom G a guy that stirs the pot, and Martin the resident troll, yet Kathy got her "butt hurt". Look up the etymology of the word.

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Roisin Holmes-Hamilton She shut down the comments in an effort for everyone to speak nicely to each other.

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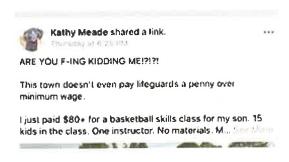
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Christopher Kueppers She should practice what she preaches



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Mel P. Thillens Mazur's a little nuts too ©. While Tom has things that are important to him, lately he mostly seems to attempt to say the most outrageous stuff just to amuse himself and a few of us who enjoy that sort of stuff. I compare Kathy to Trizna (both of them will hate that) except on opposite sides of the political spectrum. Their style drips with disdain for those they disagree with. It's not easy to take, but I have never been afraid to disagree with either.

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Mel P. Thillens And I don't like 'butt hurt' either, but my wife uses the phrase all the time. It's apparently a common phrase on the internets.

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<sup>2</sup> 2 hrs

Stephanie Maginot Thillens Mel P. Thillens I only tend to use that term in private, though, because I'm generally of the opinion that it's not a terribly polite turn of phrase to use.

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Roisin Holmes-Hamilton Stephanie Maginot Thillens, I never heard of it until this morning. However, I'm a little more sensitive since I used a term recently on social media that I did not know the literal definition of , just always thought it meant inconsiderate in a Chicago way.

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Karen Saari Can't adults just be adults? Where had society gone where everyone is back stabbing.... Talking badly to each other... Can't hold a conversation without negativity... And busy body starting rumors about others to try and make themselves look better?! Seriously. If people are so miserable with their life.... Get off Facebook and go to therapy!!!! Live... Love.... Laugh and respect people

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Sharon Knowles Bc adults are just grown up children and some barely make it to the grown up category.

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Tom Collins Reading this thread you would think this was the Des Plaines Citizens Online page. Stay classy Park Ridge © © Like

Reply 3 hrs Edited



Karen Saari Shots fired. Lol

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Tom Collins Where? Des Plaines?

· Reply · 2 hrs

George Korovilas Interesting read. From the years I have been on these threads I can say that Kathy puts herself out there with her comments and ideas. When u do so u open up yourself to applause as well as criticism.

That said, Kathy has not accepted me in joining her group. All my request have been ignored. So is she bullying me by not letting me into her club?

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Monica Caporale Wojnicki Wow did not know that George!

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Roisin Holmes-Hamilton George, I thought she made it public a few months ago so that people would be less nasty. I think she won't let people comment that she can't verify residency. (Some people who didn't live here were the most nasty? © (2)) I would PM her, she might not agree with you for whatever reason, but she doesn't exclude as far as I know. Part of the reason that I think her page is so good is that she refuses to censor any comments unless they are downright derogatory.

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Reply 11 mins

Marty Maggiore Or how about we all learn that you can end cyber bullying by logging off Facebook instead of letting your emotions get the best of you. You don't need to take a strangers words personally, especially if they're rude, derogatory, and ignorant.

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Ginger Pennington Instead of just complaining about people not acting like adults, why don't we try it ourselves. What is the point beating up on Kathy? We all could stand to be a little more measured in how we speak to one another. Obviously people are rather irritated with a lot of things going on in this town, and may not always express themselves as effectively or kindly as possible when critiquing .But public officials, and site administrators for that matter, should expect criticism. They are going to get it. Goes with the territory. If people are angry enough to

lose their temper, It would be best to be mature enough yourself to look past that and try to consider carefully what has made him so angry in the first place

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Christopher Kueppers Surprised MJ hasn't shown up. Popcorn line must be long?

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Martin Mazur Butt hurt - noun:

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an excessive or unjustifiable feeling of personal offense or resentment.

"it's time to get over the butthurt from last year's playoffs"

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Reply 57 mins

Roisin Holmes-Hamilton To become offended or upset (such as you would after taking it in the ass in prison) after a smart-assed comment is made. Most of the time it is over something pathetic

Carl got real butt hurt after receiving the nickname Hot-Carl.

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Ginger Pennington As long as we are talking definitions, let's give some thought to what cyber bullying really is. Some of the comments on this thread are going way overboard. There has been no hate speech, no sexual shaming or personal information exposed, no doxxing, etc etc . Being nasty or critical of someone is unfortunate, but it's not cyberbullying. Particularly amongst a group of adults. Taking criticism from opinions and policies and making it personal is never A good way to interact.. But insulting someone's character or dropping an F bomb is not so extreme as to qualify as cyber bullying.

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Martin Mazur I just wanted to say I love all of you. I wouldn't leave Park Ridge for anything.

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Roisin Holmes-Hamilton Point is, I don't think Kathy got "butt hurt", using your definition. I believe she wanted everyone to take a breath and be cognizant of what they post, and consider the feelings of others. I'm sure if you PMed her, she could elaborate.

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Kevin Collins What about when someone claims that current board members conspired in a sexist plot to keep the only female candidate off the board? Something that is blatantly false and without a shred of evidence. Then post it on a community group where everyone in the community can view it without a fact check. How come that didn't stop the comments? You can't have it both ways. Call it whatever you want but that board is not the "community voice" that it thinks it is.

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Michelle Tullett Charley Are these personal attacks necessary? It seems hypocritical to me to ask for respectful debate, but to then also bash the administrator of a site. It's a thankless volunteer job.

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Moran Right???

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